



Special Election Held To Select New Reps.



PHYLLIS WEDEMEYER gives her campaign speech in the Student Center for her bid to gain a seat in student government. A special election was held Jan. 28 and 29 to fill vacated seats left open due to failures and resignations.

Nine new student government representatives were elected to office in a special election held in the Student Center Jan. 28-29 to fill positions left open by failures and resignations. The office of treasurer was also filled because it was left vacant due to a failure to sustain the proper grade point average.

Gilbert (Butch) Ward defeated Kimber Cox in the race for treasurer by a count of 143-113. The representatives elected to fill the unexpired terms are: Tim Parker, Thomas Pool, Kathi Lampe, Ernest Uptmore, Beverly Adkins, Phyllis Wedemeyer, Dale Vinson, Michael Harkin, and Kenneth Sorley.

The representatives will only serve one term in office, but they will be eligible to run again next year for representative or for an executive position such as president. The only person ineligible to run for that office

is Ray Atkinson the current student government president. Constitutionally he is unable to run because he will have served more than one semester of an unexpired term of office.

Atkinson took over the presidency after the resignation of Tom McKnight early in the school year.

Turn out for the election was poor in that less than 300 votes were cast in the two-day voting period. The candidates were presented to the student body during the speechmaking held in the Student Center at 10:00 a.m. Jan. 28. Although all the candidates attempted to give their campaign speeches very few in the audience really listened to what was said.

More people filed for candidacy in this election and allowed a wider range of balloting choices. Seventeen petitions were filed to fill nine positions

as opposed to the eighteen filed at the first of the year to fill sixteen positions. The field would have been bigger, but several candidates were disqualified for academic reasons.

Another election will be held later in the year to select a president and officers for the 1971-72 school year. The only executive position that will not be up for grabs is the vice-presidency. The race for that position and all the representative seats will be held early in the fall semester of 1971.

Rabbi Podet Will Speak On Mideast

Rabbi Mordecai Podet will speak on "Wheels Within Wheels - an Optimistic View of the Middle East" at MCC at 10 a.m. Wednesday in the Lecture Hall.

The public is invited to join MCC students and staff in hearing Rabbi Podet, who has been rabbi of Temple Rodef Sholom in Waco since 1964.

The Rabbi lectures on college campuses under the auspices of the Jewish Chautauqua Society, an organization that endeavors to create better understanding of the Jews and Judaism through education. The Jewish Chautauqua Society is sponsored by the National Federation of Temple Brotherhoods. This is one of a continuing series of programs of educational, informational, recreational and cultural benefit to MCC students, staff, and the community sponsored by the college through its Program Committee.

Registration For Spring Is Completed

Registration for the spring semester at McLennan Community College was held Tuesday Jan. 12 through Thursday Jan. 14 with late registration being held the following five class days.

More than 2,100 students have enrolled in classes. Of those, 1740 are attending day classes and 300 are enrolled for evening classes.

The 2,100 total is approximately the same number of students attending MCC during the fall semester, indicating that the next fall semester may see the largest enrollment in the history of the school.

Teal Here For Work On Degree

Prince O. Teal, Jr., a graduate student at Prairie View A&M and a native of West, is serving as an intern in the Student Personnel Services area at McLennan Community College this semester in a program to obtain a masters degree in education.

While at MCC he will assist in the areas of counseling, student activities, financial aid, and will work in the Registrar's office. He will do research on the reliability of American College Test scores for predicting college success in mathematics and English.

Teal is a graduate of Paul Quinn College, a veteran, and has taught high school in San Antonio and at the Gatesville School for Boys.

His wife Joyce teaches in the Juvenile Achievement School at the McLennan County Juvenile Probation Center. They have two children.

Last semester Jerroll Jackson, also a graduate student at Prairie View A&M, served the same type of internship at MCC. Jackson graduated from high school in Tyler and then he also enrolled at Prairie View. After receiving his Bachelor's degree he went to work as a traveling representative for an insurance company. After having served in the army overseas for a time he returned to the States and taught high school in Houston until he secured a position in the same program to obtain his Master's.

John Rasor Is New Reference Librarian

Since the start of the new semester, students have been seeing a new reference librarian in the Library. John Rasor took over his new position Jan. 7.

The job was vacated after Eddie Weems left the position to complete a book which he was writing.

Rasor received his Master of Library Service degree just recently at North Texas State University where he also received his bachelor's degree with a major in mathematics and a minor in biology.

When asked why he decided to become a librarian he said

that was a difficult question to answer. "I have some friends that are in the field and the work looked interesting. In fact, it's a very fascinating occupation," Rasor said.

Although this is his first job on a college campus he has already organized a library for a Dallas oil company.

The job of any reference librarian is to assist students who need help locating subject matter. Rasor said that many beginning students don't really know how to use a library, especially the card catalogues. "Most students have had only experience with small high school libraries in which the school librarian found most of the information they needed for them." He went on to say that many students just don't know the difference between the author and subject catalogues.

Rasor acquired the job through an interview at NTSU with MCC Director of Library Services, Victor Jeffress. "I liked what I heard, and apparently he did too," said Rasor. He said he really did like the campus when he first saw it and thought it was one of the most attractive he had ever seen.

Rasor, a single man, was born in Plano, Texas, but lived most of his life in Denton. His hours at the Library are 8 a.m. to 5 p. m. except Mondays and Tuesdays when his hours are 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. and then from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.



NEW REFERENCE librarian John Rasor looks over a few volumes of books at the reference table. Rasor came to MCC from North Texas State to replace Eddie Weems as reference librarian.

Highland Herald

Under New Editor

This is a noneditorial editorial. Once again we are embarking on a new semester and once again the Herald will be covering campus related and student interest stories. However, the Herald is now under a different editor.

The editorial policy of my predecessor, Tony Pederson, was a strong one. I intend to sustain that policy and hopefully will succeed. Pederson often came under criticism for many of his opinions (which is to be expected). I expect I can take as much, possibly more, criticism myself. We can only wait and see.

I think it is safe to say, though, that ardent readers of the Herald will see a few changes in the publication. Whether these are large or small I hope to uphold the quality of paper that Pederson produced. This job will be a difficult one because in my opinion he set high standards; I am thankful I was fortunate enough to train under him.

The changes I speak of is not to say that the Herald will turn into another Christian Science Monitor or Space City (News), but it is to say that everything I decide to voice an opinion on will be carefully studied and analyzed and then I will call the shots as I see them.

A newspaper is probably the most powerful instrument available with which to express opinions. Newspapers are not shackled by legal responsibilities of equal time or space. This brings to mind a scathing editorial aired recently on a local television station concerning the abnormal number of traffic accidents on our highways. True this is a dire problem, but somehow it doesn't stir emotions like Vietnam, massive busing, or marijuana. I would have to say that the editorial I saw on TV was almost as controversial as the editorial CBS aired in 1955 concerning Canon 35. Now just how many of you know what Canon 35 is? See what I mean?

My primary hope in heading up the Herald this year is to reach the readers. I hope to stimulate some reaction so that they will respond to our editorial policy and our news stories. Whether this reaction is favorable or unfavorable I hope our readers will feel free to respond by sending letters to the editor. Such response is very useful to our efforts on the Herald staff. Now that we have been introduced, let's get down to business.

R.S.G.

A Statement Of Editorial Opinion

The academic year of 1970-71 has been a tumultuous one for the MCC student government. Never before have so many unexpected things happened to that organization. It would seem that the story began with the election of Tom McKnight as student government president in the spring of 1970. This in itself was somewhat of a surprise to many students and faculty members.

But the election of Tom McKnight to the presidency was not a mistake. During his short term in office he worked diligently to better the government workings. Yet, that was just the problem - his term was too short.

Early in the year the school was shocked by the untimely death of Kirby Pledge, also a student government member in the judicial branch. Shortly thereafter, Tom McKnight submitted his resignation to the representatives.

For a couple of days in November there seemed to be general confusion among the inner workings of the student government. However, McKnight had made up his mind and there was no changing it. So the representatives accepted his resignation and a reluctant Ray Atkinson assumed the chair. Atkinson was not reluctant in the sense of not wanting the job, although he very likely did have some apprehensions, but in the sense of knowing full well he would be ineligible for the job in 1971-72.

A few had fears that all this could hurt the student government, but most had confidence in the new president. Those who had fears should not have had.

As a new semester began we found the organization faced with another problem. Of the sixteen representative seats, seven were vacated due to failure to sustain academic standards and two due to resignations. Even the office of treasurer was left wide open because of the former reason.

Suddenly the organization's membership was so depleted that it couldn't function. A special election had to be called to fill these vacancies and on such short notice the field of candidates was adequate but not wide.

It would be highly unfair to say that those who literally failed to make the grade were irresponsible individuals who didn't deserve the job anyway. Maybe that was the problem; they were too responsible to student government. In that group there were some whose absence will be felt but then again there were others who will probably never be missed. Those seats will provide a beautiful chance for some new representative to step forward instead of just sitting there.

Even so, however good or bad our new government is will not be known for awhile. The new members must get settled down and the old ones will have to readjust again. But since the 1970-71 version of student government has survived all the previous crises it undoubtedly will survive the rest of the year.

It is only hoped that its effectiveness will not be lost. The job of keeping it will be resting on the shoulders of the 'old pros' for awhile until the rookies learn the ropes. R.S.G.

Changes Suggested For New Buildings

Now that MCC has been situated on its present location for three years, faculty and administrators are fully acquainted with the buildings they use. That is why a committee has been set up to discuss the good points and bad points about these buildings since more classroom facilities will be constructed on campus.

The committee, which met in the board room in the Administration Building January 25, consists of Mrs. Jeanette McGinnis, Charles Kennedy, Dale Hughes, and Melvin Hood with Vernon Cole, director of administrative services as the chairman.

The purpose of the committee is to decide what improvements and/or changes could be made on the new buildings to be constructed, particularly the proposed physical education center which will house classrooms, and offices as well as P.E. facilities.

To get things rolling Mrs. McGinnis said that she had asked members of her classes to make suggestions.

One of the suggestions was to have brighter colors for the rooms instead of the standard off-white that is now being used. She also said that many students despise the painted concrete block walls that are not covered with sheetrock. She said students expressed feelings that it felt like being in a prison. Another suggestion submitted by students was to install coat and book racks in the rooms and restrooms. The committee also discussed the problem of windows. The interior rooms in the Liberal Arts Building give a feeling of being closed in. The only way to alleviate this would be to construct the entire building differently. This would be a big problem due to the local terrain.

The style of the Liberal Arts Building which utilizes interior and exterior rooms also raises the problem of controlling temperature. This could be solved by installing individual thermostat controls in each room; however, this could result in some extra cost. Hughes suggested that perhaps the best idea would be to install a control for the exterior rooms and one for the interior rooms. The difference

being that the exterior rooms are more susceptible to temperature change than are interior rooms.

Discussion then turned to chalkboards, tack boards, and projection screens for audio-visual use. Cole suggested the use of sliding chalk boards or reversible chalk and tack boards. The committee was in general agreement to investigate these ideas further.

The idea of carpeted classrooms was practically ruled out because some students were in the habit of bringing drinks in the classroom and accidentally spilling them on the floor. It was pointed out, though, that

new fabricated carpets were easily cleaned and could possibly be used if cost was not too high. Cole said he would study this further.

Other ideas included platforms for instructor's desks some type of protective railing to prevent chairs from marring the walls, storage cabinets for audio-visual equipment, and bigger faculty offices.

Of course these are not final preparations but only suggestions to be submitted for study by the administration and architects. Cole said it would be some time before final plans are made.

Student Government Analysis

Even Reps. Are Not Infallible

BY JAMES JOHNSON,
Chief Justice Student Supreme Court

It seems as though everyone is not immune to the fallibilities of being a student. As so, this premise became a reality with the dispersing of the fall semester grades, the result being that some student government members are now ineligible to hold office due to academic complications, as they did not maintain the required grade point average. A total of eight student representative offices were vacated, plus the executive branch office of treasurer.

Though these losses are unfortunate, the workings of student government must continue to move forward. To fill these vacated positions, a special election was held on January 28 and 29. However, much more is needed. The question may be asked as to what problems confront student government this semester. High on the priority list, is the question as to what can be done to develop more overall student interest in student government.

Student government meetings, which are held on every

Monday at 10 a.m. in the Lecture Hall, are open to ALL MCC students and visitors. Any student is welcome to observe his elected officials in the conduct of their office. For those who don't care for the physical strain of walking THAT far, a student government office is available to all students in the Student Center.

The MCC executive branch elections for next year are only a few months away. Offices open in this election include the president, secretary, treasurer, and parliamentarian. Ray Atkinson, who was elevated to the presidency this year with the resignation of Tom McKnight, will not be eligible for a second term as president because of MCC constitutional restrictions. This moment is not too soon to start thinking about qualified persons to fill these positions.

Our student government stands ready and capable to listen to all students, however, unless you as a student voice your opinion in student elections and your wants, ideas, and problems to your student representatives, MCC student government remains somewhat hampered by student apathy.

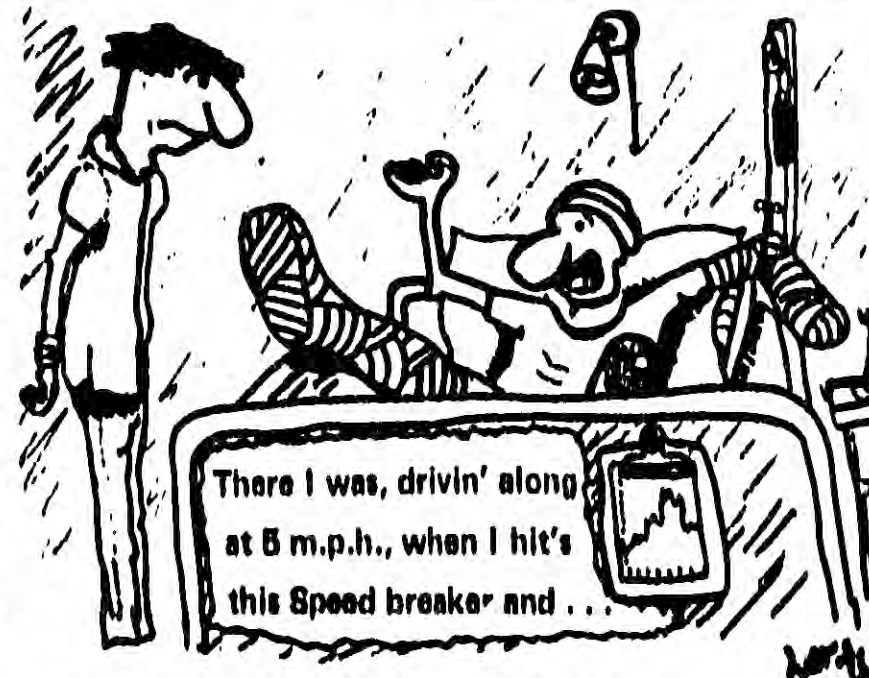
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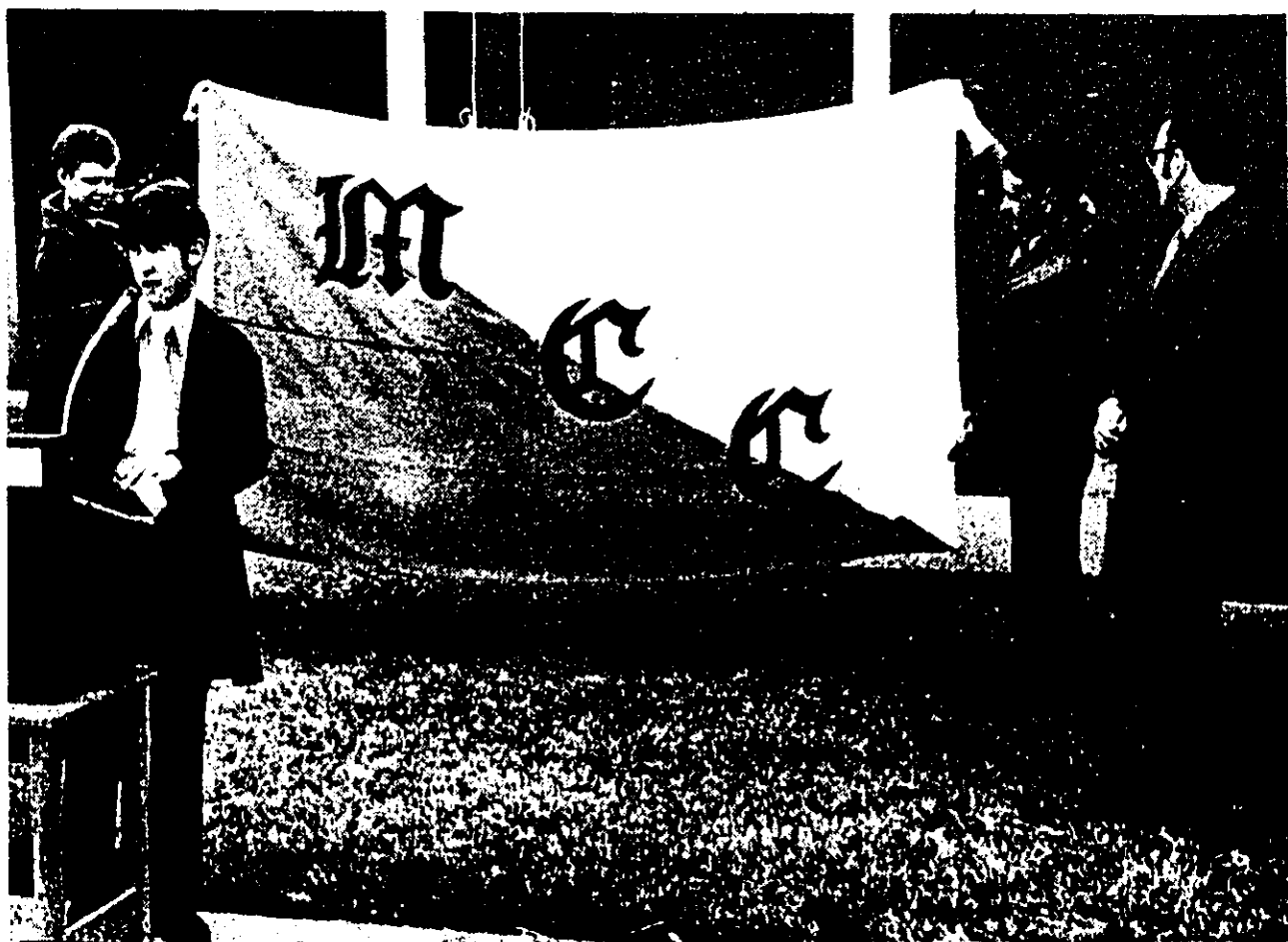
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WHEN SPEEDBREAKERS were first installed on the campus to deter excessive speeding something went wrong and they came out a bit large. For a related story on just what happened please turn to page 4.

MCC Flag Goes Up; New Term Begins



RAY ATKINSON presents the flag to Dr. Ball with the assistance of Paul Gartner (left).

PAUL GARTNER emceed the flag raising ceremonies Dec. 14 during the ten o'clock hour in front of the Administration Building. Holding the new flag is Student Government President Ray Atkinson and College President, Dr. Wilbur Ball. Looking on is Dean of Student Services, Larry Gilliam.

MCC Has New Flag

On Monday, Dec. 14 the new MCC flag was raised during ceremonies in front of the Administration Building. Student Government President Ray Atkinson presented the flag to the college. College President Dr. Wilbur Ball, Dr. Chester Hastings, academic vice-president, and Larry Gilliam, Dean of Student Services, accepted on behalf of the school.

Student government representatives Mike Fanning and Larry Patton raised the flag while the ceremonies were emceed by Paul Gartner Jr. The flag was designed by a former MCC student Linda Keene.

Spring Registration Complete

January was registration time again on the MCC campus during the month of January. Once again students had their share of problems but for the most part the entire process seemed to go quite smoothly. Final figures for this semester registration was put at more than 2000 students.



STUDENT SUPREME Court Chief Justice James Johnson (right) and Ray Atkinson prepare the flag for presentation to school officials.



Photos By Tommy Birkes



MRS. DORENE Allen checks over the registration packet of a student preparing to attend the spring semester at MCC.



DILIGENTLY CHECKING out the proper material presented to them at registration time are Nancy Carpenter, Debbie Webb and Larry Gilliam, Dean of Student Services.

Speed Breakers Real Purpose Proves Useful

In spring of 1970 various members of the Student Services Council proposed the use of speedbreakers on campus to reduce the rate of speed at which persons travel to and

from MCC, thus lessening possible accidents.

The Student Services Council, represented by all phases of the campus, including administra-

tion, faculty, and students, studied different types of speedbreakers which would be feasible, including metal, portable types, dips, and asphalt humps. Asphalt humps were selected because of economic reasons. Tearing into the pavement to reconstruct the streets with dips would cost three times as much to furnish the campus with asphalt humps, which are estimated at \$50 apiece.

After approval of the project by the administration, the Student Services Council, under supervision of council chairman Larry Gilliam, and the physical plant staff, worked with Downing Brothers, Inc., general contractors in Waco, to begin the actual construction of the speedbreakers. The use of asphalt for this purpose by contractors is still in experimental stages, for placement, size, and shape had to be decided as the actual work was in progress.

The first attempt in early January failed because instead of the hot asphalt settling as it cooled, it froze during the night, leaving tall mounds to be tackled by campus drivers. After two modifications of the overall raising of the speedbreakers by reheating, scraping, and packing asphalt, the council reached its long-awaited objective.

Along with the erection of speedbreakers on campus, the Student Services Council is credited with recently providing sidewalks along the curbs and round, yellow markers indicating pedestrian crosswalks.



EARLY ONE morning W. O. Cunningham came to school expecting it to be somewhat of a normal day. Then suddenly to his great surprise his car hit a gigantic mound of asphalt and the next thing he knew was that his transmission had left his car. Well, it didn't really happen, but this staged picture illustrates what he thought could happen.

The Bookstore Makes Very Little Profit On Sale Of Texts

BY BARBARA MILLS

As always during the registration period it seems that every time one turns around there is something else that has to be paid for. Probably the most frequent complaint on campus is the price of books. True, book prices are high, but there is a reason. Some people think the bookstore is out to make a quick profit. However, it may be surprising to learn that the bookstore makes very little money from book sales.

Since all textbooks are permanently priced by the PUBLISHER, the bookstore would lose four per cent after paying postage and handling (work of store employees) if it could not be supplemented by profit made from other sources of selling. The largest portion of the profit is gained by the selling of other school supplies, which are marked up 10-40 per cent from the list price of manufacturers.

A lower profit comes in the form of the bookstore buying back used books from the students at a general 50 per cent of the original cost. The store makes 15 per cent profit on books which can be used at MCC again. A large portion of returned books cannot be utilized due to a revision by the publisher and instructors wishing

change texts for their particular courses. But the bookstore will also buy these back at a rate set by a wholesale distributor who can resell to other colleges. Thus, again, no profit is made, but, rather, this procedure represents a service to the student.

In the fall of 1970 the bookstore moved to its permanent location, from the Liberal Arts Building to the first floor of the Student Center. This increase in space has permitted the bookstore to handle a larger range of popular goods which allows the store to make its actual profit.

The responsibility of choosing merchandise to sell is left to Mrs. Earline Snow. She tries to buy goods locally to aid the city, but the most reasonable prices often come from other areas besides Waco.

She buys items on the basis of what will sell, not just what she likes. Among the newer goods offered are various types of clothing ranging from nightshirts to jackets, school jewelry including bracelets, necklaces, tie tacks, cuff links, charms, and MCC rings. Gift items such as greeting cards, dolls, stationery, playing cards, posters, and incense are also readily available.

At first appearance the prime source of income for the bookstore would be books since book prices are high. However, closer investigation reveals that, in fact, very little profit is made from books, but rather from other types of merchandise, such as those mentioned.



STUDENT SUPREME Court Chief Justice James Johnson accepts the scholarship check from Mrs. Edward R. Pledge she presented to the college to be used in the Kirby Pledge Memorial Fund. The presentation was in honor of her son who was killed in an automobile accident in October, 1970. Looking on is MCC President Wilbur Ball (left) and Financial Director Willie Hobbs (right).



LINDA SEWARD and Paul Gartner proudly display the trophy they won at the Second Annual Longhorn Classic held at the University Texas Jan. 15-17. This is the first trophy the MCC Debate Squad has won for the 1970-71 school year.

Highlanders Jinx Is Inconsistency

BY CHARLES MOONEY

With only nine games to go, McLennan Community College Highlanders are resting in the middle of the North Zone standings of the Texas Junior College Athletic Conference with two wins and three losses.

MCC beat Temple 94-89 and Navarro 96-95 for their two conference victories. Their three losses came from Cisco Junior College, 105-73, Southwestern Christian College, 89-88, and Hill Junior College, 113-84.

Coach James Burroughs said, "Our main problem seems to be inconsistency. We'll win one game and then turn around and lose the next one." Coach Burroughs did say that the members of the Highlanders have been working hard during practice.

Starting for the Highlanders are Robert Gill, guard; Bob Jochee, forward; Harry Johnson, post; David Broadnax, forward; and Dan Burzynski, guard. Philip Miller and Bruce Ott also have been seeing a lot of action.

Other games played by the Highlanders, making their season record 8 wins and 12 losses, were with the Baylor Cubs who defeated them 75 - 62. MCC edged San Antonio College 92-91 and was upset by Howard Payne Junior Varsity, 84-79. The Highlanders played one of their better games against TCU's freshmen, lashing them, 81-72.

The conference standing finds Ranger Junior College in the lead, followed by Hill, Navarro, Fort Worth Christian College, MCC, Southwestern Christian College, Temple, and Cisco.

Mrs. Pledge Presents Check For Scholarship

Mrs. Edward R. Pledge has presented a \$1,000 scholarship check to the Kirby Pledge Memorial Fund at McLennan Com-

munity College in honor of her son Kirby who was a sophomore at McLennan Community College at the time of his death in October, 1970.

"My son enjoyed his career at the college," Mrs. Pledge said, "and I want to help give other students the privilege that he had attending the school."

The check was accepted on behalf of the school by Dr. Wilbur Ball, president of the college, and James Johnson, sophomore, chief justice of MCC's Supreme Court.

While a freshman at MCC in 1969-70, Kirby Pledge was a member of two committees composed of administration, faculty, and students - the Program Committee and the Student Services Council, a member of Student Government, and an MCC representative to the state Student Government Conference last spring.

Just prior to his death from injuries sustained in an automobile accident, he had been appointed to MCC's Supreme Court. He was a 1969 graduate of West High School.