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Dr. Aguila Discusses Effects Castro Regime Had On Cuba

BY BETH WILLINGHAM

The speaker at the Nov. 10 meeting of Los Serranos was Dr. Antonio Aguila who discussed the changes effected in Cuba by the Castro regime over the past 11 years.

In an informal conversational format, Dr. Aguila discussed the government and daily life as it had been in the days before Castro.

Following a period of revolution and turmoil beginning in 1933, he said, a constitution was ratified in 1940 which established a republican form of government with the traditional separation of powers.

This was a socialist constitution, and he explained that it gave equal rights to all the Cuban people. There was equal representation in the Constitutional Convention and everyone was given the right to vote in free elections.

Wage and price controls were established to stabilize the free-enterprise system. Every one was provided a 30-day paid vacation each year, nine days annual sick leave, and retirement benefits regardless of their work, Dr. Aguila said.

Dr. Aguila said the 1940 constitution worked well until the coup d'état of Batista in 1953. Following this many people became dissatisfied with the government and began to conspire against it, Fidel Castro being one among many.

Dr. Aguila recalls Fidel Castro as a student at Havana University where Aguila received a law degree in 1946.

Castro tried to become a student leader there, Dr. Aguila said, but with little success since there were already many strong student leaders with whom he could not compete.



DR. ANTONIO AGUILA

"He was a trouble-maker from the start," said Dr. Aguila, "By that I do not mean that he was not smart; he was very intelligent and graduated from there."

Dr. Aguila discussed the process of Castro's overthrow of the Batista government and the growth of his army which was described as being "completely corrupted."

Though at first the Cuban people did not realize that Castro had no intention of fulfilling his promises of "restoring the 1940 constitution and creating an uncorrupted government for Cuba," it soon became apparent.

In a meeting in Havana recalled by Dr. Aguila which was attended by some 20,000 people, Castro was asked about holding an election and replied that there would be no need for elections since all the people were happy with his rule.

Conditions went from bad to worse as Castro's ideology became clear. Private property was confiscated for the government. It became difficult to leave the country.

Today in Cuba there is no private enterprise though this is not the case in some small communist countries. Committees determine "what time you leave, what time you come back,

Veteran's Club Now Formally Recognized

By MIKE CURBO

The Veteran's Club is now a formal club on the MCC campus. Among the general objectives are the desire to be of service to and to make useful contributions to the school and community; to aid and assist all veterans, families of veterans, or any responsible person deemed in need of help; and to establish aims which are educational and compatible with the best interest of the college and within the guidelines of college regulations. More specific objectives include the formation of a scholarship fund for a deserving veteran or dependent, participation in campus activities, and the publication of vet-

eran's benefits which may seem obscure or are unknown to eligible students.

The membership consists of two categories -- regular and general. The regular member has full voting and office-holding privileges, and must have served on active military duty for a period greater than 180 days. The general member, with no voting or office holding privileges, consists of military dependent personnel, surviving military family, and all personnel with less than 180 days of active service with a reserve or national guard unit. All members are required to obey the statutes set forth in the MCC student guide and any violation will result in dismissal from the organization. There is no initiation rite for members due to the nature of the club.

The officers which were elected by the regular members are: president-Billy Pitcher; vice-president-Steve Patrick; treasurer-Jim Karban; secretary - Bob White; Inter-club

Council Representative-Jimmy Johnson. These officers are elected for a period of one year unless replaced due to scholastic deficiency or some other cause for removal from office.

One of the projects desired by the club is the establishment of a filing system in the Administration Building whereby each student eligible for veteran's benefits has a folder listing all benefits to which he is entitled. This would eliminate the necessity of having to go through the Veteran's Administration which is time consuming due to the fact that the V.A. handles all veteran's files in this area. This filing system would also provide the local V.A. office the opportunity to process non-student claims faster, thereby benefiting all veterans and their dependents.

Currently there are two bills proposed to aid the veteran. One is Senate Bill 21-61 which proposes an increase in monetary aid for vets and dependents. The other is House Bill 10-543 which proposes to cut the red tape which is currently in effect concerning processing of claims. The Senate bill, headed by Vance Hartke of Indiana and his 23 man committee, was supported by the MCC vets by means of a 300 signature petition favoring the bill and a letter to each of the committee members. Both bills have been supported by letters to numerous state officials including Senator Lloyd Bentsen and Representative Bob Poage.

Supreme Court Acquires New Legal Powers

The Student Supreme Court of MCC now has legal jurisdiction over traffic fines and has new powers which were delegated to it at a recent student government meeting.

Through passage of by-laws proposed by the members of the Supreme Court to the Student Congress, the court now has legal right to hear all cases concerning traffic violations that are appealed to the court. In the past the court had tried tickets through the right of assumed powers, but now such power will be stated in the constitution of the Student Assembly.

Student government also delegated other power to the court through the same by-laws. The court also has authority to give advisory opinions and rule on questions arising from the constitution. It will also act as an appellate court in cases arising from the Board of Election Judges following any election held on campus.

The Supreme Court has also been given authority to act as an original court in interpreting past actions of student government as to the constitutionality when so requested in writing.

The adopting of these by-laws for the court will give it a wider range of power and voice in student government activity.

Students Plan Trip To Dallas To See 'Faust'

On Friday, Dec. 3, 46 students, a combination of Music Appreciation students and McLennan Singers, will make a trip to Ft. Worth for the opening of the opera "Faust" by Gounod. Students will board a Texas Electric Bus at 5:45 to go the Tarrant County Convention Center, where they will be admitted to the opera at a reduced rate. The Music Appreciation students are required to attend eight concerts a semester as part of their grade, and this will count as one of them.

"Faust" is the age-old story of the man who sells his soul to the devil for a happier life on earth. The lead tenor is Enrique diGuiseppa, the soprano is Heather Thomson, and Satan will be sung by the American bass Norman Trieger. The opera lasts about three hours. The trip is only one of the fall activities of the Fine Arts Department.

Editorial

Added Jurisdiction Big Step For Court

For the first time since this school was organized one branch of student government is just now being authorized power. That segment of student government is the Student Supreme Court. With the passage of the by-laws formulated by the court and its advisors and passed by the Student Congress the court now has legal power to try all appeals from traffic fines, rule on MCC constitutional questions, rule on decisions arising from the Board of Elections after an election, and ruling on legislation passed by the Student Congress.

In years past the court has assumed the power of trying appeals on traffic fines on campus. This was the only real power that it has had and this year the court has only ruled on traffic fines. No doubt this writer is highly opinionated on the subject because he is also an associate justice on the court. It would be useless to attempt to conceal that fact. However, as a reporter who observed the court last year, it appears that this year's edition has been more equitable than the two previous ones.

Sources from last year said that the court two years ago was an insult to the student government. Last year at times it resembled the Salem witch trials. This year its members have done their best to obtain justice and by doing so, some defendants with weak cases have been acquitted. But so it goes with justice and protecting the individual's rights. However, this is not saying all offenders have gotten off lightly - they haven't. Those found to be guilty are so sentenced.

And now the realm of the court's power has been extended to constitutional questions. A big step for the court. With its new power it could become necessary for the establishment of lower courts to try traffic cases and reserve the Supreme Court for appeals and problems arising from the Constitution.

No longer will the Supreme Court be ignored by the rest of the student government, because now they are faced with the fact that anything they can do can be struck down if suit is brought against Student Congress. This can be done legally now without anyone questioning the constitutionality of the process. The Supreme Court will now become a concern to all who seek a student office for it could in the final judgement decide if a person is eligible to run and hold office.

Now student government has a system of checks and balances within itself. Before the adoption of the court's new power the only check on student government was externally, through the administration. This is the way it should be; now the Student Supreme Court is available for use in many respects by MCC students in much the same way the Supreme Court of the U.S. represents the people.

R. S. G.

Trustees Appropriate Funds For Equipment, Construction

The MCC Board of Trustees recently appropriated \$9,189.75 in campus construction and equipment and authorized Hal Stringer, Waco landscape architect, to draw up plans for the college-owned waterfront property which must be developed before the impounding of Lake Brazos. Expenditures on new equipment included 75 equipment carts with electrical outlets at \$1,353.75 from Brown and Associates, Bryan. The HPE Center will receive a commercial washer and dryer set costing \$2,605 purchased from a North Carolina concern.

A "personnel and cargo" vehicle was purchased from Watson Distributing Co. of Houston at \$1,043. Three electronic

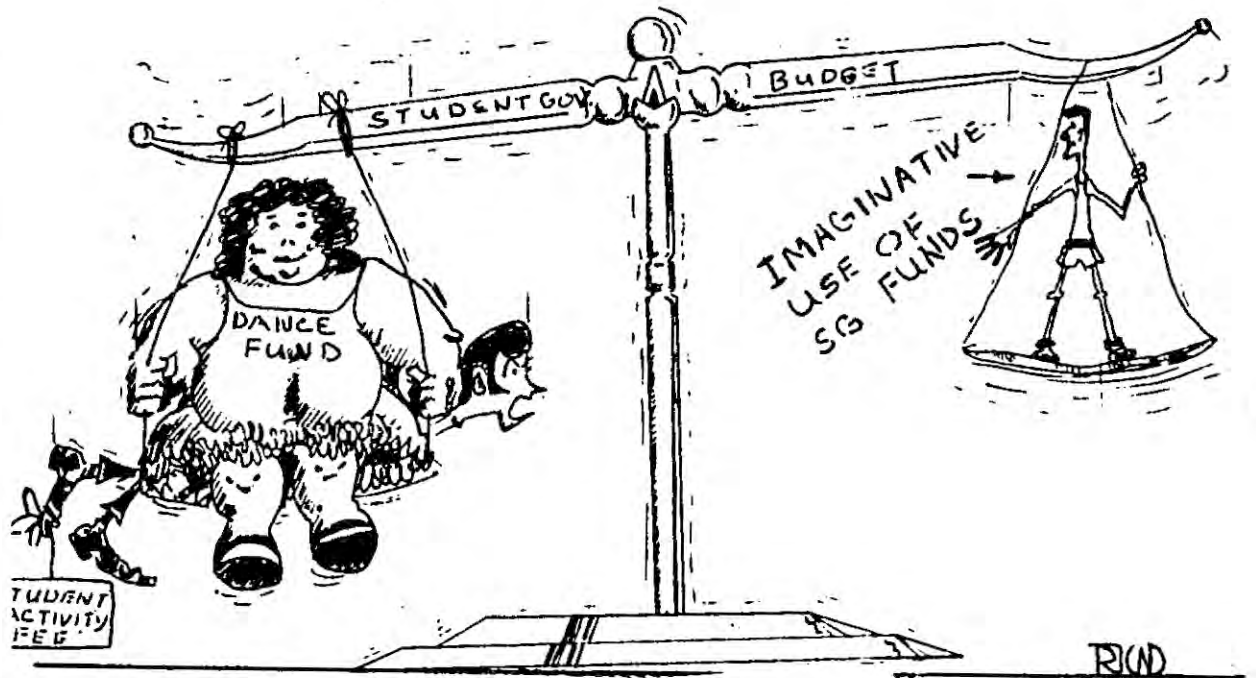
calculators were purchased from Marchant Calculator Operations, Waco, at \$1,308.

The faculty pay schedule was amended to pay full time nursing instructors without a B.A. degree \$700 monthly.

MCC was recently featured in the "Texas Architect" magazine, trustees were told. Pictured in the magazine were the administration, fine arts, library, and liberal arts buildings.

MCC was chosen from among 44 state junior colleges for the honor and the campus was cited for its "successful design, primarily due to the skillful manner in which buildings were located in the heavily wooded site preserving and enhancing the natural beauty of the area."

Balanced? Budget Of Student Government A Question Of Priorities



Dance Fund Poses Problem For Student Government

BY RONNIE WOLSKE

What do you do with \$2,200? Spend it right? But how? Such are the problems faced by student government members. In drawing up the budget last summer, SG officials gave dances top priority by assigning \$1,000 to the dance fund. However, the dance question has posed questions in several areas, mainly should students pay admission to a SG sponsored activity, and where is the stopping point in doing out money to clubs who wish to sponsor dances?

With the supply of dance money now beginning to dwindle, and plans for the Spring Formal uncertain, SG President Ernest Uptmore called for a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committees, which was held last Friday. Main points of discussion concerned how much money should be conserved for the spring formal and how the expenses of the formal could be lessened.

At present, \$275 has been allocated to clubs for dances. Uptmore stated that several other clubs had approached him with requests for dance money totaling some \$300. If approved, these requests would leave the fund with only \$425 with which the annual formal would be financed. Mike Gassaway, SG treasurer, pointed out that last spring's formal cost over \$500.

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Turning to another problem which confronted the SG last week, "Should students pay admission to SG financed activities?" The case in particular was that of Chicanos Unidos, requested \$175 to give a dance and stated that they might charge admission and keep the profits for a scholarship fund. President Uptmore vetoed the Chicano's request for the money after the request had been carried by the SG.

Uptmore stated that he believed students shouldn't have to pay twice for one event, which in effect they would have been doing. Much of the money in the SG fund comes from the student activity fees.

During last Monday's meeting, Joe Silva, president of Chicanos Unidos said that his organization would agree not to charge admission to MCC stu-

Games. Attendance at both events in past years has been sparse.

In addition to granting Chicanos Unidos money for a dance, SG awarded Sigma Delta Phi, men's social fraternity, \$100 for a "Howdy" dance held in October.

The rest of the expenditures by the SG are more routine. The three other categories are funds for scholarships for president and secretary of SG, funds for scholarships for convention and travel, funds for records and election supplies. Aside from the \$2,200 allocated for the above expenses, a separate project fund for clubs and organizations is held by the college and administered by the SG. From this fund, each club or organization may claim \$20 for stationary and other such supplies.

Budget

1. Scholarship for President	200.00	
Scholarship for Secretary	100.00	300.00
2. Convention and Travel		500.00
3. Records and Election Supplies		200.00
4. Dances (Bands and Decorations)	1,000.00	
Highland Games, Heather Queen, Heather King	200.00	1,200.00
		\$2,200.00

dents if the SG supplied money for the affair. After an unsuccessful attempt to override Uptmore's veto, SG representatives carried a motion granting \$175 to Chicanos Unidos, but with the stipulations that no admission be charged MCC students, and that the SG be associated with the dance.

In past years, SG sponsored dances as a routine part of its functions but this year the responsibility for planning social activities has been left to campus clubs. However, in an earlier edition of the Herald, Uptmore stated that the SG would continue to plan the Spring Formal and the annual Highland

Aside from the problem of how to spend money, one might wonder where the money comes from. The \$2,200 allotted to the SG comes directly from the general college fund. Administration officials grant the money on a year to year basis. Of course one of the main sources of this money is the student body, whose \$5 a semester student activity fee partly goes to the SG.

At present, the only income of the SG comes from the payment of traffic fines. One half of the fine money is deposited in the Student Government Agency Fund. To date \$310 has been collected.

Band Shines In Student Center Concert



Carter Hicks



Photos

by

Gary

Clendenen



Gary Burnett

The MCC Stage Band (or Jazz Band, in this case) under the direction of William R. Haskett performed publicly for the second time Wednesday, November 17, in the Student Center, and, in my opinion, with overall success. Of course there were a few rough spots, but this can be expected when a band chooses to play more complicated compositions than the average stage band (as our's does.)

The concert was opened with a rendition of "Teddy, the Toad", a Count Basie number and then continued with a mid-fifties Stan Keaton composition, "The Opener". Then came "When He Gets Sweaty, His Glasses Slide Down His Nose, Blues", which featured very tasty simultaneous solos by Phil Evans, on tenor sax and David Hargraves on trumpet.

The next number, a definite crowd pleaser, was a fast blues entitled, "Sure Thing". This featured two drummers, Gary Burnett and Larry Bounds, which proved to be a very unique and interesting arrangement.

"Redeye", another blues tune was next, followed by a Chicago piece, "Liberation", which was arranged by trumpeter, Carter Hicks, better known as "Mouse". The crowd seemed to dig this one, also.

Then it was Mike Fageros's turn to shine as the band went into "Prelude in Frug", which is more or less a two-part jam. Phil Evans demonstrated his versatility with a flute solo; then Fageros took over and proceeded to lay down some very fine guitar.

The concert was brought to a close, quite fittingly, with the band's arrangement of the popular Beatle's tune, "Hey Jude".

In case you missed this one, the Band's next campus appearance will be on Dec. 8th where they will be joined by the Baylor Lab Band. It ought to be interesting!

-Bill Gammage



Phil Evans



Mike Fageros



Chicanos Begin Two Service Projects; Planning Dance

The Chicanos Unidos Club has begun several programs of community service and plans to sponsor a Thanksgiving Dance on Nov. 24 in cooperation with the MCC student government.

Among the activities of the club is a tutoring service provided by several club members on a twice-weekly basis to the Mexican - American students who attend Sul Ross Elementary School.

Rosalinda Silva, chairman of the Education Committee which coordinates the program said though there had been a good response to the call for tutors, more would always be needed.

A voter registration drive has also been undertaken by the club. Several representatives from Chicanos Unidos have recently attended workshops in San Antonio and Waco on the subject of voter registration.

Frank Rodriguez, chairman

of the club's Public Relations Committee said that several members would be deputized in order to register voters, and that the activities would begin at the Thanksgiving Dance where anyone who wants to may register to vote.

The Chicano Club was recently invited to sit on a panel at the District XII educational workshop "The Mexican-American Student in the Public Schools." Teresa Acosta spoke for the group which was also represented by Frank Rodriguez, Doroteo DeLuna, and Johnny Grez Jr.

Other members attended workshops during the day and held informal exchanges with teachers and administrators who were present.

The speaker at the club's regular monthly meeting was Ramsey Muniz, administrator of the Community Development Center, a project of the Model Cities program. Muniz received his undergraduate and law degrees from Baylor University and played varsity football as a defensive end as an undergraduate.

Muniz spoke on the importance of group identification and

action. He said the Chicano Club was a good thing for MCC and the members should strive to lay down a strong foundation of its goals and objectives for others to pick up and continue as the club membership changes.

The Thanksgiving Dance, which will be in the Student Center Wednesday, Nov. 24 at 8 p.m., will be free to anyone with a student identification card. No one will be admitted without being accompanied by someone with a student I.D.

In an effort to try to please as many musical tastes as possible, the club has acquired two bands: The Equestrians, a rock group and Richard and the Noble Kings, a band which plays principally soul music.

Refreshments will be served free of charge. The funding of the dance is provided by the student activity fund under the control of the student government which approved the Chicanos request for \$175 to cover dance expenses including food, refreshments and decorations.

Sponsor of the Chicanos Unidos is Steve Almedo, psychology instructor.



FLUTIST Karen Tweedle composed tunes for the show.

"The Menaechmi" To Be Presented In December

Rehearsals are now underway for the rollicking farce, "The Menaechmi," that the drama department will present December 2-4 and 9-11.

The Roman comedy, written about 184 B.C. by Plautus, is constructed of exaggerated characterization and lighthearted incidents as a twin searches for his long lost brother.

The fun is fast and furious as Menaechmus of Syracuse

comes at last to Epidamnus where his brother resides and is mistaken for his brother by the latter's wife, father-in-law, parasite, mistress, and others. It is directed by James Henderson, drama instructor.

The cast, chosen through try-outs open to all MCC students, includes students from across Central Texas. Menaechmus I will be played by Kenneth O' Toole, Menaechmus II by Tommy Davis, Sponge, Roll, and the Doctor, three character parts, will be played by Doug Burch.

Ron Solomon, will play Messenio; Judy Smith, will portray Lovey; Kathy Bruce, will play the wife; Jerry Jones, will be the father-in-law.

The maid will be portrayed by Janice Fadal, Decio will be portrayed by Brent Powers, and slaves will be played by Sam Gresham, Monty Stem, and Mark Batson.

Flutists are Karen Tweedle, and Vicki Roberts.

MCC students will be admitted free of charge with their ID card, but reservations must be made before the performances. Reservations can be made by calling 756-6551, extension 283, between 8 and 5 on Nov. 28.

Linksters Win Golf Match In Ft. Worth

The MCC golf team won stroke and match competition against Temple Junior College and Tarrant County Junior College-South Campus in Fort Worth recently.

The Highlanders' stroke score was 309; Temple's, 312; and Tarrant County's, 324, in 4-man competition. MCC won match competition by 16 1/2 to 12 and 7 1/2, respectively.

Top individual score was 78, carded by Bob Elliot of Temple. Three Highlanders Danny Cullins, Rodney Blagg, and Butch Price, came in with 77 strokes each, with Ken Berry scoring 78.

The three teams will meet again Thursday, Dec. 2, in Waco, and MCC journeys to Temple Saturday, Dec. 4, for the final pre-season competition. MCC won the first pre-season match at Lake Waco Country Club and Temple won the second match at Leon Valley Country Club in Belton.

Orange Crush, Six Pak Win In Intramurals

The MCC intramural volleyball tournament has been completed with Orange Crush the victors of the men's division and Six Pak the winners of the women's tournament.

In the men's division of the intramural volleyball tournament, two teams had to be eliminated in playoff matches before the Wednesday, Nov. 17 finals could be held.

Three teams, the Veterans, Circle K, and the Lions, were tied with four wins and two losses. Orange Crush, sporting the best men's record of five wins and one defeat, automatically earned a berth in the championship game.

On Nov. 10, Circle K, led by their captain, Bruce Ott, fought back valiantly against the Veterans and earned themselves a spot in the semifinals held on Friday, Nov. 12, against the Lions.

The Veterans, captained by Bob White, downed Circle K in the first game of the match, 11-7. Due to limited time, full 15 point games can not always be completed.

Circle K, with good heads-up play at the net, came back to take the last two games from the scrappy Vets, 11-0 and 10-7.

The Nov. 12 playoff match saw Circle K go down in defeat to the Lions captained by Mike Cassaway. Circle K won the first game of the match behind good serves, 9-8. But the Lions roared back to take the final two games, 6-5 and 8-7.

In the finals of the tournament, Orange Crush, captained by Bill Goss, polished off the Lions for the men's championship in two closely fought games, 9-7 and 9-7.

The women's championship match saw the undefeated Six Pak beat A.W. Sugar, 11-3 and 12-5. The Six Pak, captained by Brenda Sullivan, finished the tournament with a perfect record of five wins and no losses.

A.W. Sugar, led by captain Montea Allison, finished the tournament with two wins and three defeats. Both first and second place teams will receive trophies for their efforts.

Herald Concludes Series On The 71-72 Basketball Squad



ROY CARLSON



RICKY COULTER



BOB JOCHEE

By Pat Tusa

Roy Carlson - 6' 4" - Roy is one of the two basketballers on the Highlander squad who hails from Halton High School Ft. Worth. He was a one year letterman and earned first team All-District honors in District 6-AAAA. His major is physical education.

Ricky Coulter - 6' 4" - Ricky is a freshman who performed in the Central Texas area at nearby Mexia High School. Ricky received All-District honors in both his freshman and senior years in District 8-AAA. He also was a four year letterman in football and baseball. Other honors accomplished by Ricky besides in the field of athletics include being elected to president of his high school choir. Ricky is a physical education major.

Bob Jochee - 6' 4" - Bob is a sophomore out of Houston Waltrip High School. Bob was selected to the 10-AAA All-District team and also was an All-City performer in the tough Houston area. Bob's major is business.



RICKY COULTER goes for two points against Navarro J.C. MCC won 105-98 but lost to Temple J.C. Saturday 88-78.