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## Course Drops Indicate Student Attitudes

By Doug Garrett

In recent weeks there has been growing concern over a seeming rise in student drops.

This year statistics point out a very interesting fact. The increase does not seem to be in the number of drops, but in how aware people are of them.

Last year 1,493 courses were dropped by students. This year 1,519 drops have been initiated by students. When one considers that there has been a significant increase in enrollment this year, that increase is even less significant.

But the time of the semester when the most drops occur has not arrived yet. The period of the semester just after Thanksgiving is usually when more courses are dropped than

any other time of the semester.

This is also the time when such things as term papers are assigned and D slips are sent out.

The counselors have noted what Keith Geisler called "a prevailing attitude among the students and the faculty."

Many of the explanations given for this can be grouped under the general heading of decreased social pressures and increased economic pressures.

"Possibly people are realizing that a college education is not a necessity," said Counselor John Nobis.

Dean of Student Services Larry Gilliam pointed out that men also no longer have the threat of the draft to keep them in school.

Geisler said that a great

many students are citing economic reasons for dropping courses. "The kids seem to be putting their work ahead of their classes," said Nobis.

Counselor Joyce O'Rear said, "When a student is attempting too much, something has to give."

When a student is faced with deciding between dropping a course or losing a job the fact that the student must eat usually wins out and the course is dropped.

Another reason cited by Nobis is that it could possibly be that "the students are questioning the relevance of the courses that they are taking."

O'Rear notes that there seems to be a higher rate of course drops among the

academic transfer students who are taking basic requirements. The reason for this is, she said, that many of these courses are not geared to the students' interests.

The two statements above tend to support one another in that they refer to the same set of courses.

The courses that most students have a difficult time seeing as relevant are the same courses that they see as not fitting in to their interests or applying to their majors.

This is possibly the reason that the higher rate of drops is not in evidence in the technical fields as it is in the academic transfer courses.

Nobis said, "In the technical fields, all of the courses are

aimed directly at teaching the student a specific skill. Whereas, in the academic field, this is not the case."

Nobis further supported his view by pointing out that two years ago the technical programs accounted for 20 per cent of MCC's total enrollment.

This semester they account for 40 per cent.

The counselors suggest that students should re-evaluate how they are using their time in order to find where they are wasting time.

They also suggest that students should talk to their teachers before they drop a course.

Gilliam said, "Some teachers will give a student every last chance."

## SG Parliamentarian, Amendment to Face Voters

Student Government Parliamentarian and an amendment to the Student Government Constitution will be voted on Thursday and Friday from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Student Center.

Earl McNeal, sophomore, is the only candidate for the office.

McNeal said the main reason he is running for the office is "I hadn't been very involved in Student Government and now is my chance to run for office."

He said the "total apathy" of the students also played a large role in his decision to run.

"I'd like to make a positive action toward the Student Government of MCC," said McNeal.

Also on the ballot will be the amendment to the Student Government constitution. On the ballot the change will be worded as follows:

Article II, section 2.4 of the Student Government Constitution will be changed from:

Members of the Student Government shall have at the time of their election or appointment a grade point average of 1.0 or better. In determining grade point averages, the last completed semester, whether in high school or college, will be considered. At least a 2.0 semester average must be maintained throughout the Student Government member's term of office; failure to comply will result in removal from office as provided for in Article X of this Constitution.

Constitution.

Members of the Student Government shall have at the time of their election or appointment a grade point average of 2.0 or better. In determining grade point averages, the last completed semester, whether in high school or college, will be considered. At least a 2.0 semester average must be maintained throughout the Student Government member's term of office; failure to comply will result in removal from office as provided for in Article X of this Constitution.

This amendment was proposed due to the recent change from a 3.0 system to a 4.0 system.

## Brazos Drive Project Gets \$50 Boost

The Beautify Waco Project will receive a boost when Student Government purchases five shares of land this month. Student Government appropriated \$50 to buy five linear feet of Lake Brazos Drive.

The money will be used to generally beautify the area bought by Student Government.

Sandy Anderson was recognized as an honorary member of Student Govern-

ment. Mrs. Anderson was formally an elected student representative. She had to resign her post when she dropped a class and became a part-time student.

In her present position as honorary member of Student Government, Mrs. Anderson has all the powers and privileges of her former office except voting.

"I may not be able to vote but

I can still move mountains," said Mrs. Anderson.

Billy Richardson and Elaine Moxley were appointed to a committee to decide if MCC will enter the Paul Quinn Homecoming Parade Saturday.

Student Government appropriated \$200 to Afro Student Kindred for a dance the club will hold after the first home basketball game.

# Ball Speaks at Honor Society's Initiation

White candles flickering in the hands of initiates culminated the Phi Theta Kappa initiation ceremony, Nov. 8 in the Lecture Hall.

Don Reeves, club sponsor, gave the welcoming address. Mark Jones, president, and Miss Nancy Amick, secretary, performed the initiation ceremony.

Phi Theta Kappa is a junior college honorary fraternity.

Jones told the newcomers the purposes, aims and aspirations of Phi Theta Kappa.

After hearing explanations of

the various symbols of the organization, initiates came to the front and lit white candles, symbols of purity.

Miss Gail Urbanovsky, vice-president, introduced the initiates to the audience.

She then introduced Dr. Wilbur Ball, president, as "the one and only president MCC has ever had."

"I'm going to talk about my favorite subject... MCC," said Ball. He gave a slide presentation entitled "Stockholder's Report."

He said that all students are

stockholders because they have an interest in the way the college is run.

MCC has three major functions as a community college, Ball said. First, it is academic; second, it has technical vocational occupations; third, it has a continuing education program.

Counseling and guidance are offered to students in any of these programs.

"We're a complete community college. It is our business, we feel, to take a 50 year old man and a 40 year old

woman... and teach them to read and write," Ball said.

Financing for the college and the building on campus were also discussed.

"Seventy per cent of the money we use to pay day-to-day bills... are from state and federal sources," said Ball. He added that tuition and fees are 15 percent of the total budget.

At this stage the building program is producing "ugly pocmarks and mud," but upon completion the campus will have expanded to include a four-story Administration

Classroom Building, a Student Center addition and a Health Careers Building, said Ball.

Ball also noted sports at MCC. The major sports are basketball, baseball, tennis and golf, he said.

New initiates present for the ceremony were Linda Dillard, Regina Talbert, Bettye Bow, Laura Lavender, Karen Triplett, Dannie Taylor, Philip Speacemaker, Robert Martin Jr., Henry Van Smith, Larry Thompson, Dennis Fink, Wayne Kleypas and Lanny Mayo.

# Data Processing Students Visit EDS in Dallas

Data Processing students and personnel went to Dallas to visit the Electronic Data Systems Corporation (EDS) Nov. 6. Tom Hendricks, EDS host, gave the 32 MCCers a tour and presentation of the \$100 million computer company.

The company has been operating for about 11 years. EDS began with an investment of \$1,000 from Mr. and Mrs. Ross Perot and an aunt.

EDS specializes in long term contracts, five to eight years, in implementing the computer

systems for large companies.

The main service of EDS is to design, train, install and implement the data systems for its many accountants.

Many of the Data Processing students said they were impressed by the complexity of the

computer system they viewed.

Students also said they were impressed by the organization of the large operation.

"They were so well organized. Every operator has a designated assignment and sets about to accomplish it with such enthusiasm," said Joyce Barnes. "The idea that a company can transmit and receive data from so many different states was really

amazing."

Patrick Johnson said he learned "how important regulation of temperature is in running a computer center." He and others said a five degree rise in temperature would stop operations.

Barbara Murphey said, "I wasn't much impressed. I didn't like the stereotype computer operators."

# Butterfield Lectures on Letter Writing

America's leading author and lecturer on business correspondence, W. H. Butterfield, conducted a seminar in the HPE Lecture Hall on Nov. 6.

The seminar, "How to Make Your Letters Build Business and Good Will," was aimed at

helping professional businessmen write more effective and influential letters.

The psychology of good letter writing was applied to credit and collection correspondence, adjustment letters and business promotion letters. Techniques

of public relations by mail were discussed and illustrated. Successful letters were analyzed to show specific qualities.

About 78 professional people attended the seminar.

# Common Cause Presents Film Today

Common Cause, a political lobbying organization, will present a film in the Lecture Hall today at 10 a.m.

The film will mark the beginning of an MCC membership drive by Common Cause. William Greiner is membership drive co-ordinator at MCC.

Common Cause has been described by its founder as "a people's lobby." Common Cause is not affiliated with any political party or other group.

Common Cause was founded to help restore the faith of the American people in their government. This is accomplished by organizing the

people and encouraging them to take part in their government.

Common Cause is now active in all 50 state capitals and in Washington D. C.

The recently passed ethics and campaign funding bills were all strongly supported by Common Cause.

# Complaints Find Home

Importing beautiful girls and a bigger travel bus for basketball players were only two of the suggestions made at the Complaint Table in the Student Center.

Student Government is in charge of the table. Vice president of Student Government Harold Nolte and student representative DeAnn Smith are in charge of manning the table with Student Government members and screening the complaints.

Any student on campus may complain about anything he feels needs changing. All complaints are written down and read by the coordinators. All valid complaints are brought before the Student Government for consideration.

Any and all students having complaints are welcome to talk to the student running the table. The table is manned from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday.

# MCC Nursing Students Recognized at Ceremony

The college chapter of the Texas Nursing Student Association was recognized on Student Nurses' Day last Thursday at a ceremony conducted by Dalton Tynes, RN, president of the District 10 chapter of the Texas Nursing Association.

Tynes recognized Bill O'Neal, president of the campus TNSA chapter, at ceremonies in the HPE Lecture Hall in accordance with Texas Nurses' week last week.

Mrs. Dorothea Jo Lanoux, faculty sponsor, and Mrs. Joann Schoon, director of the associate degree nursing program, also participated in the program.

Associate degree nursing students attend classes and

clinical practice at local hospitals for two years. They are then eligible to take the examination given by the Board of Nurse Examiners for the State of Texas to become registered nurses.

MCC's program is accredited by the Texas Education Agency, the State of Texas and the National League of Nursing.

TNSA sponsors Red Cross Blood Drives as a community service, as well as regularly inviting representatives from the local medical community to lecture at their meetings.

Mrs. Florence Franklin, nursing instructor, and Mrs. Agnes Britt from the Veteran's Administration helped coordinate the week-long event.

# WLSA Presents Award

Mrs. Linda Jean Dillard, sophomore, has been named the recipient of the 1973 Waco Legal Secretaries Association Scholarship.

A legal secretary major, Mrs. Dillard was named winner of the \$300 scholarship by a committee headed by WLSA life charter member Mrs. Kitty Hawthorne. Committee members are Miss Wilma Harrell and Mrs. Evelyn Conroy.

The WLSA has awarded a scholarship for secretary majors to various students in the Waco area since its beginning in 1956. Mrs. Dillard is the 17th person to receive a scholarship from the Association.

Working through the student work-study program with the MCC Public Information Office, Mrs. Dillard coordinates an MCC radio show over radio station WACO.

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## Experimentation in Painting - A Way of Expanding Talent

By Cathy Sulak

Miss Patricia Tillman says she can't remember how long she's been drawing things. The closest she can come to recollecting is the first time she was able to handle a pencil. And that's close enough.

Now the sophomore smiles when she talks about the stacks of drawings and paintings she has stashed away in her closet. "I'll never throw them away," she said. "They aren't just something you throw away and forget about. Sometimes it's fun to go back and look at some of my first work."

But Miss Tillman no longer doodles on the inside of book covers to display her talent. Give her some paper and a pencil, some canvas and a paint brush and she'll do what she does best—the work of an artist.

"Art courses in high school are more like arts and crafts classes," she said. "They don't teach you anything about design or perspective. In college it's a whole new world. There were so many things I didn't realize about art before I came to MCC."

Now Miss Tillman is not only involved in realistic painting, but in what she calls "spontaneous" painting.

"In a way it's like abstract painting. I don't really plan a painting before I pick up a brush. I just let it happen while I'm working."

It was this creating-while-painting technique that won her the second place honor in last year's annual campus art show.

It is also the technique she would like to use some day to help make her artist's dream come true.

"Some day I'd like to paint a really huge painting. I'd have a canvas as big as a wall and take buckets and buckets of paint and absolutely, physically put everything into it," she said. "It would be something that would be physically, as well as mentally, exerting."

That kind of exertion requires an inner drive, said Miss Tillman, a drive to be able to do something successfully.

"You have to care about what you're doing."

She smiles when she talks of one of the first times her care and patience paid off—the time she came up with a flag design for Reicher High School and won a \$25 savings bond for doing so.

Two years later, when she was a junior at Richfield High School, Miss Tillman did the same thing and was awarded a \$50 savings bond.

Now, besides drawing for The Highland Herald and going to classes five days a week, Miss Tillman works in the art department of the Advertising and Marketing Associates Company in Waco.

Handling paste-up work and lay-out designs, Miss Tillman is presently involved in setting up a series of educational story-books for children in the Florida school system.

Miss Tillman plans to transfer to the University of Texas in Austin where she will complete her major in art, taking both studio painting and commercial art courses.

"I'd like to get into commercial art and advertising," she said. "The experience I'm getting at AMA right now will

really help me a lot."

As with other budding artists, experimentation is another one of the ways Miss Tillman expands her talent, as well as her curiosity.

"The other day I cracked an egg over a canvas and poured melted wax and crayons over it and then sprayed it with enamel," she said.

"It turned out as sort of a disappointment for me. At first it looked pretty horrible. But as I worked with it, it started to turn out just like I wanted it. After a while, though, all the color faded."

But Miss Tillman realizes a few disappointments and mistakes do not make a person a failure, only human.

"Sometimes I get into moods when I just can't get excited about anything and other times I'm exploding with ideas."

Miss Tillman said she usually likes to do her painting, drawing and sculpturing at home where she can shut her door to be alone and let her imagination run free.

"Sometimes it's not easy because there isn't enough space and I've got to be careful not to get anything on the carpet or paneling," she said.

Comparing drawing, painting and sculpturing with playing a guitar or writing songs, Miss Tillman said she believes art is a large part of the personality of the artist who creates it.

Miss Tillman said she sometimes has a hard time expressing her feelings to others.

What she can't say in words, she says in painting.

## Singers Reunite Thanksgiving Weekend

The first reunion of The McLennan Singers at MCC is scheduled for the Thanksgiving weekend, Nov. 23 and 24.

Kenneth Alford, original director of The Singers and instructor, will direct 30 of the returning Singers and the 50 members of the 1973-74 Singers in a performance of "Brahm's

Requiem."

The combined Singers will perform the complete score in English with the soprano sung by Miss Caterina Melelli, voice teacher. The baritone solo will be sung by David Westerfield, freshman.

Alford said a complete performance of the "Requiem" has

not been performed in Waco in some years.

The reunion will begin Nov. 23 with two rehearsals followed by a buffet dinner party. Two more rehearsals will be Nov. 24.

The performance is at 7:30 p.m., Nov. 24 in the Student Center. It is open to the public and admission is free.

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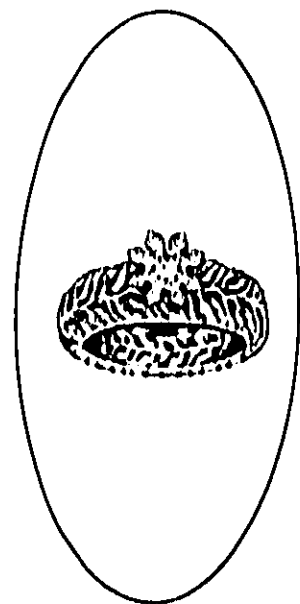
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## Editorial

# Library Resources Unavailable to Students

By Carroll Neighbours

On Oct. 3, The Highland Herald ran an editorial on library hours at MCC. Evidently, some people really don't understand the importance of the library being open on weekends.

Student Government formed a library committee to investigate the problem. The committee reported that the library staff said it would be too much work to keep the library open on weekends.

We fail to understand the logic of this excuse. Are the students unworthy of five hours extra a week by the library staff? Or is MCC unwilling to pay the money needed to keep the library open?

Certainly money would be no hindrance when student well-being is involved. After all, any campus that would send \$170 to California for a cement "trash receptacle" in lieu of requesting a local institution to design one for less money would surely be willing to keep an educational resource open for five hours on a Sunday afternoon.

As to the worthiness of students, this is debatable.

The library staff argues that few people are in the library during the week and, therefore, there is no need to keep the building open on a Sunday.

We contend that a lack of students during the week may be the very reason the library

should be open weekends.

MCC students do not necessarily have the opportunity to visit the library during the week. Working 40 hours and carrying 15 hours at school puts quite a dent in scheduling library time during the week.

Naturally these students spend little if any time in the library during weekdays. But if they could spend time on weekends, they could lighten that D-slip burden hanging over their heads.

Administrators have expressed concern over the high drop rate this semester. Students seem to have over-extended themselves.

We wonder how many of these students would not have dropped if they had been able to study in the MCC library over the weekends.

However, there is the argument: Students can always go to the Baylor library to study.

But does Moody Library have MCC language tapes? Does it have our History 351 multi-media course tapes, slides and scripts? Are MCC students allowed to check out books or tapes at Baylor?

The answers to these questions are no, no and no.

Baylor is not and should not be responsible for MCC courses. Yet there is no where else our

students can go to do research on a Sunday.

MCC professes to be a progressive school. We have audio-tutorial science classes, taped language lectures, a multi-media history class and videotaped documentaries.

Yet, somehow, the students were left out.

In the administrative race to obtain the most modern facilities, accessibility to these facilities was buried with student need.

Granted, MCC has excellent facilities. But there is something missing. Could it be that MCC has forgotten to include students?



Clif Hill

## Clif Hill Keeps Busy As Work-Study Student

By Pam Zahorik

Many students know Clifton Hill is president of Student Government. What many of them don't know is Hill is a member of the Air Borne Reserves, a bookstore work-study student, "health nut" and is majoring in psychology.

Hill joined the reserves while he was still in high school. After graduation he was sent to California for reserve training. When his training was completed the reserves sent Hill to Georgia for Air Borne training.

"Reserves is nice. I've got three years left to serve," said Hill.

A native of Marlin, Hill decided to enter MCC after reserve training. He is working

in the bookstore and attending school.

"I needed the money when I applied for a work-study job. Being in school you need money for school and for an apartment," said Hill. "My weekends are for studying and I have reserve duty once a month."

Being a work-study student isn't easy, especially when a student works in the bookstore. Hill makes deliveries, runs the cash registers, keeps a written account of things that get sent back to companies, accepts deliveries from companies and files order copies.

Tennis, swimming, dancing and psychology are some of

Hill's hobbies. But his favorite is jogging. He runs about two and a half miles a day at the Waco practice field or down North 19th Street.

"A healthy body makes a healthy mind. I feel better when I run than when I don't," said Hill.

Hill plans to attend North Texas State University next year. He is majoring in psychology and minoring in sociology.

"I want to be a psychologist not a psychiatrist. To be a psychiatrist you have to be a certified neurosurgeon. I want to talk to people and help with their problems but I don't want to operate on them."

## 'Ringo' - With a lot of Help From His Friends

By Rob Barrington

It's hard to find fault in an album like this, perhaps because it's not the music so much as it is the man. Ringo's new offering was never meant for you mental unicorns out there; you prospective Bowie-Beethovens still strung out on Highway 61.

Open your window, let in some warmth and unpretentiousness and dig this cartoonish reminder to himself that, for some absurd reason "The Fool on the Hill" is a star.

Just for the record, all four Beatles appear on this disc. The liner credits show that their contributions are limited and widely separate. This is no Beatles album. But the old sound

croops up again and again throughout the album, and the distance between the four grows less with each hearing.

Ringo's new single, "Photograph," is on the album and a lot of people think that it's the closest thing to a Beatles single to come out since their break-up.

The wealth of some musicians and composers on this album is unreal. Besides all the Beatles, you have people like Billy Preston, Nicky Hopkins, Harry Nilsson, Randy Newman and The Band.

One of the nicest cuts on the album is a George Harrison song entitled "Sunshine Life for Me." It's a hoedown-type thing, straight from the hills, and it's also an unbelievably "catchy" tune. The sort of song that gets into your head and decides to stay a few weeks.

The same goes for McCartney's "Six O' Clock," and, now that I think about it,

everything else on this LP.

The album opens and closes on a positive note. The first cut is a Lennon song called "I'm the Greatest" and Ringo makes it a refreshingly brisk Lennon

number. You don't get a hung-up feeling from it at all. It's up, light Lennon, with much-needed help from his friends.

In much the same way, Ringo closes the album with a spoken

message. It's just a simple thank you to all the musicians and a "Goodnight Everybody" to all the listeners. But it's perfect. A stable, happy ending to a happy album.

## Rising Costs Not Without Solutions

By Carolyn Dodson

Seems everyone is coming up short these days...short of money and a lot of items money used to buy.

There is a shortage of coat hangers, of baling wire, of fuel oil, wheat and cotton, and now a shortage of pocket material for men's pants.

But the problems are not without solutions.

Solution No. 1—Hang a male and female coathanger at the darkest end of the most frequently used closet. Wait the two-week gestation period and return to find a family of coat hangers. Never fails.

Solution Nos. 2 and 3—If in Solution No. 1 your breeding stock disappears, wear all the clothing you cannot hang. Then you won't notice the shortage of heating oil.

Solution No. 4—Instead of conventional balls, snowball hay in six to eight foot "wheels" and roll them into the barn. (Don't smirk, farmers tried it.)

Solution No. 5—Collect all class handouts and sell by the ton to the local paper dealer. It will ease the paper shortage and pay your way through school.

Solution No. 6—Even if you

have the bread to buy bread, wheat deals are making it scarce. So get a Russian pen pal to send CARE packages.

Solution No. 7—To ease the demands for cotton which the U.S. exported to its "friends," get a summer membership in the Lazy Day Nudist Camp and spend winters shivering. Sell used Levi's for a high price. Denim mills are a hundred million yards short.

Solution No. 8—This is the easiest. A trouser pocket shortage is no problem. Few people have much to put in them anyway.

In the Nov. 7 issue of The Highland Herald, it was reported that the Beautiful Waco Project was selling land for \$2.50 a linear foot. The land cost \$10 a linear foot. We apologize.

# Energy Conservation Committee Appointed

In view of the energy crisis now facing the nation and increasing utility costs at MCC, an Energy Conservation Committee was recently appointed by Dr. Wilbur Ball, president.

The principal purpose of the committee will be to study and recommend ways in which energy and water can be conserved in the operation of the campus.

Acting upon a suggestion brought up by Board member

W. Earl Harrison at the October Board of Trustees meeting, Ball pointed out that the budget for electricity, natural gas and water for 1973-74 is \$103,253.

"This is dramatic evidence of the dimensions of the problem, as well as the opportunity for conservation of both utilities and money. This amount includes only a small fraction of the utilities to be consumed by the three buildings now under construction and none of the cost of additional lighting for

the new streets and parking lots," said Ball.

All possible means of conservation will be considered, even though they may require "drastic" changes in current operating practices, such as the scheduling of classes and room and office assignments.

Clyde Koehne, division director of social studies and communications, will head the committee which will meet for the first time tomorrow at 2:15

p.m. and aim to complete its work by Feb. 1.

Other members of the Conservation committee are Mel Post, director of administrative services; T. W. Chaffin, superintendent of the physical plant; Miss Joyce O'Rear, counselor; Dr. Michael White, associate director of media services; Robert K. Willis, dean of continuing education; Dan Walker, instructor; and Mrs. Edna Clayton, secretary to the

director of nursing.

Student Government President Clif Hill will represent the student body as a member of the committee.

Ball also said the committee may use professional consultants for assistance, as well as all other campus personnel.

"The committee has both the moral and financial support of the college," said Ball. "There are all kinds of possibilities they can consider."

## The Library as a Resource Versus The Library as a Business

By Christine Casper and Cathy Sulak

From a librarian's point of view, a library is a business. From a student's point of view, a library is a means he uses to further his education.

In a survey this week, 90 per cent of 132 students interviewed said they use the library at least once a week.

"I'd like to use it more often but I don't always have time," said sophomore Gail Urbanovsky.

"People like me have to work and that doesn't leave time to study on weekdays," said Neil Gayden, sophomore.

More than 75 per cent of the students work at least parttime, five days a week.

Many of these students can be found at Baylor's Moody Library doing work they could not do at MCC's library, not because the library did not have the information they needed, but because the library was not open when they needed it.

Of the 132 students, 70 per cent said they wished the library was open on weekends, preferably from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays.

Twenty-seven per cent of the students who do use the library during the week said they would not use the library on the weekends and three per cent said they do not use the library and would not if it were open seven days a week.

"I think it (the library) should be open on weekends with a school this size," said Miss Susie Ware, sophomore. "I can't ever go to the library after school hours because I work."

This was the general idea expressed by the students. For example, one student interviewed carries 16 hours and then works from 3 to 11 p.m. Mondays through Fridays. The only time he can use the library is on Saturdays and Sundays. Weekends usually find him at Baylor with the rest of his fellow workers from MCC.

With this sort of schedule, students required to listen to cassette tapes for different courses are in a bind when they find those tapes are not available at the Moody Library.

Working students need to listen to those tapes as much as non-working students. Unfortunately these students have little, if any, time during the week to go to the library to listen to them.

"When I'm doing research for English or history, which is just about always, I really do wish it were open on weekends," said freshman Kathy Johnson.

From these students' points of view, a library is a means of furthering their education if it is open, but a means of hindering it if it is closed.

On the other hand, the people

who run the library see things differently.

The library is open from 7:45 in the morning to 9 at night Mondays through Thursdays. On Fridays, it closes at 5 p.m.

"Usually after one in the afternoon there aren't any more than five people in here at any one time," said John Rasor, reference librarian. "If a need for keeping the library open longer was demonstrated, we would be glad to keep the library open on weekends. Right now, though, that need is not being shown."

The American Library Association requires all junior colleges to be open a minimum of 60 hours a week. The library is open 62 and one-fourth hours a week.

"I feel that if a student is in college, he should be responsible enough to find the time to use the library during those 62 and one-fourth hours," said Charlotte Vrba, a sophomore who is also a work-study library assistant.

"A lot of students carry 16 or 18 hours and still work 40 hours a week. When you take into

## LIBRARY HOURS

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consideration at least an hour of study for each class, eight hours of sleep each night and at least an hour of eating each day, besides attending classes, there just aren't that many hours in a day," said Miss Vrba.

One reason the library is open until 9 p.m. four days a week is so the people taking night courses have an opportunity to use it as well as day students. Even then, the library staff said that it was a crowd if more than a dozen people showed up at night.

"Some students complain that the library doesn't offer as much information as the Baylor library does," said Rasor. "They should take into consideration that we are still a young library. We've been here for about seven years while Baylor is over a hundred years old."

"If they know how much we've progressed from books kept in crates in a TSTI barrack to a new library with over 45,000 volumes," said Rasor, "they'd realize how quickly we've grown."

The library staff estimated

that less than 15 per cent of the student body uses the library each day.

"We usually have to find something for ourselves to do," said Miss Vrba. "Anything to keep ourselves busy."

"I think it costs something like \$40 an hour to keep this library open," said Jamie Iliggenbotham, a freshman library assistant on work-study. "Besides, I wouldn't want to work here on weekends. I don't think many people would come on the weekends anyway. At least, not as many as they say would."

"I probably wouldn't use it myself," said Mrs. Becky Mosby, a freshman, "but I still don't see why people want to use the library on weekends. I just don't think they'd use it. I come here a lot at night and there's hardly ever anyone here."

If the library is to be viewed as a business, these reasons are justified. And if students have to go to another college to use a library on the weekends, then let them go.

But what happens if they don't come back?

## Scotticism

By Cathy Sulak

"Pardon me, sir. I was just on my way to Venus when I happened to come across this protruding sphere of which I had no idea even existed in our galaxy. Would you mind telling me where I am?"

"Why, this is the planet earth!"

"Earth, oh? What did you say your name was?"

"I didn't say, but my full name is Fredrick F. Frog. My friends call me Freddy."

"Oh yes, very nice. Well, Mr. Frog, tell me, what seems to be the great mystery of this planet Earth? What makes it tick?"

"That's kind of hard to answer. You see, us frogs don't hold much ground around here;

it's the beings who do most of the talking."

"Beings?"

"Yes, beings. You probably haven't noticed them. We try to keep them isolated from the rest of us."

"Well, what are they like?"

"The beings? Well now, that's a rather difficult question to answer, too. They mostly just talk. You see, the reason we call them 'beings' is that they keep trying to be something we aren't. They call themselves humans."

"I see. And what do these humans do for recreation?"

"Oh, they always seem to be

doing something or another. Lately they've been playing a game called 'war'. Everyone picks teams and then, at the sound of the buzzer, they commence to beating on one another until someone yells 'uncle', of course, not everyone has time to play. Some of them fight pollution, some of them fight Congress and the rest of them fight each other."

"Oh yes, I think I get the picture. You know, this planet sounds an awful lot like another place I've been hearing about."

"Really, what's it called?"

"Well, you know heaven?"

"Yes."

"Well, that isn't it."

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# Tennis Courts Open During Daylight Hours

Tennis enthusiasts will now be able to play on the courts almost any time, due to a change in policy.

The closed court policy of last semester has been reversed to an open court policy.

Abuse of the courts, such as motorcycle skids on the playing area and ripped nets, led to the closed court policy. Thus, anyone interested in playing a quick set was forced to obtain

special permission to get onto the courts.

The new open court policy allows for greater accessibility to the courts and a greater convenience for the students.

In essence, the policy states that tennis courts will be open during daylight hours each day except when reserved for use by college classes, the tennis team and special groups. Courts are available for public use on a

first come, first serve basis.

Many students are in favor of the new policy.

"Well, I think they should be open. Why shouldn't it (the court) be open? You need it open so that everybody that wants to can play on it," said Rodney Smithy, sophomore.

"I definitely think they should be open as much as could be. It keeps them (students) from using high school courts," said

Mrs. Judy Pack, sophomore.

"I think it (the policy) is better this year. It's more freedom. Before, you had to get permission. I really couldn't see why. Now there's a greater sense of responsibility," said Duane Peterson, sophomore.

"I don't play tennis. It (policy) is pretty good, I guess. Tennis is getting to be more popular than it used to be," said Miss Janice Minchew, sopho-

more.

Although courts are now open, some facilities are lacking. There are no lights or bleachers.

"Daylight hours end at 6 p.m. It (the court) should have lights in—how can you play in the dark? To some year-round tennis players, the cold doesn't make any difference," said Cliff Hill, student government president.

# Paddleball Conditions Muscles, Quickens Reflexes



By Carroll Neighbours

An echo of shouts resounds down the hallway intermingled with the thunder of balls being hit against the wall. People are playing paddleball again.

Paddleball is a variation of handball developed for women, said Tom Harris, director of career guidance.

Harris, an avid paddleball player, said paddleball is "a real good conditioning game."

Harris said he used to play three or four times a week and sometimes on Saturday. He said he gets "so intense" he strained a shoulder muscle a while back and has been unable to play much since.

In August, Harris received eight stitches in his head due to a paddleball injury.

Although Harris has been injured a few times, he still strongly supports the game. He is not the lone supporter of paddleball on campus, however.

John Nobis, counselor and Don Bynum, director of student activities, play a two-out-of-three game each Monday at 4 p.m. Occasionally the handball

courts are full and they have to play in the practice gym.

The baseball team also plays paddleball three times a week.

Rick Butler, coach, said, "Paddleball... is one of the best conditioners for overall conditioning. It utilizes the whole body."

Butler said paddleball utilizes and strengthens legs. It gives the players flexibility and endurance and quickens reaction time.

"These are all things baseball players have to have," said Butler. "Above that, it's fun. The whole team gets together and plays. We get to know each other."

Butler said the social aspect of paddleball is also important. "We see how we can work with each other."

## Sports Capsules

The golf team downed Southwest Texas State 14½-6½ last Thursday in San Marcos at the Quail Creek Country Club.

The squad shot a score of 279, nine-under-par. This is the lowest score shot by this year's team.

John Foster led the team with a 66. Barron Sutton fired a 70, while Bob Ammon scored a 71. Gil Freeman shot a 72 and Tom McConnell had a 74.

The team will play Temple Junior College (TJC) tomorrow in Temple. Tuesday, the squad will play TJC at Woodland West Country Club in Waco.

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Miss Lisa Greene, freshman, studies in the new Reading Room located in the basement of the Student Center. The Reading Room, which is also the Conference Room, contains state and out-of-state catalogs, occupational handbooks, vocational listings, college transfer handbooks and folders of all occupational openings in the United States. The room is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. daily. Exceptions will be posted.



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# Continuing Education Program Growing

By Cathy Sulak

Ken Willis, dean of continuing education, has an ambition eventually to interest one person from each of the 60,000 homes in McLennan County in taking a Continuing Education course through MCC.

"We hope to have over 6,000 students this year," said Willis.

Dean of the program since the spring of 1972, Willis upped that year's number of 168 courses offered to almost 260 in 1973. He anticipates still more in the future.

Enrollment in the program

continues to grow. In 1968, 844 people attended the classes, while in 1971 the figure totaled 2,546 and, in 1972-73, the program registered over 4,000 students.

"Time is an important element," said Willis. "People don't always have time to come for classes on two evenings each week. We understand that, and it's one of the reasons we offer various programs at various times."

Continuing Education classes are offered at any time on any day convenient for a class of 10

or more people to meet. No specific educational level is required of a person to be able to take the non-credit classes.

"Many of our courses result from suggestions given to us by people in the community," said Willis. "People come to us and say, 'Look, we're interested in this,' so we try to help them as much as we can."

One recent addition to Continuing Education is an Adult Basic Education program which will offer to adults in McLennan, Falls, Bosque and Hill Counties courses to help

them achieve from grade level one through a high school equivalency certificate.

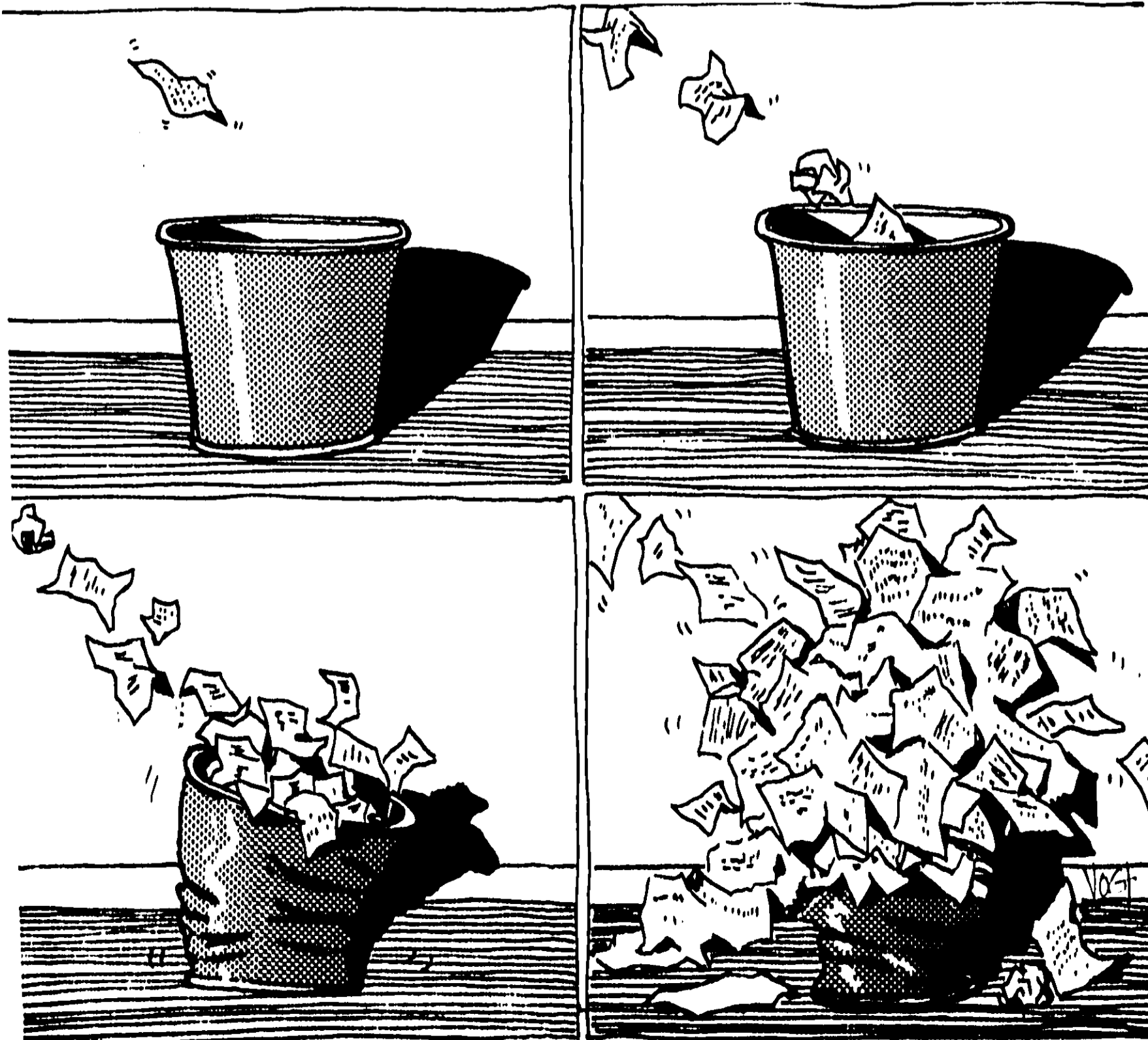
"We have many people who are regular students in Continuing Education," said Willis. "One lady hasn't missed taking a class in 18 months. We appreciate that kind of person."

Continuing Education courses are not only offered on the MCC campus but can be off campus if enough people are interested. Some of the towns in the Waco area where MCC courses are held include McGregor, Moody, Marlin, Rosebud, Cameron and West.

Course have also been offered at various shopping centers, libraries and banks in Waco.

Willis expressed a belief that the program influences some non-credit students to come back to pursue college credit courses.

"Sometimes people who have been out of school a long time don't want to get wrapped up in the formality of class," he said. "Taking non-credit courses helps them realize that they can compete successfully with students right out of high school and often come out on top."



Twass the night before term paper deadline at 10 o'clock.

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Twass the morning of term paper deadline at 8 o'clock.

# TSNA Sponsors Red Cross Blood Drive Dec. 7

The Texas Nursing Student Association (TNSA) will sponsor a Red Cross Blood Drive Dec. 7, on the campus.

Last Friday Mrs. Phyllis Swanton, director of the Central Texas Red Cross Blood Center, met with the TNSA to introduce the goals and purposes of the blood drive.

"The really good thing about our center is that all blood is accepted on a volunteer basis. Therefore, there is no buying or

selling of bad blood," said Mrs. Swanton.

The goal of the campus drive, said Mrs. Swanton, will be to take the yearly awarded trophy away from Waco's Texas State Technical Institute, which has had the trophy since 1971.

The winner of the trophy is determined between TSTI, Baylor University and MCC on a pro-rated basis. MCC must contribute 75 pints of blood to TSTI's 125 and Baylor's 240.

Since 1971, TSTI has so exceeded its quota that it has maintained ownership of the trophy.

"If MCC really gets out and hustles," said Mrs. Swanton, "it can easily take the trophy away from TSTI."

The campus chapter of the TNSA, sponsored by Mrs. Dorothea Jo Lanoux, appointed a committee to make preparations for the upcoming blood drive.

Members of the committee

are Mrs. Linda McKeon, Mrs. Becky Mosby, Miss Trudy Padgett, Bill O'Neal, Miss

Debbie Swanton, Miss Becky Rossom and Miss Paula Hatfield.

## Photography Offered

Color photographs are easier to work with than the usual black and white photographs, according to James Cross, photography instructor.

In a non-credit Continuing Education course, Cross teaches students how to set up a photo laboratory or produce 8x10 color prints for less than 75 cents each.

Students observe the process and then practice the same photography skills and produce

their own color photographs.

Cross not only shows students how easily color photography is done, but also that color processing can be done without the aid of a dark room.

The course begins with basic lessons on cameras and lenses and moves through film and filter selections, lighting and composition techniques, processing the film and retouching, mounting and finishing color prints.

## Gobble, Gobble, ASK Any Turkey

Afro Student Kindred (ASK) is selling tickets for a turkey raffle. Tickets are on sale until Nov. 20, the day three turkeys will be given away.

Tickets may be obtained from any member of ASK or from Louis McGown, counseling intern. His office is in the counseling office in the lower floor of the Student Center.

Tickets are 50 cents.

Three turkeys were purchased by ASK. Winners will receive their turkeys at half-time during the MCC-Abilene Christian College basketball game.

ASK will host a party after the game for students from MCC, Baylor and Paul Quinn so that area students can "get to know

each other better," said Kathy Griggs, club president.

The turkey raffle is one of several money-making projects sponsored by ASK. They have had a car wash and are planning an Afro Style Show.

ASK has no specific purpose for the money. Their aim is to "do something for society."

## Profits To Aid Sandy

Today is Sandy Anderson Day at the Smokehouse and Giovanni's in Lake Air East. All profits from the lunch and dinner runs will be given to the Sandy Anderson Fund.

Mrs. Anderson, sophomore, is a victim of cerebral palsy. She

needs \$15,000 to pay for corrective surgery that is expected to improve her condition.

The public is encouraged to eat at the Smokehouse or Giovanni's today to help raise money for the fund.

## Calendar

Afro Student Kindred Turkey Raffle tickets may be purchased from any ASK member or from Louis McGown for 50 cents. Three turkeys will be given away at the Nov. 20 basketball game.

All students interested in applying for financial aid for the spring semester should submit applications by Dec. 1.

Student Government Complaint Table is open in the Student Center. All students with complaints are asked to bring them to the table.

Persons interested in singles and doubles paddleball competition should sign up in the Student Activities Office or the equipment room in the IPE

building. Players must furnish their own rackets.

Chess tournament entries are now being accepted in the Student Activities Office, basement of the Student Center

### Wednesday, Nov. 14

Sandy Anderson Day at Giovanni's and Smokehouse.

10 a.m.—BMF play Pinty Half Dozen Unidos in volleyball on Court 3.

10 a.m.—Circle K meets in LA105.

10 a.m.—Common Cause is presenting film in the Student Center.

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

10 a.m.—Frats play Rodeo Club in volleyball on Court 2.

10 a.m.—Plaid Vests meet in

FA100. Mike McManigal from the Texas Farmer Union will speak on the fuel shortage and increased food prices.

10 a.m.—Rodeo Club Girls play Circle K Girls in volleyball on Court 1.

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

10 a.m.—Supreme Court meets in Student Center Conference Room.

10 a.m.—Inter-Club Council meets in Faculty Dining Room.

### Thursday Nov. 15

10 a.m. to 2 p.m.—Parliamentarian elections.

### Friday, Nov. 16

Representatives from Jarvis Christian College will be on

campus.

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

10 a.m.—Bumpers play Rodeo Club Girls in volleyball on Court 1.

10 a.m.—Circle K Girls play Chicanos Unidos in volleyball on Court 2.

10 a.m.—Circle K men play Chicanos Unidos Men in volleyball on Court 3.

10 a.m.—McLennan Singers perform a variety show in the Fine Arts Theatre. Admission is free.

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

10 a.m.—Rodeo Club meets in LA105.

10 a.m. to 2 p.m.—Parliamentarian elections.

2 to 4 p.m.—Student Government meets in Student Center Conference Room.

### Monday, Nov. 19

10 a.m.—BMF plays Socks II in volleyball on Court 1.

10 a.m.—M&R plays Dirty Half Dozen in Volleyball on Court 2.

10 a.m.—Robin Hood plays Volleyballers in volleyball on Court 3.

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

### Tuesday, Nov. 20

7:30 p.m.—Highlanders Basketball game against Abilene Christian College junior varsity in the IPE gymnasium.

9:30 p.m. to midnight—Dance in Student Center sponsored by Afro Student Kindred.

## McLennan Singers

The McLennan Singers and a small ensemble will perform Friday at 10 a.m. in the Fine Arts Theatre. This will be the first performance for the small ensemble and the first on-campus performance for the Singers. The Singers will be wearing their new formal tuxedos and long gowns (pictured here). They will give a variety music program.

