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## Faculty to Attend Convention Classes Canceled Friday

Classes will not be scheduled Friday as faculty members will be attending the 27th annual Texas Junior College Teachers Association (TJCTA) Convention Friday and Saturday in San Antonio.

Several members of the faculty have arranged some of the programs for the convention. Some students will be participating in the programs.

Dr. Michael White, director of media services, is the state membership chairman of TJCTA. White said that the convention is Thursday, Friday and Saturday of this week, with MCC participating Friday and Saturday.

Edward Lindsay, counselor, is treasurer of the convention and chairman for the counseling section.

Joe Ingram, biology instructor, is chairman of the environmental section, and Don Reeves, history area coordinator, is the chairman of the history section.

The responsibilities of these chairmen include arranging programs, meeting rooms and transportation.

Dr. Ann Hansen Garrett, director of the campus child care-development program, has called a meeting of all TJCTA personnel interested in forming a child care-development section at the TJCTA convention.

Dr. O.T. Hayward of the geology department at Baylor will speak in a session Saturday on recycling and mining trash.

The key-note speaker for the convention Saturday will be Dr. Laurence J. Peter, author of "The Peter Principle" and an authority on the education of handicapped children.

Five MCC band members will perform with the Texas All-State Band Saturday morning in the Municipal Auditorium.

The band members are Betty Longnecker, bassoon; Mark Nalley, trumpet; Steve Mullin, French horn; Wilbert Curtis, percussion; and Wayne Wells, alto saxophone.

David Hooten, music instructor, said that band members from other colleges represented at the convention will also play in the concert.

The students and Hooten will leave today to practice Thursday and Friday for the concert.

Hooten said that he recommended certain students to a committee and the students were selected by the committee. The selections were made according to the students' musical achievements in high school and college.

Students planning to receive degrees or diplomas in May should make their applications by Monday, Feb. 25, in the Registrar's Office. Other students who have completed their courses of study without receiving their diplomas or certificates are eligible to participate in the 1974 commencement ceremonies. Because school is out on Friday, the Registrar's Office will be closed on that day.



Photo by Ronnie Marroquin

**SOMETHING TO DO ON A DAY OFF---** With no school Friday, many students will be enjoying the outdoors. Pictured is Miss Tana Lawson making use of the brisk spring winds.

## Cameron House Grant Boosts Center Plans

A \$30,000 grant from the Junior League of Waco boosted the fund drive to remodel the Cameron House out onto campus into a new Waco Creative Arts Center facility. Announcement of the grant came Sunday.

The center, now located in the Chamber of Commerce building downtown, has already outgrown its facilities and has

agreed to lease the mansion from the college for \$1 per year.

The center has two years to raise the \$350,000 to \$400,000 necessary to renovate the mansion, once the country home of the Cameron family.

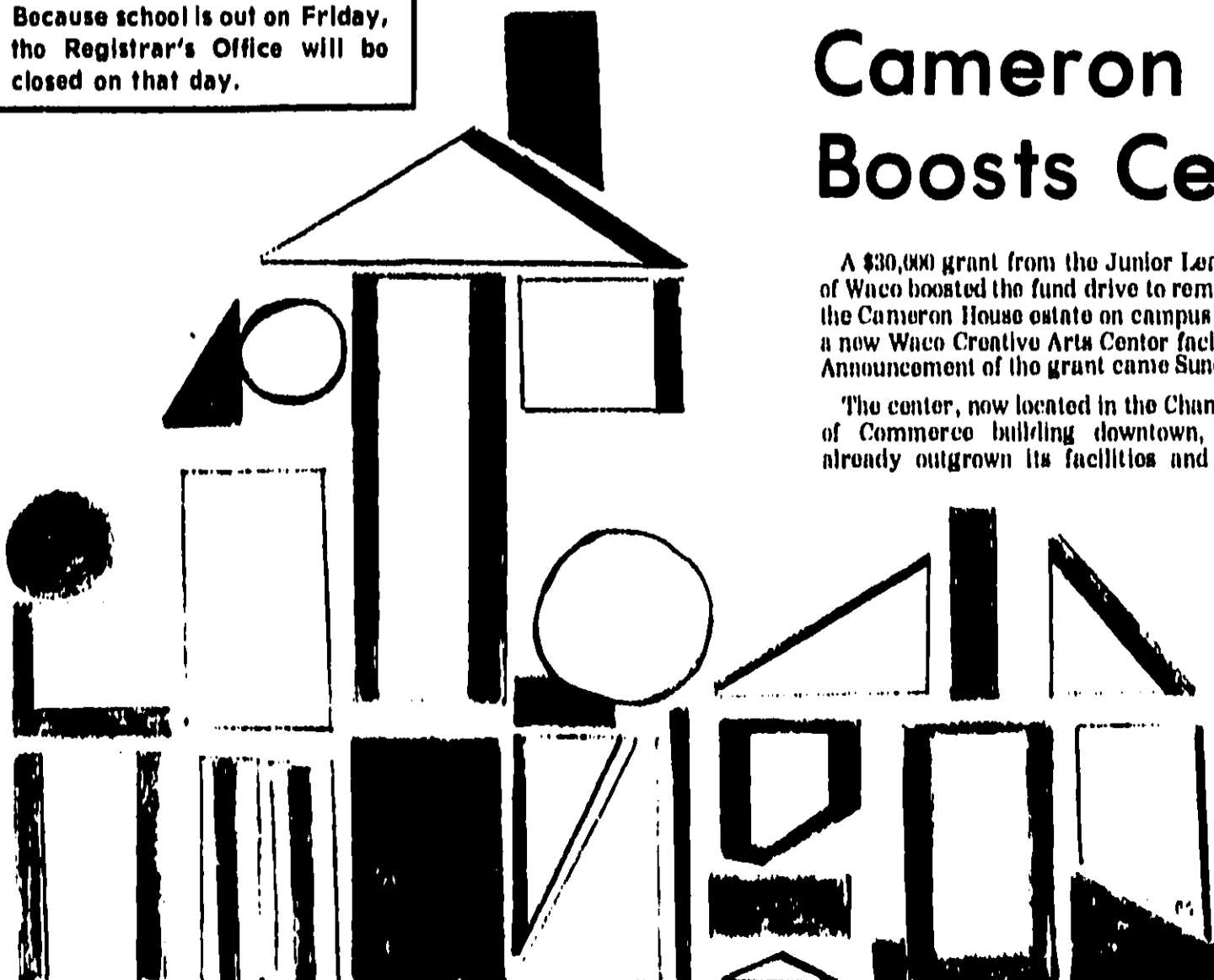
"Now we can go to big foundations outside of Waco. This show of support from Waco will encourage foundations out of Waco," said Mrs. Cullen Smith of the center.

The center, primarily funded by the Model Cities program, provides arts and crafts classes, exhibits, lectures and other services to Waco.

Once the building on campus is completed, the center will expand for more classes, an art library open to the public, two galleries, areas for small plays or concerts and a fire-proof, humidity-controlled display for art shows.

Mrs. Smith said the center will try to raise most of the amount needed during the first year of its agreement with the college. Building costs have already raised the \$350,000 estimate given last fall by nearly \$50,000 she said.

Illustration by Cathy Gulak



## Editorial

# Lower Speed Limit Saves Lives

By Bill Gammage

The change to the 55 miles per hour (m.p.h.) speed limit may be a blessing in disguise, but at first glance most people don't agree.

"What a stupid system," related one student. "Have you every tried to get anywhere in a hurry at 55 m.p.h.? It's ridiculous!"

Another student commented, "Driving that slow at night puts you to sleep."

And what about gas usage? It's common knowledge that some vehicles are built to conserve gasoline at speeds higher than 55 m.p.h.

The new system has also caused a problem with truck and bus drivers in relation to the allotted number of hours that they're allowed to drive.

But, although these problems seem all-important to the average driver, the 55 m.p.h. limit is helping to solve the most all-important problem of them all - death on our nation's highways.

Not true, you say? Did you know that from 1776 to 1972 only 1,186,618 Americans died in all wars concerning the United States while, from just 1900 to 1972, we lost 1,942,740 in motor vehicle accidents?

On a national basis during 1972 alone, 56,000 people met death on our highways, with 2,100,000 injuries. The cost of these accidents amounted to an excess of \$19 million.

And in Texas, accidents and deaths from motor vehicles through October 1973 were running far ahead of 1972's ghastly total.

Then came the energy crisis and the voluntary reduction of speed by some of our nation's consumers.



During the next two months (November and December) due to these voluntary reductions, Texas enjoyed a much-needed 25 per cent reduction in the highway fatality rate. This means that more than two lives a day were saved in our state.

And since the adoption of the new speed limit signed into law by President Nixon on Jan. 8, accidents involving motor vehicles are spiraling to a new, all-time low.

So low in fact that the National Safety

Council has had to revise their projected accident rate for 1974.

Although the new speed limit is helping save lives, which is its biggest asset, there are other benefits to the new system.

For instance, driving at slower speeds can be more economical to most drivers, and it's been proven that vehicles moving at a slower speed create less air pollution.

It's also been proven that accidents at a slower speed cause fewer injuries.

Insurance rates will be driven down. And that's a savings that everyone can enjoy.

But most of all, it would seem that the main enjoyment is being able to relax while you drive. The amount of scenery you can digest by slowing the speed of your vehicle 15 m.p.h. is amazing.

Also with the lowering of highway speeds, there will be a greater interest in riding mass transit. This enables people to move faster, cheaper and without parking worries.

There is also a strong relation between the No. 1 cause of motor vehicle death, drunk driving, and the No. 2 killer, speed on the highways.

"Motorist fatalities are the leading social problem whether you want to admit it or not," said Mrs. Veda Ben Pate, director of the McLennan County Safety Council. "The car has always been a status symbol...with speed a big factor. Now, hopefully, this problem can be solved."

I for one, agree with Mrs. Pate. After all, what's more important than saving human lives?

## Analysis

# Modern Man Seeks To Harness Solar Power

By W. J. Woods III

Early man worshiped and sought power from the sun, but modern man labeled him primitive and discarded the idea of the sun's power turning to fuels closer at home.

In 1747 G.L.L. Buffon set up a group of 140 flat mirrors in a Paris garden and set fire to a stack of wood placed 200 feet from the reflectors. This experiment by Buffon may prove that the Greek mathematician and inventor Archimedes devised a battery of mirrors to defend Syracuse in 212 B.C., by burning the sails of an invading Roman fleet.

The power of the sun has never been grasped by modern man. This misunderstanding caused man to look closer at the earth's natural resources which have brought forth automation and mass production through machinery.

Other research utilizing the sun's energy involves solar cookers, heat engines, solar furnaces, agricultural and industrial drying, water distillation, thermo-electric and thermoelectric conversion and photovoltaic and photo-chemical conversion.

Industrial power progressed using natural resources, then increased after inventions of steam engines and later combustion engines. This left the sun's potential all but forgotten.

As industry advanced, consumers demanded more of the fossil fuels of petroleum, coal, and natural gas. These appeals created an urgent need for better ways to extract and transport large volumes of fossil fuels to industries and consumers.

In the past, technology met the growing demands of fossil fuels often exceeding the market demand. But what man once thought of as an inexhaustible supply of

fossil fuels is now decreasing and is frantically in demand.

With these major power sources dwindling, man again looks at the sun, but in a more realistic sense than ever before.

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) has been the only major research center interested in the sun's capabilities on an applicable basis. NASA's first successful effort using the sun's energy as a source of electricity was in the Vanguard I satellite. Weather and communication satellites such as Tiros, Relay and Telstar and more recently the Sky Lab mission, would not have been able to use radio and television equipment without solar energy.

With the space program being limited, NASA's research into the sun's potential will also be limited.

Economically, the only research being done with solar energy is for heating and cooling. Many architectural problems are still to be overcome in this promising field.

These many research projects, in most cases, are very new and unproven. But with the groundwork already laid, their possibilities of success are good.

Although the crisis over fuel supplies threatens the life style of many Americans, there has been no noticeable effort to accelerate man's use of solar energy.

With fuel prices climbing to unimaginable levels, more and more people in the world are going to demand action for further development of the sun's energy as a source of power.

Now the sun's energy is only limited by man's willingness to research and apply.

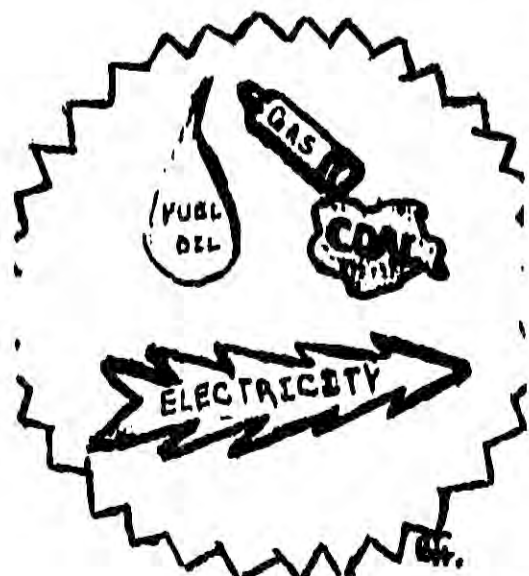


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Archaeological and historical research has found that early man explored uses of the sun's power.

In the ruins of Nineveh, the ancient capital of Assyria, convex quartz lens were found, which were thought to have lighted sacred fires by concentrating sunbeams.

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# Students Work with Boys

## Volunteers Help Club

By Larry Payne

Henry Cruz is a self-appointed recruiter for the Waco Boys' Clubs, and he is out to draft anyone with useful skills they are willing to share with groups of eager boys.

Cruz, a sophomore, is one of five MCC students presently involved with the Boys' Clubs. Cliff Hill, sophomore basketball coach, and freshman David Boyd, assistant director, were both recruited by Cruz, director of the Memorial Branch.

Manuel Ramos, a sophomore and former Boys' Club member, is a volunteer basketball coach at the downtown branch, and freshman Mark Fudge is the shop director there as well.

Cruz became director of the Memorial Branch last December and found the building run down. With the help of the boys, the club is being scrubbed, painted and refurnished into a youth center.

"Money isn't going to reach these kids, people are," said Cruz when considering the tight budget they have to work with.

"The goal of our club is to provide a planned athletic program to give these kids a sense of direction for all their energy," Cruz said. "Kids want to be supervised, guided and encouraged. I'm not a parent but I watch over these kids, teach them what I can and try to help them.

"The kids give me a lot in return, they trust and confide in me. I even saw most of their report cards before the parents did. They really wanted to show them to me and wanted me to be proud of them.

"It is really rewarding." Fudge said that he likes working with boys and wants to show them that he really cares about them.

He is using what he likes to call "kid power" to renovate the woodworking shop at the downtown club.

The shop is fully equipped but has not been used in three years because the club

could not get anyone qualified to teach woodworking to volunteer for the job.

Under Fudge's supervision, boys are able to make anything they want from scrap lumber donated by local construction companies.

"I love to see the smiles on their faces when they make something they can take home and be proud of," Fudge said. "It gives them a great sense of accomplishment."

The Waco Boys Club began in 1909 in the basement of the First Baptist Church as the Waco Newsboys' Club. It later became the Working Boys' Club to include all boys with jobs, and was later opened to all boys age six to 17 and became known as the Boys' Club.

The Waco Boys' Clubs need outside help, and Henry Cruz, Cliff Hill, David Boyd, Manuel Ramos and Mark Fudge are helping.



Photo by Rennie Marroquin

**WORKING TOGETHER** ---Henry Cruz (left), director of the Memorial Boys' Club, and Cliff Hill (right), the basketball coach, work with boys to give them a sense of direction. Stan Walker (center) is one of the many boys they help.

## Classes Spend Time in Jail

By Christine Casper

"It's not a nice place to visit, not a nice place to live."

This comment by Louis E. Barber, county jail official and sophomore law enforcement student, sums the reactions of the students who spent Thursday morning on the fifth floor of the McLennan County Courthouse Annex.

Two of instructor Paul Holder's government classes went on the field trip to the county jail.

Barber, a student in one of the classes, gave Holder the idea for the trip.

Barber served as guide for the trip. He described the functions of various parts of the jail and told anecdotes about prisoners and past experiences.

Before going to the fifth floor, the group was shown the "mug and proof room." This room is the hold-over station where pictures and fingerprints are taken.

The group reached the fifth floor on an elevator with a separate locked compartment used for transporting inmates.

Inmates are placed in tanks, or large cells.

The jail contains two maximum security tanks, two

medium security tanks, and two minimum security tanks.

The maximum security tanks hold 18 men, medium security hold 16, and minimum security hold eight and four.

In addition to these tanks, there is one rehabilitation tank referred to as the Rock. This tank is the solitary confinement area and can hold two people.

Tanks are made of steel and concrete and contain bunks and toilet facilities. Bunks are simple in construction—"steel and a three-inch foam rubber mattress," said Barber.

If an inmate shows good behavior, he can become a trustee. Eight trustees live in two tanks.

Although in a cell, trustees are allowed radios, television sets, phone privileges and visitors. However, this does not imply that trustees lead comfortable lives as everyone is assigned to perform a specific duty.

Duties include operating a coffee shop and working the laundry detail.

A mural on the wall opposite the guards' office depicts a pastoral scene and was painted by a trustee.

One of the present trustees is a man who was "trying to make a little extra money" and got arrested with 200 pounds of marijuana.

His cell was shown to the men in the touring group. It included an American flag, a stereo system and a wall of nude pin-ups, said Bob Crook, sophomore.

Inmates are fed three times a day. The menu is standard: cereal, milk and coffee for breakfast and TV dinners for lunch and dinner.

The jailers, none of the guards, carry guns.

"The only weapon I have is a blackstick, and I've never had to use it," said J.D. Whitesides, a jail official.

Students had different reactions to the jail visit.

One woman expressed a nervous feeling about the prisoners who stared at the group from the windows.

"They've got everything," said Crook. "They've got their culture, they've got free food."

As students boarded the elevator to leave the jail, Holder asked one final question.

"We didn't leave anyone, did we?"

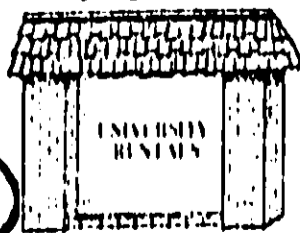


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# MCC Stays Hot on Hills' Heels

MCC 90, Cisco 86

The Highlanders rode to victory on the strength of 16 free throws defeating Cisco Junior College 90-86 Jan. 18 in Cisco.

MCC had built a 16-point lead only to see it vanish in the waning minutes of the contest.

The win raised the Highlanders conference record to 11-2, leaving them one game behind Hill in the conference standings. Hill beat Cooke County on Jan. 18 maintaining their hold on first place.

The game began slowly for the Clan. Then Don Gay and Don Tyson started hitting from the field to give MCC a 51-43 lead at the half.

Tyson lead the "Big Orange" with 25 points, Gay 22, Mark Lappa 18 and Steve Colwick 11.

MCC mounted its biggest lead at 72-56 with 9:42 left in the game. The Clan then went cold from the field hitting no field goals during the last seven minutes.

The Wranglers pulled to within three points with 2:44 remaining. The Highlanders' press then caused three turnovers that resulted in six free throws, four by Gay and two by Colwick, to ice the game.

The Clan closes the season at 7:30 tomorrow night against Grayson in Denison.

MCC 121, Ranger 91

The Highlanders defeated Ranger Junior College 121-91 on Feb. 14, in the gymnasium.

Despite a rash of turnovers by both teams, the Highlanders pulled to an early lead of 15 points. The Clan used their press to force Ranger into 44 turnovers.

Colwick scored 27 points on seven field goals and seven free throws. Booker gathered 28 points to lead the Clan's scoring.

MCC had three other players in double figures. Don Tyson had 18. Don Gay had only 10 points but collected 11 assists. Ivan Gordon had 12 of the last 24 points in the game.

Paul Lamb led the team's rebounding with 18, Don Tyson collected 11 and Ivan Gordon had 10.

The victory gave the team a 10-2 record in Northern Texas Junior College Conference play.

The game was the final home game for seven sophomores on the team.

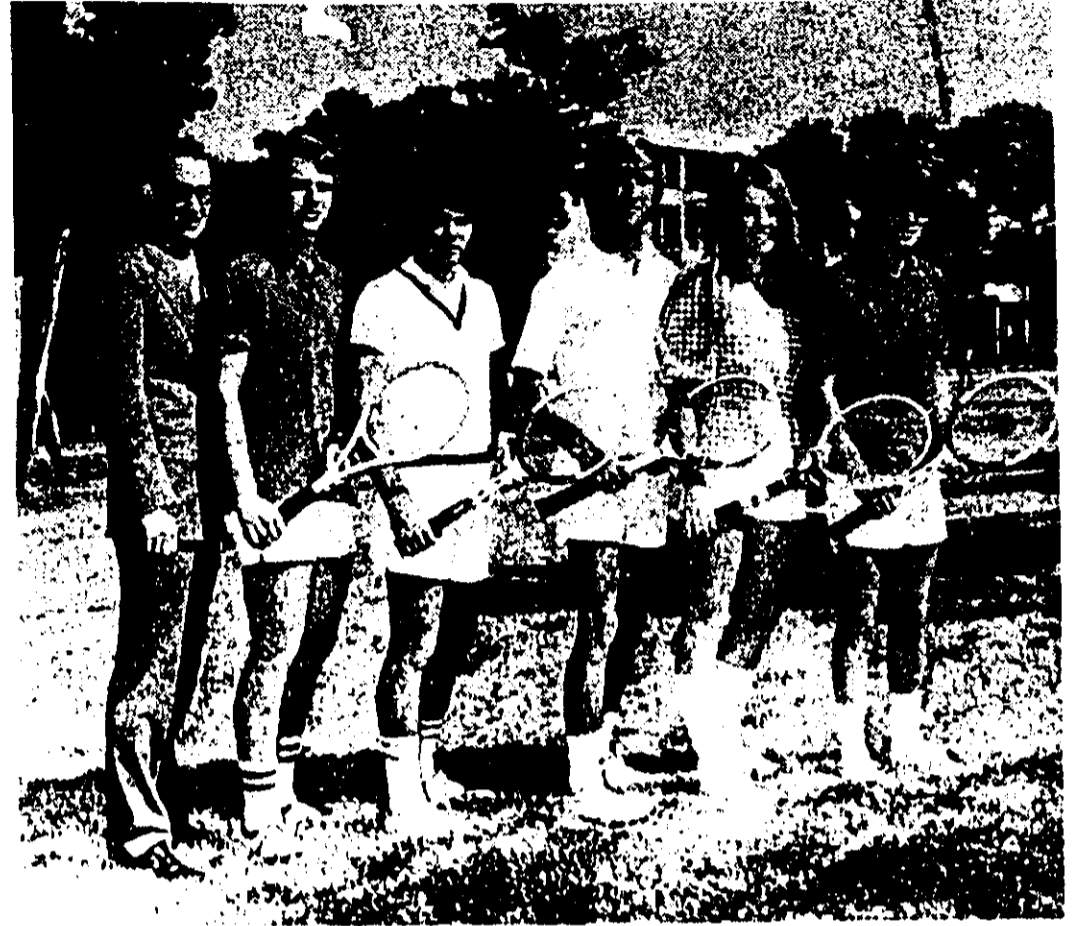
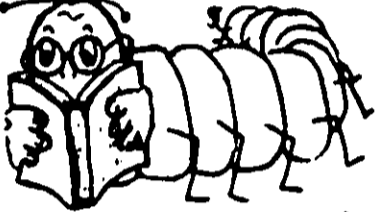


Photo by Ronnie Marroquin

Pictured above is the MCC Tennis Team. The netters kick off their season against Navarro Junior College at 2 p.m. today at the tennis courts.

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has been postponed

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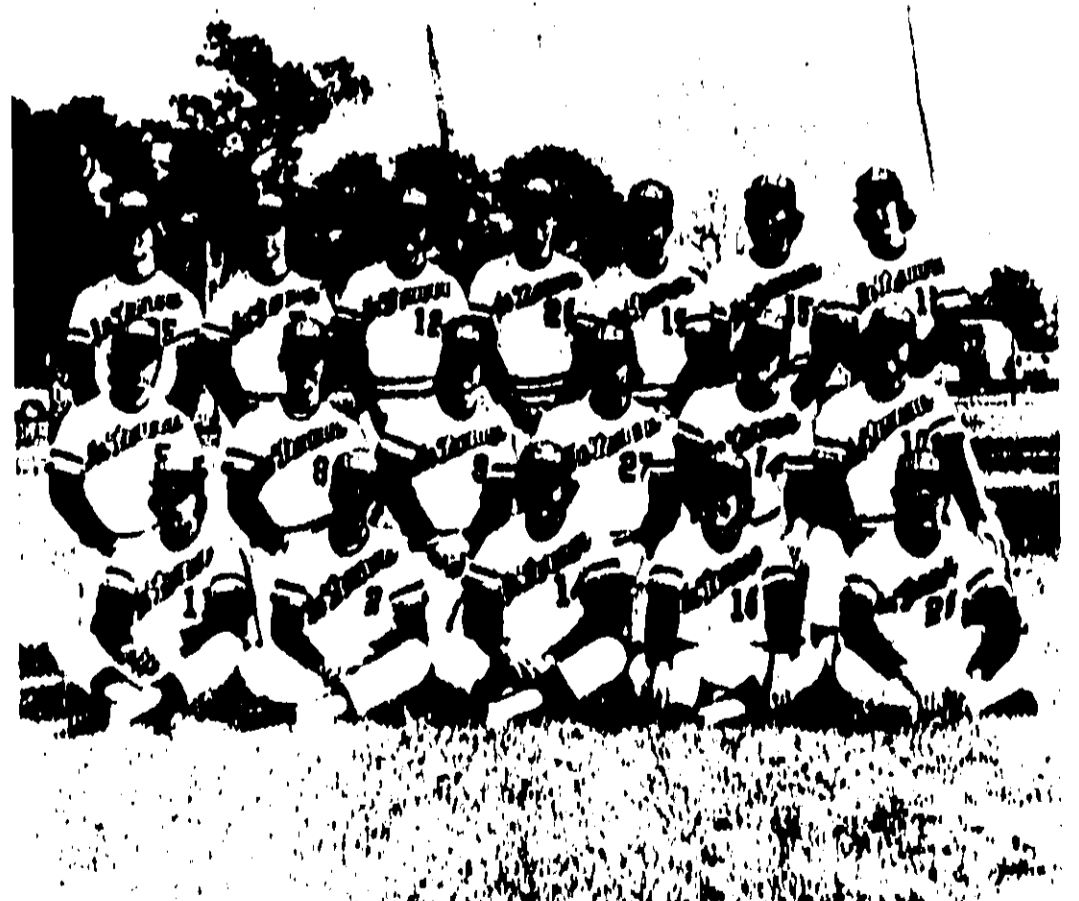


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Plotured here is the MCC Baseball Team. From left to right are: standing, Rusty Rogers, Glenn Jones, Sammy Sexton, Warren Saucier, Barry Nottingham, Greg Angelo and Doug Christopherson, kneeling: Glen Gibso, Andy Irwin, Roger Duncan, Jim Miller, Craig Stepherson, Leo Bennvides; sitting: Benny Veracruz, Kelly Roberts, Ray Casares, Mark Dickenson, Steve Harriman. The baseball squad will start this season with a double header at 4:00 Friday in Beeville against Bee County.