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DELEGATES FROM several regional schools listen to the proceedings of the Region VI of the Texas Junior College Student Government Association that was held on campus Dec. 14.

Student Government Hosts Region VI TJCSGA Meeting

BY BARBARA MILLS
AND SPENCER GROSS

A meeting of Region VI of the Texas Junior College Student Government Association was held at MCC Friday, Dec. 4, at 11 a.m. in the Lecture Hall. The schools attending the meeting were Temple, Blinn, Hill, Navarro, Concordia, Central Texas College, Tarrant County, and the host college MCC.

Topics discussed at the meeting were plans for the state convention, amendments to the

state constitution, intramurals, and the resignation of MCC as president of Region VI.

While making plans for the state convention, MCC Parliamentarian Gary Jinks expressed a hope to see all of the colleges in Region VI well represented. He said he would especially like to see many freshmen delegates attend and that at least one or two schools should run for a state office. He urged the group to send as many delegates as possible.

The MCC delegation will quite

possibly run for vice-president at the state convention although the final decision has not been made. MCC is now state parliamentarian. The convention will be held March 18-20 in Lufkin. The theme will be based on student involvement, apathy and relations between student government and administration.

MCC announced at the Friday meeting that it will introduce amendments to the state constitution regarding parliamentary procedure. The amendments, if accepted, will limit the power of the parliamentarian somewhat so that a school cannot rule the convention. The state parliamentarian could control the convention by calling down other members over "insignificant" points of parliamentary law.

An amendment will be introduced by MCC which will give
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Frat Shows Spirit Of Christmas

The Christmas season allows our 'hurry up' society to pause long enough for people to take a look at one another and, if fortunate, these people take advantage of this seasonal spirit by helping each other. Proof of this almost forgotten gesture of giving is displayed by Sigma Delta Phi, the campus fraternity, which has undertaken various activities throughout the month of December.

The fraternity has provided the Student Center with a colorful, flocked Christmas tree for everyone on campus to enjoy. The members distributed barrels about the campus in order to collect toys for underprivileged children. These greatly needed toys will be donated to the U. S. Marine Corps Reserve's Toys For Tots Campaign here in Waco.

Nonperishable foods were also donated by members and will make up a Christmas basket which will enable a family selected by the Salvation Army to enjoy a holiday meal.

With the co-operation of the Waco Junior Chamber of Commerce, the organization in charge of the local Christmas parade held on Saturday, Dec. 6, members of Sigma Delta Phi president-Don Gorham and vice-president-John Snow carried the MCC banner and an adjoining sign of their organization. Other members entertained the crowd by throwing to the onlooking, ecstatic children bubble gum carried in a 'little red wagon.' Similar amusement enjoyed by both the people attending the parade and the fraternity included members riding mini-bikes, bicycles, skateboards, and wearing roller skates down Washington from Fourteenth to Fourth Streets.

Federal Probation Officer Says

U.S. Court Systems Overloaded

BY CAROLYN HARRIS

Henry Griffin, a United States Probation and Parole Officer spoke in the Fine Arts theater Dec. 4. His topic was the Federal Court System, and he answered questions from the audience about the system and about his work as a parole officer.

"The chief problem in federal and state court systems," said Griffin, "is that we have more business than we can handle." He gave as a basic reason for this the present emphasis on

people's rights. He described the country as being on a "rights kick."

Other problems in the court system are caused by the ease of reversing a decision on a technicality. Griffin said that there is almost no conviction, no matter what the crime, that cannot be reversed in a court of appeals because of some technicality.

In response to a question, Griffin said one reason for such long delays in bringing a person to trial is postponement of the case by the person's attorney.



UNITED STATES Probation and Parole Officer and MCC Trustee Henry Griffin spoke to a group of students and faculty members in the Fine Arts Theater on Dec. 4 about the parole system and his work as an officer.

This is often done in cases where public opinion is strongly against the defendant.

"It is to the defendant's advantage to have his case put off even if he is not guilty," stated Griffin. He explained that since some burden of proof that he is not guilty falls on the defendant, having public opinion on his side (or silent) is an advantage.

A large part of Griffin's work as a federal probation officer involves the preparation of presentence reports on persons found guilty in a district court. Presentence reports cover a person's life from birth to the present, including all school records, marital history, religious life, and military records. The judge makes a thorough study of a defendant's presentence report before sentencing him.

Griffin feels there is no longer a system of checks and balances in the federal government which can limit the federal court system in any way. Thus the Supreme Court has license to interpret a law any way it sees fit. Not even the congressmen who wrote the laws have the power to make the Supreme Court interpret them as the congressmen intended when they were written.

Other topics discussed by Griffin included the dangers of drugs, especially marijuana, women prisoners and the variety of offenses for which they are arrested, and the tracing of a criminal case from the time of the indictment until the case is carried all the way to the Supreme Court.

Griffin is a member of MCC's Board of Trustees and was its first chairman. He was also chairman of the steering committee which was instrumental in the development of the college.

Circle K Given Special Recognition

Circle K, a campus service club, received international recognition Tuesday, Dec. 2, during a special gathering of Circle K members and their sponsoring organization, Northwest Waco Kiwanis Club.

The Kiwanis International Charter was formally presented along with a symbolic gavel and gong to MCC's Circle K at the meeting. Guest speaker was Todd Brown, Lt.-Governor of the Texas-Oklahoma District of Circle K, who addressed the group on the subject of a better relationship between members of Circle K and the Kiwanis Club.

Brown, a Baylor student, also spoke on the subject of campus protesting and told of a recent survey run by Circle K members covering schools in the Southeast. Placing booths providing stationery at various locations on the grounds of the campus allowed students with a 'leaf' to write their congressmen. Unfortunately, "sounding off" by mail did not appeal to college students, since very few letters were written. But it was found that the students who did correspond received responses from their local politicians.

The club held a Christmas party for two dorms of children from the State Home Dec. 11, aided by the MCC girls sorority. The girls furnished decorations and refreshments, while the men provided gifts and a "Santa", Larry Cumberi.

Editorial**Can't Cope With Those Apples**

Rumor has it that some certain members of the Student Government could be asked for their resignations. The "Highlanders' Guide" outlines the procedure for such a practice, and for excessive absences or misconduct, a representative is subject to being asked for his resignation. Failure to resign would probably result in impeachment charges.

As far as some members of the Student Government are concerned, the sooner they resign the better. Many, in fact the large majority of the members, are hard-working, diligent students who have a genuine interest in the college and its dealings with the community as a whole. However, as in most cases, there are a few sour apples in the bunch. These sour apples could do themselves as well as the college a tremendous help by ending it all with their voluntary resignations.

In The Attic

It's near the end of the year, and about this time we start making some kind of a list of New Year's resolutions. And, in the case of the Highland Herald, it marks the last issue before this editor wills his typewriter to another. The Highland Herald changes editors every January.

It serves us well to look back at some of the developments over the past year, and think back to some of the rights and wrongs that have been done. Not all of the things we would like to mention could be said here in these few lines, but anyway, here is our official incomplete list of uncomplete editorial comments left over from the year's activities.

The Student Government saw the surprise election of a liberal candidate, and also the resignation of that same president shortly after the beginning of the fall term....

The Highland Herald, in one of the worst journalism blunders known to the department, misspelled "Psychology" in a leading headline. . . . This editor has watched with eager anticipation for the new hit movie "35 in the Attic" to emerge from operation KGB. . . .

This fall saw Los Angeles Rams scouts converge on an obscure high school football field to watch Circle K crush Sigma Delta Phi in two straight flag football games. . . . The staff of the Highland Herald has vowed to the Baptist Student Union not to change the coverage of campus clubs. . . .

The English department has kept up the good work of falling a large number of students. . . . Rumor has it that Norman Maller is on the way to take the second semester of freshman English--he's a cinch to flunk with the department's normal procedure and high standards. . . .

For the benefit of the fraternity, we have slated a game with West Junior High School of Waco, with the time and place pending. . . . The Student Supreme Court, in a series of sweeping decisions, finally put the stop to parking violations, and indeed, made some headway. . . . Now all someone has to do is pick up the banner of better parking facilities and get something done about it. . . .

For the third semester in a row, somebody failed to have a Student Directory printed for all of us male chauvinists to use when dialing some of the fair damsels on campus. . . .

Panty Pandemonium

And speaking of fair damsels, across town a month or so ago, "panty pandemonium" occurred, according to the Baylor Lariat. Yes, it was a little after midnight, and the first panty raid in several years was staged on the Baylor campus, heart of the fairest maidens in Texas. According to conservative reports, about 35 pairs of the "dainty delicacies" were carted off by egotistic males.

Last spring, some of us heard the worst ecology for the first time, and Dr. Guy Bush of the University of Texas at Austin woke a few of us up to what was happening as he lectured on Earth Day.

Looking through the mail, a letter arrived the other day from a Philadelphia firm which took in women wanting abortions. The price was around \$300, and the firm sent the girl to New York, had the operation performed, and promised to have her out of the hospital the same day. . . . An advertisement also appeared in a recent issue of Look magazine. There is all kinds of talk from UT-Austin about abortionists, but of course they're illegal because of Texas' absurd laws concerning abortions. . . . maybe our legislators will soon take the hint and get something done so Texas women will no longer have to suffer. . . .

The year's award for outstanding goal in the unscholastic category goes to Tappa Kogga Day, fraternity for the drama department. In addition to being original and clever, this may be one group that practices what it preaches. . . .

Scotch On The Rocks

Thanks go out to all those who filled out questionnaires recently handed out by the Journalism department. Our readership was about as equally distributed as we had thought, but an alarming number of students didn't know the name of the paper. One enterprising soul suggested we change the name to "Scotch on the Rocks." Not to be laughed at, though, surely people would remember that one. . . .

But from now on to you all, no hard feelings whatsoever, and Merry Christmas and a happy and safe New Year and Peace.

Traffic Violators Have Plagued Campus; Yet Rules Are Explicit

During this year more than ever, James Johnson and the other justices on the Student Supreme Court have really cracked down on violators of parking rules on campus. In court sessions, it has been observed that many of the defendants did not seem to understand the regulations regarding parking on campus.

Since a new semester is about to begin it should be to the benefit of students who didn't read the rules for parking during registration that those rules be printed in this issue of the Herald.

All students who expect to drive a vehicle on the campus must obtain a numbered decal for that vehicle. This decal must be placed on the left side of the rear window of the vehicle. Students who fail to display the decal in the proper manner

This Week Is A 'Dead' One

This semester dead week extends from Thursday, Dec. 10 to Wednesday, Dec. 16. This period of time marks the final week of regular classes. During dead week extracurricular activities shall cease. Only review examinations are to be given, with the lone exception being skills and lab finals. The student will be free from all term papers and all other time-consuming projects not previously assigned.

Dead week exists for the benefit of both the teacher and the student. It allows time for the instructor to grade students for work done during the semester and to prepare the exams which are to soon be given. It is a time set aside for the students use so that he might be better able to meet the demands of college policy regarding scholastic requirements.

Dead week includes a weekend this semester, therefore, school sponsored parties are not scheduled. In any case, dead week is for the purpose of studying and for many, depending on how it is used, may mean the difference between passing and failing.

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Officers of the Highland Herald are in the basement of the Student Center.

(on the left rear window) will be fined for a parking violation, except for students driving convertibles, motorcycles, and other such vehicles. These vehicles will require a special decal which should be placed on the left rear bumper.

Students driving a borrowed vehicle may not park in the visitor's lot; students who must park a borrowed vehicle on campus must secure a free temporary parking permit and park in the student parking areas. This temporary parking permit is obtainable from the Director of Student Activities Office at no cost and should be secured as soon as possible. Johnson cautioned that this permit is only good for a week and should be not abused.

"The most frequent violations are parking or blocking a driveway, no decal, and students parking in a visitor's or faculty parking zones," Johnson said, "not to say the least of course the MCC International Speedway College and Powell Drive."

Regulations specify a fine of \$2 for parking violations, and a fine of \$3 for moving violations. Parking fines paid within 72

hours (3 class days) will be reduced to \$1, except for violations involving blocking drives or emergency zones. Students should be particularly careful to observe all speed zones posted on campus. Besides the normal city driving regulations, parking against the flow of traffic and U-turns are considered violations. Students will be fined for parking over marked single parking stripes and for backing into angle parking. Violations must be resolved within two weeks. All grades, records, and transcripts may be withheld until all fines are paid.

When a student has accumulated four parking tickets during a academic year, his campus driving privilege may be suspended for a stipulated period of time, or in some instances, revoked permanently. When a student whose campus driving permit has been suspended is observed driving on campus, action will be taken to convert the suspension to permanent exclusion. Johnson pointed out that for some students this has become bitter reality.

Campus Happenings

The American Red Cross held a blood drive on campus Dec. 7. The Student Government assisted with moving the equipment in and out of the Student Center. A Red Cross spokesman said 28 units of blood were collected.

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The Student Interaction Committee, made up of student from Paul Quinn, T.S.T.L., Baylor, and MCC, has met twice this semester. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 21, in the MCC student center. Anyone who is interested should contact Cary Cobbs or Paul Gartner.

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Members of the Health and Physical Education Dept. attended the Texas Association of Health-Physical Education and Recreation Convention in Fort Worth Dec. 3, 4, and 5. Those attending were Jerry Walsh, Kay Post, Rick Butler, and Jimmy Clayton.

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Students who will need financial aid for the spring semester are urged to see Mr. Hobbs in the Financial Aid office as soon as possible.



WHETHER MANY people know it or not, the bookstore is a good place to do some of that hectic Christmas shopping. Jo Ann Yett examines some of the items the bookstore has to offer.

Parachuting Becomes Popular Sport With Students



BILL SANDERS leaves the plane in fine style displaying the hope he comes down in one piece (?).



HOW MANY thousand feet did you say that was?

Attention, Ladies and Gentlemen! For those of you who don't know it, Waco has it's very own skydiving club and some MCC students are members.

The Waco Sport Parachute Club is housed more or less, at Municipal Airport and offers a complete skydiver's course for all interested.

For the mere sum of \$25 one can undergo six to eight hours of ground training (all equipment furnished) and be ready for your first jump. The jumps will run you \$6 a jump if you're jumping by yourself and \$3 if you jump with others.

If you are interested in becoming a skydiver contact Bill Sanders on campus or phone Jack Peck at 772-6624 after 6 p.m.

Photos By

Tommy Birkes



THEY MAKE it look so easy. In fact they almost had to hold our photographer back in his seat. Tommy wanted to jump so bad he almost went without a chute.



DID YOU ever have that funny feeling in your stomach that something wasn't about to go just right?

English Classes Take Opinion Poll

BY ROBIN LYKINS

High school does not properly prepare a student for jobs or effective business letter and report writing, according to a recent opinion poll conducted by Mrs. Natalie West's English 311 classes. The poll, which was produced for study in inductive thought procedure, included 122 men and 78 women.

The main question on the poll was "Do you think your high school education prepared you adequately in the following ways: For college? For a job? For reading with understanding? For writing effective reports and business letters?" In answer to the first question, 50.5% of the students polled answered, "yes," and 49.5% answered, "no." Two more boys answered yes than no, but the girls tied with an even number agreeing and disagreeing.

The students decided that high school did not prepare them for a job when 62.5% answered, "no," and only 37.5% answered, "yes." Forty-four more boys answered no the question than answered yes. "No" won with the girls by a narrow margin of six. The third question, reading with understanding, received 55.5% of the votes in favor and 44.5% negative. The boys answered with eight more "no's" than "yes's"; the girls thirty more "yes's" than "no's."

The fourth question, for writing effective reports and business letters, lost with 37% positive and 63% negative. The boys answered with 38 more "no's" than "yes's," and the girls answered with 14 more "no's" than "yes's."

One other opinion was asked of the persons polled: "Arrange the following in the order of value to you: Financial success, happiness, service to mankind." Happiness placed highest of all with 56.5% of the category of the most value. Financial success and service to mankind tied with 20% each in the category of highest personal value. The category of least personal value received 43.5% in financial success, 39% in service to mankind, and 13% in happiness. Sixty-eight students gave financial success a neutral rating; happiness received a neutral 48; and service to mankind received a neutral 73 votes.

In summing up, results show that the students placed personal happiness above financial success and service to mankind. They show that--in the opinion of the students, high school does not adequately prepare a student for his future, whether it be on a job, college, or effective reading and writing.

Carillon System Again Operating; Tower Needed

After several weeks of silence the \$15,345 carillon at MCC is now back in operation. The system was shutdown temporarily because it was disturbing students that were working on the production "The Boy Friend." Now that the play is over the system is operating as usual.

There is a need for a tower for the high-powered Schulmerich carillon, according to Dr. Wilbur Ball, president. When the carillon gets its tower, the songs that it will be playing will be carried by the winds over a large area of Waco.

MCC now has an architect making preliminary plans for the tower so the school administration and trustees can make specific plans for construction of a tower in a central location on campus.

"We haven't started any formal effort to obtain the money for the tower, because we don't know how much we need," Ball said. "We may attempt a fund drive, or try other means, but we don't plan to use tax money for it."

The carillon console is housed in the Fine Arts Building on campus and the speakers are mounted on the copper roof of that building which causes the sound to carry into the rooms.

The board of trustees for Cooper Foundation approved the grant for the carillon many months ago, and the instrument was scheduled for delivery to the campus Jan. 15 this year. It has been in actual operation about eight months.

One hundred song selections came with the original purchase, and MCC has 70 more to order. The songs heard most often on campus are "America," "America, the Beautiful," "The Eyes of Texas," and "The Sound of Music." The carillon, was manufactured in Sellersville, Pa.

White, Schwarz Nominees For Piper Award

Dr. Michael White, history instructor, and James Schwarz, biology instructor at MCC, have been selected by a popular vote of the faculty as the school's nominees for Piper Professors of 1971.

The Minnie Stevens Piper Foundation honors 10 professors during the year for outstanding achievements in the academic, scholarly, and scientific field. Those receiving the award will be named "Piper Professors" and given \$1,000.

White, who has been at MCC since it opened in 1966, is the associate director of media services and instructor in MCC's social sciences department. He received his degrees at Baylor University.

Schwarz holds degrees from Southwest Texas State College and Kansas State Teachers College, and he has done work and research at the University of Oklahoma. By doing this work he was awarded a National Science Foundation grant in the summer of 1968 and an extension for continued research at MCC.

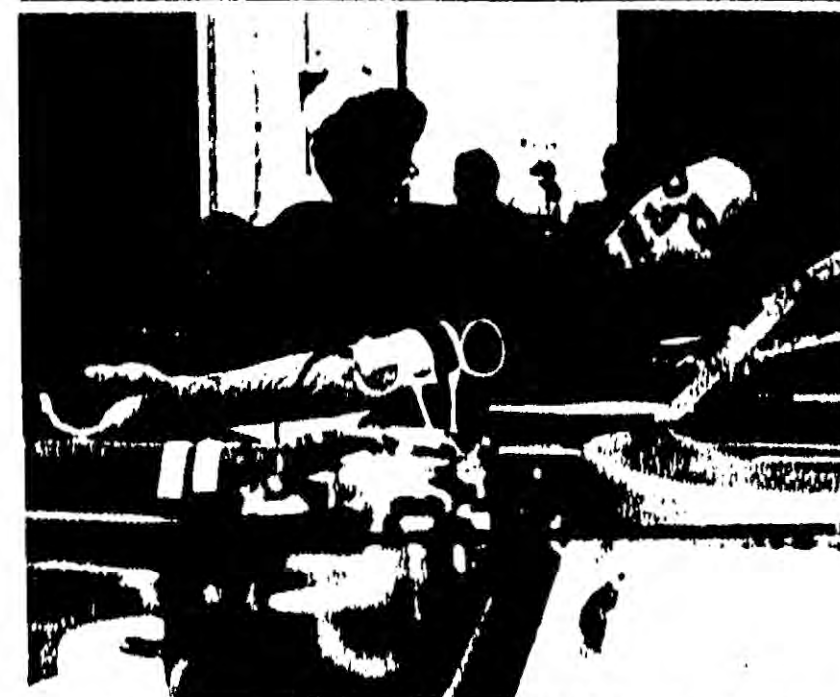


STUDENT GOVERNMENT Parliamentarian Gary Jinks rewinds the film projector possibly for the last time because of the poor turnout of students at the film classics that are shown every Friday at 10.

McLennan Community College Exam Schedule

December 10-16 DEAD WEEK

EXAM TIME	Thursday, December 17
8:00-10:15 a.m.	Classes meeting at 8:00 a.m. on T-T
10:45-1:00 p.m.	Classes meeting at 10:15 a.m. on T-T
2:00-4:15 p.m.	Classes meeting at 1:40 p.m. on T-T
Friday, December 18	
8:00-10:15 a.m.	Classes meeting at 8:00 a.m. on M-W-F
10:45-1:00 p.m.	Classes meeting at 11:00 a.m. on M-W-F
2:00-4:15 p.m.	Classes meeting at 1:00 p.m. on M-W-F
Monday, December 21	
8:00-10:15 a.m.	Classes meeting at 9:00 a.m. on M-W-F
10:45-1:00 p.m.	Classes meeting at 12:00 noon on M-W-F
2:00-4:15 p.m.	Classes meeting at 2:00 p.m. or later on M-W-F
Tuesday, Dec. 22	
8:00-10:15 a.m.	Classes meeting at 9:25 a.m. on T-T
10:45-1:00 p.m.	Classes meeting at 12:15 p.m. on T-T
2:00-4:15 p.m.	Other classes not scheduled above
EVENING CLASSES	
Wednesday, December 16, 6:40 p.m. - All classes meeting at 6:40 p.m. on M-W	
Thursday, December 17, 6:40 p.m. - All classes meeting at 6:40 p.m. on T-T	
Monday, December 21, 6:40 p.m. - All classes meeting at 8:15 p.m. on M-W	
Tuesday, December 22, 6:40 p.m. - All classes meeting at 8:15 p.m. on T-T	



THE RED Cross bloodmobile came to MCC Dec. 7 and received 28 units from students wishing to contribute to a worthwhile cause. Greg Bryant was one of those generous donors.

Roundballers Struggling For Success

BY CHARLES MOONEY

The Highlanders have had their ups and downs during this young basketball season, mustering a 4-6 record as of Dec. 4. MCC has won two of its last four games--a cliff-hanger past Howard Payne in non-tournament action and a run-away against Grayson County in the Hill Junior College Tournament.

With only seconds remaining, Jimmy Knox passed off to Harry Johnson who put the winning two points on the scoreboard against Howard Payne's Junior Varsity, 83-81, on Nov. 23. Robert Gill was high point man for the Highlanders with 21 points. The last six minutes was played without starters Bob Jochee and Iveon Mitchell, who fouled out. Highlanders gained their edge by sinking 19 freethrows against 17 for Howard Payne.

The Highlanders jumped to an early lead against Panola in the first round of the Hill Tournament, but were defeated, 96-93. Greg Procell, from Panola, had a hot hand, firing 40 points. Harry Johnson pumped in 31 points for the Highlanders while Dan Burzynski hit 10 field goals and four free throws for 24 points.

Strength from the bench helped MCC bounce ahead of Grayson County and hold on to win, 90-73, in the first consolation game of the Hill Tourney. MCC's attack was led by Harry Johnson with 22 points, along with Bob Jochee and David Broadnax each with 20 points, and Jimmy Knox with 10.

In the Temple Tournament, MCC was defeated by Temple, 90-75. Dan Burzynski had the high point position for the Highlanders with 18. Bob Jochee had 16.

The Highlander's first conference game was slated for Dec. 8 against Southwestern Christian College at Terrell.

Meeting

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the editor of the state bulletin and the host school discussion privileges and motion making power but no vote.

In other business, the schools discussed the possibility of having extramural sports between the different regions. Jim Hayes from Tarrant County Junior College said he received a letter from the Texas Inter-Collegiate Student Association suggesting competition between junior and senior college schools. MCC said it was not familiar with TISA, but the schools decided that such competition was not fair.

The schools in the region did decide to go ahead and have intramural play March 6 at Temple Junior College. They decided to have an all-star tournament with each team consisting of no more than 12 players. The school also adopted rules for play at the tournament.

At 1:12 that afternoon MCC resigned as Region VI president and Central Texas College assumed presidential duties. MCC cannot legally hold office as state parliamentarian and region president. The meeting adjourned shortly after.