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Instructor Leaves For Idaho

by Marilynn Jones

Billy Dowdy, English instructor, has taken a leave of absence. He is going to Idaho University in Pocatello to study and enrich his teaching procedures while continuing to draw a salary from the college.

"I seek a deeper and more extensive education into the nature of constructive English program evaluation, an education that may, in turn, be used to serve alike fellow teachers and students for whom the institution is designed," said Dowdy.

Dowdy left for Idaho State University in December and will return in Aug. 1976.

Continuing work on a relatively new degree, the Doctor of Arts Degree, is Dowdy's general goal while in Idaho.

Dowdy was granted his leave of absence March 18, 1975 by the Board of Trustees of MCC.

In connection with the degree he plans to complete a number of graduate courses featuring teaching methods.

He also plans to work on the further development of a compositional workbook centered around a "formula approach" for writing expository essays.

Programs to this effect are already in practice in the English department; however, Dowdy feels the program would be more effective through workbooks.

The leave of absence awarded Dowdy is not unprecedented. Dowdy holds a number of honors, from high school valedictorian to 1973 Piper Professor from MCC. Dowdy was also chosen an outstanding educator in 1974 for which his biography appeared in "Outstanding Educators of America, 1974."

Dowdy will be participating in ten special programs designed for English curriculum.

While there, Dowdy will be working in the Idaho State University Library as a part of the program. The assistant head librarian there is Don Tebbets, who was the first librarian at MCC in 1966.

Dowdy has been an English instructor at MCC for ten years. He was selected by a committee of faculty members from a number of applicants.

Some of the courses he will be taking include specialized courses in curriculum development from junior college English programs, innovative instructional techniques courses, courses in evaluation by student written material and evaluation procedures.

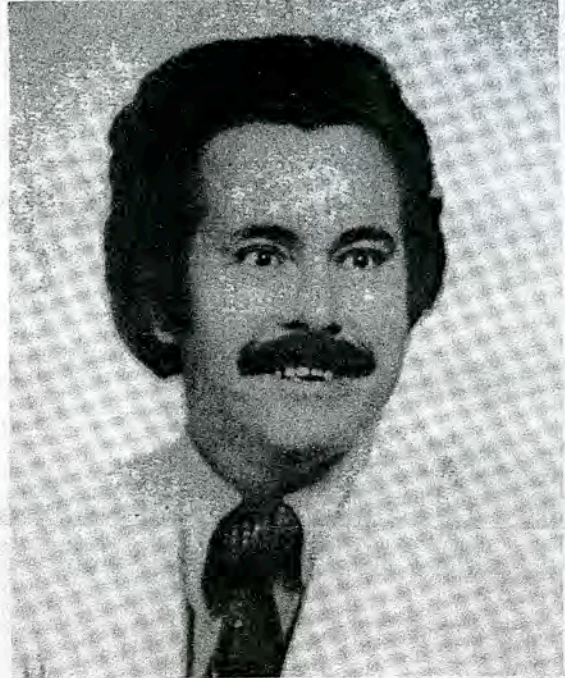
He will be taking one integrated media class room instructional, dealing with radio and television.

After graduating from Whitehouse High School in 1955, Dowdy obtained his BA degree in English from Stephen F. Austin University. His masters in English from East Texas State University, and did post-graduate work in English at Texas Tech, Mary Hardin-Baylor College and Baylor University. Dowdy also participated in the Howard Payne Traveling European Seminar in English.

During his continuing studies in English, Dowdy taught English and later became principal of Trinidad Public Schools in Trinidad, Texas. He then came to MCC in 1966.

In teaching English, Dowdy has concluded that constantly pointing out errors is not beneficial for the student.

"The average English paper corrected by the average English teacher looks as though it had been trampled on with cleated boots and has about the same effect on the student," said Dowdy.



ENGLISH INSTRUCTOR BILLY Dowdy has taken a leave of absence to study specialized courses in the development of junior college english programs at Idaho State University,

Debaters Enter Florida Tourney

The Plaid Vest Club is leaving Wednesday to compete in university of West Florida in Pensacola, Florida.

The club is sending one debate team: David Wiley and Dale Hughes, sophomores.

The debate will consist of six rounds of Switch-side, Oxford debate with three elimination rounds. The topic is, That The Federal Government Should Provide a Comprehensive Program of Land Use Planning Control In The United States.

Other activities that members of the club will be competing in will include: Dale Hughes, extemporaneous speaking, Jamie Oliver, Dale Hughes and Lynn Hood, impromptu speaking, Jamie Oliver, Glen Whatley and David Wiley, prose interpretation, Glen Whatley, and

Jamie Oliver, poetry interpretation, David Wiley, After Dinner Speaking, Glenn Whatley, Dale Hughes and David Wiley, Chamber Theatre. Lynn Hood persuasion, and a dramatic interpretation chamber theatre, "The Mechanicals" from Shakespear's Midsummer Nights Dream.

The group will be returning Monday afternoon. The trip is sponsored by the speech department and the Plaid Vest Club. The group will be traveling by car.

Ann Harrell, director of the speech department said, "Any student interested in being a cast member of the De-Bicentennial Readers Theatre should register for Speech 101. The Readers Theatre rehearsal section meets from 12:10 to 1 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

Speech instructor Ann Harrell is adapting and directing the series. Dr. Michael White, history instructor and media center coordinator, is creating the visual and sound effects.

The first public presentation will be Feb. 20. It is entitled, "Amerigo Vespucci's Namesakes Salute Washington and Lincoln."

The second presentation will be on March 11 and 12. It is entitled "Amerigo Vespucci's Namesakes Creates A Nation." In the second half of this presentation there will be an interview

Thomas Jefferson and the speech students will hold a press conference with him.

with Richard Wordsworth The grandson of William Wordsworth. The noted English poet. He will pretend to be

The final presentation is "Amerigo Vespucci's Namesakes Celebrate

America." This presentation will include excerpts from all the previous fall and spring presentations.

The segment starts with the voyages of Columbus and ends with the Salem witch trials. The segments consist of readings by the speech group, of poems of American authors.

The final segment will be presented to the public at the end of April. All presentations will be presented in the HPE Lecture hall.

"Students do not have to register for the class to participate in the Reading Theatre," said Ann Harrell. "But they do need to be free for the rehearsal hour."

Lab Open For Students

Students having trouble with English can plug in some headphones and study their problem areas at the English lab. The lab, located in the Liberal Arts building, is equipped with material and tape recorders for students.

The five English 311 classes use the lab as a part of class, but all students can use the lab for assistance with such subjects as grammar, writing essays or pronunciation.

The English 311 students use a series of 15 mini-courses. The mini-courses are on tape cassettes and require one and one half hours to finish each tape. A test is then given after each tape by John Willingham, lab supervisor. The grades go from the lab to the student's English teacher for evaluation in class.

"The mini-courses deal with problems like independent clauses, subject verb agreement and comma usage," said Willingham. The lab has a variety of books to help with writing.

There are 18 booths for students to hear their tapes. The booths are equipped with tape recorders for hearing the cassettes and a viewer for using filmstrips. Tables and chairs are in the lab for students that want to study or read.

The lab is open Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Editorial

by Daniel Bacon

Well, here it is. Another year, another semester. I figure if I can possibly make it through registration I might have a chance with the rest of the school term.

I made my New Years resolutions and already most of them are broken. What's the use I say. There is, though, one promise I made that, personally, I would like to see through.

As the editor of this campus newspaper I told myself that I was going to bring justice to the injustice, that I was going to right wrongs and to bring down the ones who deliberately suppress the downtrodden.

After letting this so called "resolution" play in my mind since New Years Eve, I thought that might sound just a little too much like a farce to you people I knew you all would realize that that's what it was — just a farce. After all, you people are college students.

So I figured I would try to make the Highland Herald just a good paper to read every Wednesday. Not to print rumors or promote scandals, but to print campus news, activities and events as they are. Now that may sound like "what a drag, man," but you would be surprised at some of the things we have to say, sometimes.

I'm not out to conquer the world. Nobody down here in the Journalism Department is. Our main goal is to make the paper simply a good thing to pick up and read every week. We would like your comments, if you have any, and if it's a gripe that's O.K., too. Really, though, we just want a newspaper that can communicate with the student body on a level basis. To be what we're supposed to be, to do what we're supposed to do.

Administrators To Know On Campus

Photo by Paul Chamberlain



Dr. LaVerne Wong

The Veterans Representative for MCC is Ron Smith. Smith is located on the third floor of the Student Center.

Smith's title, Director of Veterans Affairs, goes into many different areas as far as the veterans are concerned. Smith and his office handles the paper work for about 900 veterans. Smith also works on the recruiting and outreach of veterans.

Director Smith advises the veterans in different areas and also helps find tutors that would help the veterans in the area of study they need most.



Don Bynum

Willie Hobbs, Assistant Dean of Student Services-Registrar, is in charge of admissions, graduation, scholastic probation and suspension. Every student entering the college must go through his office.

His office prepares and issues the packets for registration, sends out grades, and transcripts, makes grade changes and processes adds and drops.

His office is located in the administration building in the registrars office.

Dr. Wong is in charge of all student services. Her title is Dean of Student Services.

Dr. Wong's office handles the hold on a student's records. "A hold can come from any office on campus such as if the student owes a traffic ticket or has an overdue book fine," said Jeannette Stoker, Dr. Wong's secretary. After a student has gotten a release from the office that has a hold on his records he must then go to Dr. Wong's office to get a release from her.



Ron Smith

Don Bynum, Director of Student activities, is in charge of activities that are not oriented to the scholastic curriculum. Under his leadership, he sees over the functions of the Student Government, campus clubs and organizations, and presides over the Student Center, game room and lounge. If anyone is ever unlucky enough to get a parking ticket or other violation, the fine is taken care of at his office.

Other activities that Don oversees are the Talent Show, lectures and the films that are shown by the Astronomy Club. If there are any questions about clubs, organizations or activities Don is located on the second floor of the Student Center.



Willie Hobbs

Cyclists Aid Anemic

by Marilynn Jones

The Roadrunner Club ended their sickle cell anemia drive for Tony Norman, of Marlin.

The Roadrunner Club is a predominately black motor cycle club and Tony Norman is an eight year old Marlin boy who has sickle cell anemia.

The club paid for Tony's drugs, doctor, and hospital bills. The club also gave Tony's family 300 dollars for Christmas.

Charles Whitaker, instructional media aide is president of the club. "We started out as a social riding club," said Whitaker. "After getting so many members we decided to change our image from a social riding club to a helpful organization in the community", Whitaker said.

The club was established in Oct. 73 with only five members. Their first meeting was on the Herring Avenue bridge. Whitaker was secretary treasurer at that time.

In Oct. of 74 Whitaker was elected president of the club and in 75 he was reelected.

"One of our first projects was to help a member who had become very ill and had

to drop out of the club," said Whitaker. Late in 73 the club passed out gift certificates for Christmas. The certificates were given to churches in the area to be passed out to needy families in the area of Waco.

The club has also sent underprivileged children to Six Flags Over Texas, helped needy families and helped families in the area whose homes were destroyed by fire. "We gave an Easter egg hunt this year at the Bledsoe Miller Community Center and the parents had as much fun as the kids. We hid several golden goose eggs with gift certificates to Lewis's shoe store." said Whitaker.

The organization now has a rented club house located at 520 Clifton. Their mascot is a man and woman on a motor cycle and their colors are red, green, gold, and black.

Any one interested in joining the club must be 18 and have own or have access to a motor cycle, must be of good character and be known as such in the community, said Whitaker.



TOM KNOWLES AS George Husted, Barbara Murphy as Barbara Gage with David Ferris as Constable Carson in the play January Thaw.

Students Perform In 'January Thaw'

Three MCC students have roles in "January Thaw", a comedy to be presented by the Waco Civic Theater this January.

Paul Hill, a graduate of Reicher Catholic High School, will play the part of Matt Rockwood. Hill is active in the MCC Speech Department, and has taken a rating of excellent in oratory in competition at the Southwest Texas State University Speech Festival recently held in San Marcos.

Barbara Murphy, a Richfield graduate, has the role of Barbara Gage. She has taken the Licensed Vocational Nurse Course at MCC and is working as an LVN for a local physician. She plans to return to MCC to complete the Associate Degree Nursing plan.

Tom Knowles, a graduate of Midway High School, will have the role of George Husted. He is a physics major and works in the Public Information Office here.

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Odds & Ends

By Jerry Tacker

Both the MCC men's and women's basketball teams are ready for the second season — the conference games. The Highlanders are currently 13-1 for the year and are ranked 19th in the national junior college poll. They are the favorites to win the conference title. The Highladies had a tough time of it at the first of the year, but they are coming off in an impressive first-place finish in the MCC Classic. The Highlanders opened the conference season Monday night against Cisco Junior College in Cisco. The Highladies play Navarro tomorrow night in Corsicana in their last non-conference game. They open up their conference schedule Thursday night in Highlander Gym as they take on Weatherford. Good luck to both teams.

Some news from Super Bowl X estimated that the 10,000-plus fans who follow the Dallas Cowboys to SUPER BOWL X on the 18th will line Miami's coffers to the tune of \$4 million, give or take a few bucks. . . Jimmy the Greek explaining why he is predicting the Pittsburgh Steelers to defeat the Dallas Cowboys by seven points in SUPER BOWL X: "The American Football Conference, which Pittsburgh is rep-

resenting, has won six of the last seven SUPER BOWLS and that is worth one point. In the 1972 SUPER BOWL, which Dallas won 24-3 over Miami, the Cowboys got a big running game out of Duane Thomas. Calvin Hill and Walt Garrison were the other backs, and now Dallas has lost all three stars. The running game now belongs to the Steelers and Franco Harris, and that is worth two points. Overall experience goes to Pittsburgh and that is worth a point in a big game like this. One point a piece for Pittsburgh's outstanding defensive line and the linebackers Andy Russell, Jack Ham, and Jack Lambert. It all adds up to Pittsburgh by seven." . . . The greatest Cowboy ever, Bob Lilly talking about the successful shotgun formation used by the Cowboys in passing situations. "I think other teams will use the shotgun next year because of the Cowboys' success. They'll have to put it in during training camp — you can't do it in the middle of the season — and I look for some innovations off the shotgun. Not necessarily from the Cowboys, either. I look for the teams with the strong, running-type quarterbacks to use a form of the single wing where the quarterback

has the option to run." . . . We look for the Cowboys to win by three for the simple reason the Cowboys' running backs don't fumble (knock on wood), and Roger Staubach seldom makes a throwing error . . . The Texas Rangers are trying their best to acquire pitcher Bert Blyleven from the Minnesota Twins to boost their sagging pitching department. It is reported that the Twins want shortstop Roy Smalley and two other young players in exchange. . . If Hank Stram should accept the job of head football coach at Southern Methodist University, it would pose a very interesting situation. There has always been some controversy over which conference in college football has the best teams and players. But there would be no questions asked when someone would say the Southwest Conference has the best group of coaches of any conference in the U.S.A. Darrell Royal, Frank Broyles, Grant Teaff, Emory Bellard, Steven Sloan, Jim Shofner, and Bill Yeoman is an impressive line of coaches and if Hank Stram could be added to this list it would show the power of the SWC. . . For its semifinal game with Milton High in the Florida Class AAA high school football

playoffs last month, Ocala Forest had its jug of Gatorade handy, next to a low chain-link fence right behind the bench. During the game someone — possibly a Milton supporter but, considering the results, possible not — reached over the fence, opened the jug and poured in a generous quantity of vodka. Some of the players noticed a slightly odd taste in the Gatorade, and so did the coaches. No matter. The game was the thing. Ocala Forest, losing 10-0 in the final quarter, rallied to win 13-10 . . . SPORT-

QUOTES: Johnny Moore, a 17-year-old freshman starting guard on the University of Texas basketball team: "My only goal right now is to win. That, and maybe start to shove." . . . Bill Russell, refusing to reveal how much he is being paid for his telephone company commercials, but winking: quoting his mother: "Your average would be better if you didn't have to kick to the cemetery corner." . . . Tom Apke, Creighton University basketball coach, about having his younger brother Rick on the team: "Well, it's one set of parents I don't have to worry about." . . .

Highlander and Highladies statistics up-to-date:

MEN

MCC 116 Bishop Jr. Varsity 77
MCC 111 South Plains 103
MCC 85 Navarro 75
MCC 81 San Jacinto 90
MCC 80 Lon Morris 72
MCC 102 Jacksonville 81
MCC 92 Temple 76
MCC 93 Baylor JV 73
MCC 107 Jacksonville 70
MCC 99 Baylor JV 90
MCC 92 Lamar JV 79
MCC 103 Henderson 99
MCC 87 Navarro 84

WOMEN

MCC 72 Texas Women's 82
MCC 67 Henderson Co. 80
MCC 59 Navarro 63
MCC 35 Temple 78
MCC 67 San Jacinto 74
MCC 48 Henderson Co. 58
MCC 27 Temple 92
MCC 67 San Jacinto 55
MCC 82 North Texas 72
MCC 55 Baylor 106

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MCC Highlanders



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PICTURED ABOVE IS the 1975-1976 McLennan Community College Highlander basketball team. The Highlanders are 13-1 for their season and they are ranked 19th in the nation. Kneeling, left to right: Donald Banks, Mark Talaga, John Hightower, Burt Burrows, Vinnie Johnson and Dan McMullen. Standing, left to right: Carlos Blackwood, Kyle Strickland, Ed Marshall, Skippy Black, John Derrick, Glenn Mennix, Martin Schwartz and Coach Johnny Carter

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