



Ball Suggests Campus Leader Organization

At a special meeting of the student government and campus club presidents last week, MCC president Dr. Wilbur Ball proposed an organization of campus leaders to meet on a regular basis to discuss the problems and "gripes" of the students.

"I'd just like to get a cross section of the student body that would be able to communicate directly with me," he said. "I know there is a lack of communication between administrators and students, and we need to do something about it."

Dr. Ball mentioned that he thought it would be unnecessary to have an agenda or keep minutes of the meetings, and that the more informal it was, the better.

"We're not just interested in the students' gripes about social functions on campus, but we're also interested in the students' feelings about our instructional program and many more things."



FRATERNITY PLEDGES have anything but an enviable life, and this little chore is only part of the great fun. For more photos and story, please turn to page three.

Library Facilities Expanding In Resources, Studying Aids

The MCC library is growing in size and versatility. Victor Jeffress, director of library services has released figures on the growth of the library since 1966. Of course that year there was no library as such because the college was just getting started.

In 1967, the library had a total of 4,725 books, and since then it has roughly doubled each year. As of Oct. 1 of this year the library had a total of 25,032 volumes.

Jeffress said, however, it was not likely that the number of books would double for next year. He did emphasize that acquisition of three new books in the library that would be of interest to the student. One is "Operation Overflight" by the controversial U-2 spy pilot Francis Gary Powers.

Another new book of more current interest is "Soul Sister" by Grace Halsell. Jeffress said it is a story of a white woman who passed herself off as a Negro and put her experiences together in a book.

The third book on the new acquisition list is "My Lai 4" by Seymour M. Hersh. This book is a report on the massacre and its aftermath. This book would be of interest now due to recent trials at Ft. Hood on the massacre.

The library is not only growing in size, but also in versatility, according to Jeffress. The library is building the use

of audio-visual aids to a great extent. Many new A-V innovations are now available for individual use.

Students can now go to the second floor and check out a cassette player, prerecorded tapes, a slide viewer, and a set of headphones and work on a lesson in private. The advantage to this arrangement is that a student can learn at his own pace or make up a lesson that has been missed.

Students can also arrange to occupy soundproof rooms and small groups can study together. Jeffress said that more and more instructors are beginning to prerecord important lectures and place them on file in the library for student use.

MCC is also building up its microfilm section. The library has a microfilm viewer, microfilm copier and a micro fiche. With the copier a student can get reproduced sheets of a certain part of film much like a Xerox copy. The micro fiche works much on the same principle as the viewer except that the writing is on a plate that can have several thousand printed pages on it. In addition to all these facilities, the student can check out slide projectors, film strip viewers and turntables for use with the

film strips.

In the relatively short time that the library has been in existence it has grown considerably and promises to become one of the best around.

**Sadie Hawkins
Dance
Student Center
October 24**

Students' Action Useful In Battling Campus Thefts

Larry Gilliam, dean of Student Services, said recently that students' help in reporting odd occurrences has helped officials in fighting thefts from parked cars on the MCC campus.

"Students have started watching their cars," Gilliam said. "In some of our most recent cases, we have caught the people in the act because the student came and reported the occurrence to us."

Gilliam said that the thefts are not usually consistent but rather are periodic and usually correspond to rushes of thefts in the Waco area.

"In our most recent cases, we have found that those who were charged were not presently enrolled at MCC," Gilliam said.

Gilliam said that locking cars is one preventative measure, although thefts have gone to extremes to get valuable items such as stereos.

McKnight Resigns As SG President

Tom McKnight's resignation was accepted by the MCC Student Government at its last meeting Monday. Ray Atkinson, now president of the Student Government, announced that the executive committee had decided to accept the resignation.

McKnight, who had turned in his resignation earlier in the month said that his reasons for resigning were "personal."

"I don't really want to resign at all," McKnight said. "But with my personal circum-

Record Number Of Clubs Now On MCC Campus

The Student Activities Office last week released a list showing a record number of clubs on campus this semester.

At present, 27 clubs have organized or are beginning to get under way. Of these, eight have received charter status, and eight others need only to turn in a list of their members and officers to receive charter status. The remaining 11 clubs are in the process of getting their constitutions written or approved.

Keith Gelsler, director of Student Activities, said it usually takes several weeks for a club to get organized and to put together a constitution. This semester he has issued some guidelines for developing club constitutions which he hopes will be of help to clubs just beginning.

Some of the new clubs are AGAPE, Business Club, Karate Club, LEO, and Religion and Relationship Club.

stances the way they are, I think it's the most logical course and that I along with the Student Government would benefit most from my resigning."

McKnight added that he had full confidence in the Student Government under the leadership of the new president, Atkinson.

Keith Gelsler, Director of Student Activities, expressed his gratitude for what McKnight had done while president. Gelsler added that he thought McKnight might possibly be a great help to Atkinson.

In other business at the meeting, the Representatives elected Clyde Koehne, head of the Social Sciences department, as their faculty advisor and Don Reeves, government and history instructor, as their alternate.

After the meeting, Atkinson said that his main objective as president would be to "get the students involved."

Kirby Pledge Killed In Auto Mishap

Kirby Pledge, 19-year-old MCC student who was recently appointed to the MCC student supreme court, died October 18th of injuries received in an automobile accident on the Holston Road about seven miles north of Waco.

Mr. Pledge was a member of the Student Government in 1969, and had received his appointment to the supreme court the week before the accident.

The car which Mr. Pledge was driving was struck by a car driven by Mrs. Minnie Sims of Waco. After his car was struck, it flipped several times and Pledge was thrown from his vehicle.

Mr. Pledge was a graduate of West High School. He is survived by his mother, Mrs. Ilope O. Pledge and his maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Keegan of May.

Graveside services were held Thursday in May, Texas.

Sorry Spiro, We Have The Write
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Editorial**We Still Like Our Freedom, Thank You**

It was quite interesting to note the reactions of the guests when listening to the main speaker at the annual Texas Junior College Press Association convention held last week in College Station.

Charles Roberts, contributing editor for "Newsweek" magazine and for 15 years a Capitol Hill correspondent, is definitely not a fan of Richard Nixon and Spiro Agnew when it comes to their views concerning the media in the United States.

"I don't mean to undermine the chief executive or the vice-president, but the administration's recent attacks on the press are the worst thing to happen to the media since the imprisonment of writers near the end of the 18th century," he said.

With this, the crowd of some 200 persons began to shift in chairs and eyebrows began to rise. Here, in the heart of Aggie land, the cradle of conservatism, some outsider was knocking the good ole American way--the good old Spiro, the good old Dick.

Seasoned Journalist Knows

But it didn't take the crowd long to appreciate what the seasoned journalist had to say, and the standing ovation proved it.

His points were valid, and his logic quite reasonable.

"Mr. Agnew took time only to criticize those major publications which are liberal in editorial policy," Roberts said. "He made harsh comments concerning the slanting of news and branded such major publications as 'The New York Times,' 'Newsweek', and 'Time' as being one-sidedly liberal."

Roberts also mentioned that it was quite usual for Mr. Nixon to evade questions during his press conferences, and that this was in much contrast to the past policy of former-president Lyndon Johnson.

Such actions on the part of the executive seem quite natural, especially with such powder kegs as the mideast and Viet Nam around, and such pressing internal issues as poverty, race and pollution. It's nothing new for a President to try to see that his best image is projected to the public, but how far does the gag go?

With characters like Agnew being unleashed to subtly lambast the press for all it's worth, favorable images are hard to come by. And with Agnew's totally unknowledgeable statements concerning campus unrest, the favorable image would seem almost impossible to obtain.

The Greatest Libertarian

Granted, some of his statements concerning the media are valid. No experienced reporter ever claimed that he was totally unbiased, but that's been the American way since the Constitution first promised this country the freedom of the press.

Does freedom of the press give the media the right to editorialize consistently against an administration? The answer, literally, is yes, although such has never been done and contrary to what Agnew thinks now, is not being done against the Nixon administration.

So it comes down to remembering perhaps one of the greatest libertarians of all, Thomas Jefferson: "Our liberty depends on the freedom of the press, and that cannot be limited without being lost."

Sorry Mr. vice-president. The free press has been around a long time, and this faction of American society is for preserving it.

**In Memorium
Kirby Pledge****Dec. 30, 1950—Oct. 13, 1970****Bill Gammage****Album Review**

REDDING & HENDRIX

Man does this one cook! This album features two of the greats in the music business, the late Jimi Hendrix and the late Otis Redding, in what could very well be their best released recordings.

Otis Redding is featured one side and he proves to everyone once and for all that he was definitely, "The King of Soul." He also has the help of some of the best sidemen around--Booker T and the M.G.'s (Steve Cropper, guitar; Sam Jones, drums; "Duck" Dunn, bass; and Booker T., organ).

You can't help feeling the excitement generated by Redding as he does "Shake," "Respect," "I've Been Loving You Too Long" (probably the best soul ballad to ever come along), "Satisfaction" and "Try a Little Tenderness."

Side two features Jimi Hendrix and is a completely different trip, but equally as good.

This was Hendrix's first public appearance in North America and you can imagine the crowd's reaction as he blows his way through Bob Dylan's "Like a Rolling Stone," his own version of "Rock Me," "Can You See Me," and his traditional psychedelic version of "Wild Thing." Hendrix is backed by Noel Redding (bass) and Mitch Mitchell (drums) and between his driving music and his stone rap keeps you very entertained throughout the side.

To sum it all up, all I can say is dig on it. You couldn't do better.

**Stereotyped Women's Role
Needs To Be Given New Outlook**

Editor's note: This is the second of a series of three articles concerning the women's liberation movement. Letters to the editor commenting about the articles or the movement itself will be welcome and will receive serious consideration for publication. Equal space will be provided for counter arguments on the women's lib.

BY HYACINTH BURT

From the moment of her birth, a girl is prepared for her role as a housewife. Her brother may be given a broad field of careers from which to choose, and he is allowed to combine them with the role of husband and father.

The female, however, is taught that her crowning glory will be her role as housewife and all other activities are subservient to that role. There must come a time in a girl's life when she stops and asks herself, "Is that all?"

Commercials are not known

for their deep social message, but they are geared for acceptance by their audience. Have you ever wondered about the spiritual fulfillment Mrs. Jones receives when she sees her white laundry thanks to Tide XK?

Do you sit spellbound as you watch college-educated Mrs. Goober and Mrs. Clay discuss the various brands of peanut butter in the supermarket?

When you read articles which tell you how wonderful it is to be a woman, able to combine the talents of a doctor, a teacher, a chef, a maid, a bookkeeper, into one person, do you believe it? Do you believe you possess the abilities of a doctor?

What is your reaction when you hear, "She's only a woman", "That's a woman for you" or, "Just like a woman to say that." Do you encourage this kind of talk by your behavior?

How do you act around men? Do you often play the part of the helpless female, needing a strong male to guide you? Do you hide your intelligence or talents, fearing you might crush an ego?

What do you look for in a man? Do you look for someone to fill your concept of the he-man or Mr. Popularity? Do you measure a man by qualities that are truly worthwhile? Does he possess kindness, tolerance, loyalty,

humor? Do you judge the men you date by their possessions alone?

Have you directed yourself to search for security in marriage and fulfillment through another person? Or, are you interested in sharing your inner-security and finding fulfillment with another person?

How do you feel when relatives ask your brother what he is going to major in, while they ask you when you are going to get married? Do you feel you have been complimented, or do you feel something is not quite right?

Has there been a time when you have pushed back the urge to consider a career because "I'm just a woman I can't become anything else. It would be too difficult."

Are you in college only to pass the time because you have nothing better to do? Are you husband-hunting, waiting for that blessed day when your search will be over and you will find all your answers in one golden band?

Or, do you have pride in yourself as a woman? Do you value your talents and wish to put them to use? Do you want to become a person who can contribute, not only as wife or mother, but as an individual. Before you fall into a pattern, ask yourself all these questions, then choose your life-style.

Relevant Revelations**How To Put The Bug On The Bug Problem**

BY ROBIN LYKINS

Mankind has been steadily increasing food production since World War II. His efforts have barely matched food production to the increase in population. Much more food is produced today than twenty years ago, but the individual gets no more of it than before. The percentage of hungry people in the world stays the same.

Much of our precious food is eaten by hungry insects rather than by hungry people. This was not such a problem before the invention of agriculture. Food was then scattered over large areas. Man had to hunt for plants to eat, but the insects had to search, also. When agriculture made use of large fields of one crop, however, the insects did not need to search far. They multiplied into fierce hordes. Swarms of these pests can devour whole fields of crops in a short time. Men who depend on these crops can be left starving--unless he wants to eat the insects.

Each year, half of the cotton grown in India is destroyed by insects called "red cotton bugs." Because the bugs have such a huge food supply, they increase into huge hordes. We in the United States have trouble with insects called "boll weevils," which feed on this country's cotton plants. We can fight the boll weevil better than the Indians can fight the cotton bug, but the price per pound of cotton is still ten cents higher than it would be if the boll weevil did not exist.

Insect damage in this country costs the farmer something like eight billion dollars each year. Naturally he passes this cost down to the consumer.

Today there may be as many as 300 million insects for each man, woman, and child alive. (This adds up to a lot of bugs; something like a billion billion.) You are indeed fortunate that bugs do not love you as much as you hate them.

To be sure, insects do bug people, but something can be done about it. Powerful insecticides have been developed, but they will kill helpful bugs as well as the harmful ones. To keep bugs from bugging you, you can use some new insect repellents. When applied correctly, these preparations are very effective for several hours. Sometimes, however, these repellents irritate the skin, and most are messy to apply.

Another method of repelling bugs, especially mosquitoes, is to use an audio oscillator that is a device which will generate a sound of a certain frequency. It has been shown that mosquitoes are usually repelled by a sound of about 2,000 cycles per second. A drawback is that humans are irritated by such a steady noise.

Our insect problem is not an easy one to solve. Progress is being made, however.

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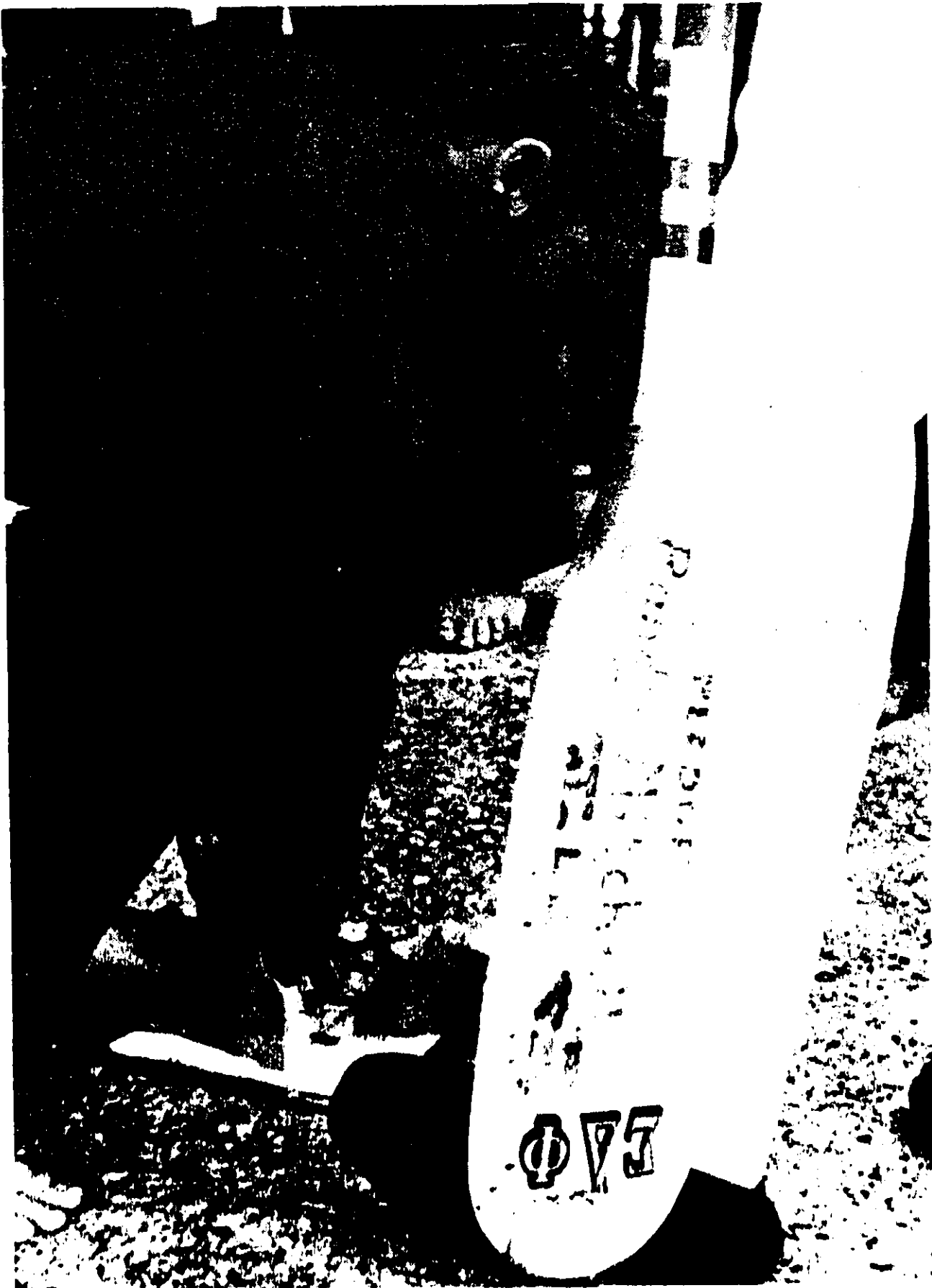
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Pledges Attract Attention During 'Hell Week'



FRATERNITY PLEDGE Curtis Robnet performs one of the many antics that go along with becoming a member of Sigma Delta Phi.

Photos By Tommy Birkes



SHARON FEYERHERM is serenaded by a barefooted but smiling Ken Barry in front of the student center. No doubt she is impressed with his snappy appearance.

If for some strange reason there is someone on campus that has not noticed all the things that the pledges of Sigma Delta Phi have been going through, then perhaps these pictures will help.

Last week was designated "Hell Week" by the fraternity and pledges were made to do a few things to show their loyalty and sincerity to the club. They were seen all last week happily going about their business of hand shaking, wearing suits with no shoes, and having their hair greased down.

By the way, there was a fierce shootout between the "Cowboys" and "Indians" last Friday morning. There are conflicting reports as to who won, but luckily there were no casualties.



WHEN ONE walks around barefoot all day on rough sidewalks and in crowded halls his feet are bound to take a certain amount of abuse as Jim Breedlove soon finds out.



THIS UNIDENTIFIED pair of feet is sporting the new campus look in footwear. Actually this pledge is supposed to be carrying the bowling ball but even the best of pledges get tired sometime.

Greer, Price To Head Up Golf Team

McLennan Community College's golf team will consist of ten players this year, Golf Coach Jimmy Clayton revealed this week.

Randy Greer and Butch Price, who finished second last year as a team in league competition, will head the ten-player group. Greer also won the Waco City championship tournament last summer. Other members of the golf team are Charley Grisham, Ken Berry, Tim New, Mike Graham, Jim Thomas, Bob Thomas, Robert Kirkland, and Bobby Caruthers.

"We will compete in nine tournaments this spring, starting about the first week in March," Clayton said. Clayton added that he would probably take two two-men teams to the tournaments; however, if the opposing team wants to play five as a team, he will match them.

MCC's golf team has already started playing practice matches within its own group in order to get ready for this year's season.



DR. OWEN T. LIND, associate professor of biology at Baylor University, spoke to the Science Club last week. Dr. Lind spoke on the heating of water in lakes and rivers in relation to pollution.

Ball Plots Next Steps For Expansion Program

Now that the MCC bond election is over, the question may arise as to what happens now. It is common knowledge in the world of finances that process of getting money is complicated. The situation is no different with MCC.

The passing of the election authorizes the board of trustees to sell the bonds. The first thing that will be done according to Dr. Wilbur Ball, MCC president, is that a trip will be made to New York to improve the bond rating of MCC. The school's rating is not bad, but the bonds will be more attractive to bidders if the college has a better rating. A good rating is kind of an "insurance policy" to the prospective buyers.

To be more accurate the bonds will not be sold but issued. The bidders are actually loaning money to the college on the agreement that the school will pay it back with interest in

a specified length of time. Here is where the need for the taxes that citizens of Waco and McLennan County have approved.

If the rating is improved, the soundness of the bonds will be observed before interested financiers make bids on purchase of the bonds. The bidders offering the lowest interest rates will receive the bonds, and they in turn will lay down the amount of money promised.

It is not likely that the entire four million dollars worth of bonds will be sold all at once. For example, the college may sell two million dollars worth now, a million later and so on.

Dr. Ball estimates that it will be about three months before the entire process is completed. He also said the first major project expected to go into effect will be the construction of the health and physical education center. Dr. Ball put its date of initial construction at around the first of March of next year.

Noted Playwright Lectures On Problems Of The Theater

BY SPENCER GROSS

Noted playwright Ramsey Yelvington spoke to a crowd of more than 300 students in the Lecture Hall on the MCC campus Oct. 8 at 10 a.m. Yelvington is an artist with strong regional ties, and his works have been performed in New York, Chicago, and other cultural centers throughout the United States.

He opened up his lecture to the students with about 20 minutes of whimsical stories and jokes about Baylor and his life as a student. Then his manner of speaking became a little more reminiscent and sentimental about working in the theater.

He spoke about Sam Houston and a speech he wrote in his play about him.

He said he looked at Houston as a great man, not as an anti-hero as many of the characters in the theater arts are portrayed today. Yelvington said he saw himself as a stoic in the tradition of Sam Houston, George Washington, the cattleman, and his mother. He spoke of actors as being pawns used as publicity to get the show going.

Yelvington has written sixteen full length plays. Among them, "Shadow of an Eagle," based on the life of Sam Houston along with "Women and Oxen" and "A Cloud of Witnesses" which complete a group of plays called "A Texian Trilogy." His great love of Texas and the Southwest motivates his writing and has been instrumental in his becoming one of the finest playwrights in the Southwest.

His career in the theater began at Baylor University in the mid-thirties. He had had some training in public school drama at Brackenridge High School in San Antonio. All of his early plays were done at Baylor where he later achieved his BA and MA degrees.



RAMSEY YELVINGTON

He earned his MA through the Dallas Theater Center, where he acted and taught playwriting while working on the degree. For the past nine years he has taught playwriting and other courses in the Drama Department at SWTBU. He does some stock farming on the side

and makes his home in the hill country back of San Marcos.

Later that day he spoke to a group of English teachers at a luncheon date about what is wrong with the teacher today. He pointed out that when only four percent of the people in this country go to see plays something is definitely wrong.

He said that things are to the point in the theater business that he has only recommended to three people that they should go into the business.

He proposed that a solution to his problem would be that college should be made to relate to all parts of our lives and not just for people to see football games. Yelvington also said that a separate curriculum should be set up for those who have no other interest but the theater.

Even if the interest in the theater by the public were to pick up he did not expect a vast majority to begin attending plays on a regular basis. He felt that if fifteen percent of the people would begin to go that it would be magnificent."

Clan, Highland Herald Awarded At Press Meeting

"The Highland Herald" and "The Clan" magazine, publications of the MCC journalism department, received awards at the annual Texas Junior College Press Association convention held last week.

The Clan received a third place in magazine general excellence and honorable mention in graphics, photography and magazine sweepstakes. Donna Pick, a member of last year's staff, won honorable mention for a sports feature on Mrs. James Burroughs, wife of MCC basketball coach James Burroughs.

Members of the journalism staff attended the convention along with Bill Stone, MCC journalism instructor. The main speaker at the banquet was Charles Roberts, contributing editor for "Newsweek" magazine.

Roberts spoke on the recent attacks on the press by vice-president Spiro Agnew. He said that these attacks were almost completely uncalled for and were possibly the worst thing to happen to the media since the imprisonment of writers near the end of the 18th century.



MIKE BATES, Student Government treasurer, adjusts the turntable which furnishes the Student Center music. The office is in the Student Center and has been loaned to the Student Government.

Student Representatives Available For Conference

The Student Government has recently been given the loan of an office on the main floor of the Student Center. This office is being staffed by Student Government representatives during school hours.

At least one representative is available between 8 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. for consultation with any student who feels he needs help with a problem. The representative will discuss the student's problem with him and determine how Student Government can be of assistance.

Sound equipment in the office is also on loan. Tom McKnight, president of Student Government requests that only Student Government representatives handle this equipment and any records played. Records requested by students will be played in turn.

McKnight said the new office staffed with Student Government people is an attempt to reach out to students and to let them know their Student Government is there ready and willing to help them.