



SPRING TRAINING is accomplished for the college baseball squad in the fall. Two of the 25 men training under the direction of Coach Rick Butler sprint past the camera lens. They are (left) Steve Erwin and John Winkler.

## Afro Student Kindred Work For Club Unity

BY BETH WILLINGHAM

The Afro Student Kindred Club is not a new club on campus but its charter has been picked up and revitalized this year by an enthusiastic group of students who describe their goal as "unity".

Through the medium of education, the club hopes to present its members with an understanding of their African culture and Black American heritage and to enable them to better express their ideas, to initiate discussion, and to seek answers to the problems that face our community.

The ASK also sets as its goal the achieving greater understanding and tolerance and a more cooperative spirit among all people.

Since the ASK is vitally concerned with education as a means of achieving important goals, they hope to be instrumental in inspiring individuals to achieve high educational goals and discover their potentials in other areas as well,

The ASK membership is not limited as to race, creed, or color. There are several members of the club who are Anglos or Chicanos.

President of the ASK, Alvin L. Hughes, explains that lack of leadership, student interest and unity were three factors which may have been to blame for the dissolving of the original club.

This year's officers, other than Hughes, are Jeannie Higgs, secretary; Tony Burk, vice-president; and Collis Lee Cobb, reporter. The sponsors are Dr. Michael White, Director of Instructional Media Center and history instructor, and Willie Hobbs, Director of Financial Aids.

The first activity of the club this year has been the presentation of "The Light and Dark Side", a recording by Dick Gregory. The program was a presentation in two parts to which the public was invited.

Before each segment, Hughes gave an introduction on the subject matter and tone of the monologue. Hughes believes Dick Gregory has a vital message for

America's blacks and he "tells it like it is". His message to the younger generation is especially "heavy" and presents "sound solutions to their problems."

Gregory also gives a background in what has come to be called Black Studies and shows the behavior of the black man as he is in America today. The record is possibly insulting to some but really is only striving for validity.

Shortly following the presentation of "The Light and Dark Side," the club hopes to begin a canned goods drive for the local Salvation Army for the forthcoming Thanksgiving holiday.

Various other activities which would serve to increase interest and school spirit are on the club's agenda. They plan to make exhibits and presentations during Black History Week in February.

The club intends to put up candidates for the student offices in the next election in order to give a wider range of people voice and representation in the operation of the student government.

## New Policy Clears Questions Concerning 10 O'clock Hour

In recent weeks, some question had been raised on the use of the Monday, Wednesday, and Friday ten o'clock hour. These questions concerned students and faculty who wished to use the hour for instructional purposes rather than a free hour for activities other than academics.

Dr. Chester R. Hastings, academic vice-president of MCC received recommendations from the Instructional Council, student government, the Student Services Council, and the Faculty Council as how the hour should be treated.

On Oct. 20 Dr. Hastings submitted the new policy which became effective on that

date and is as follows:

"The 10:00 - 10:50 MWF Activity Period is primarily designed to permit a regularly scheduled time for general student activities, meetings of clubs - organizations, and special programs; however, a student may elect to participate in an instructionally-related activity provided the participation is student-initiated and optional with no penalty in any form imposed upon the student for electing not to participate in any such activity.

"Brief student-initiated interaction between an instructor and one - a few students during this period is not a vio-

lation of the intent of the policy. Any scheduled formalized instructionally-related activity at this period involving groups must be proposed in writing to the Academic Vice-President with copies of the proposal being sent to the Dean of Instruction and the Dean of Student Services.

"The Dean of Instruction will indicate, during the first week of each semester, the specialized instructional facilities which will not be available for student activities use during the 10 a.m. MWF period. Facilities for student activities use will be scheduled through the Director of Student Activities office for the 10 a.m. period."

## Counseling Station To Be Opened In Applied Science

The counselors will open a counseling station in the lobby of the Applied Science Building to answer students' questions. The counselors will staff the station at these times: Monday - 8:30-9:30 and 9:50-11:00 a.m.; Tuesday - 9:00-10:00 a.m.; Wednesday - 9:50-11:00 a.m.; Thursday - 7:45-10:00 a.m.; Fridays - 7:45-9:00 and 9:50-11:00 a.m.

Edward Lindsey, counselor, said the main purpose of the counseling station is "to make us available to answer short questions. The main objective," said Lindsey, "is to be closer to students who may get over to this area (A.S.

Building), to be available to give service, and to provide quick answers and little bits of information." If the problem requires detailed information the student is referred to the Counseling Office, which will remain open in the ground floor of the Student Center.

Lindsey goes on to say that the counseling station may become a permanent service and move to other buildings if student response is good. However, the station will terminate if there is no response.

Lindsey said, "There is a strong reason to believe it will be a success."

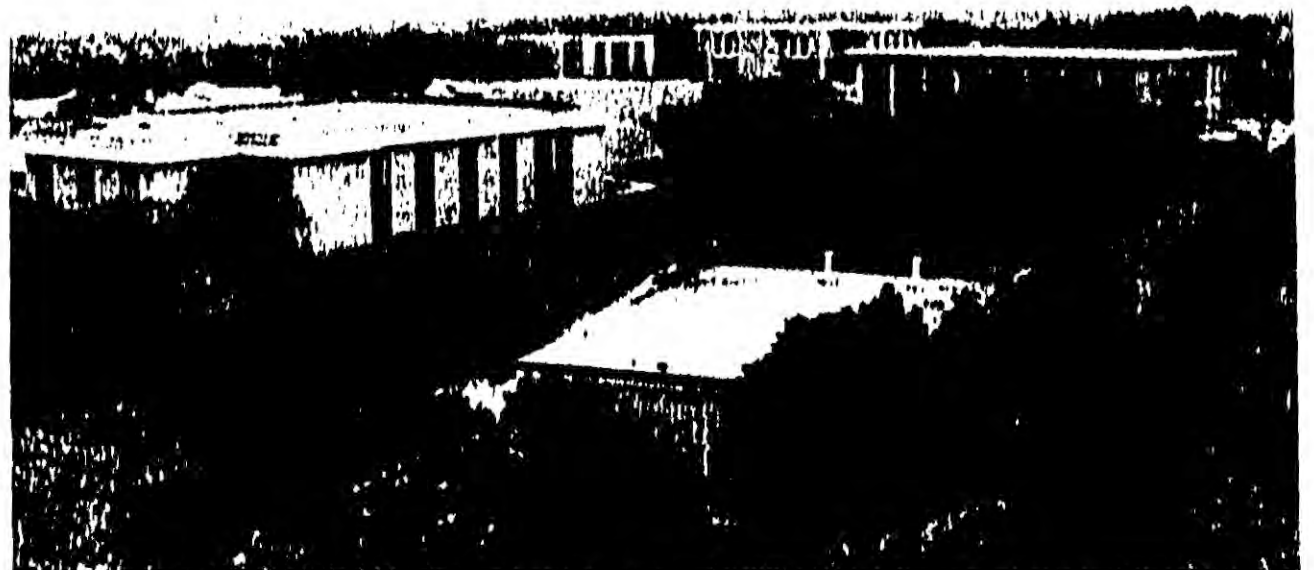
## Thank You, Mrs. Pape!

It comes as a surprise to no one that community support is what makes this college go... and grow. McLennan County voters have gone to the polls to institute the college, to support it financially, and to elect trustees.

Additionally, numerous corporate and private gifts to the college have done much to aid scholarship funds and provide other items which money can buy.

This fall a most unusual type of gift arrived here; several huge tubs were delivered containing decorative plants with exotic names like bird-of-paradise and croton. Some of them enhance the Student Center. The plants were the first of their type to arrive here and they indicated that the giver was most appreciative of the beauty of this campus.

This unique gift for this unique campus came from Mrs. Nell Pape, a Wacoan who has devoted a lifetime to the growing of gardens and care of landscapes. Thank you Mrs. Pape!... And thank you, MCC grounds staff. Your efforts combine to make this a pleasant place to learn.



Water tower view of Science Building (left) to Library (right).

Speaking Personally

# Group Of Dreamers Create For Waco

Several weeks ago I had the pleasure of being part of a type of committee that could very well in the near or far future have quite a bearing on the city of Waco. Although this was not a committee per se we shall call it that for our purposes. The group was made up of various civic leaders from the Waco Chamber of Commerce and young leaders from the campuses of all the Waco colleges and high schools. For three hours we did nothing than talk, drink coffee and cokes, and dream.

And dream we did—big dreaming. But, then again that was what we were told to do by the chairman of the group, Dr. Wilbur Ball, president of MCC. We were asked to come up with ideas that would improve conditions in and around Waco for the students and young people in general along with helping Waco's situation, which to say the least needs something.

We were told not to worry about feasibility of some of our ideas. Others would worry about that later on. No doubt some of our suggestions will be shot down in a ball of flame. But at least we tried and I think some if not most of our ideas will be taken up, analyzed, considered with great care and put into effect.

Gary Cook, the representative from Baylor, suggested that a youth council be formed to work in conjunction with the Waco City Council. He said he had seen this in another town and it worked fine. This council would in effect make recommendations to the city council as to what would be beneficial to the young people of the area.

Recreation was the big topic of the day and several ideas were thrown about that I liked, especially the one about the establishment of a type of amusement park similar to Six Flags in Dallas. Of course the size would not be as great, maybe not even the attractions, but with the new Lake Brazos being built which will extend from as far as MCC to below Baylor I feel the possibilities for amusement facilities are unlimited. Already the Brazos River Pilgrimage to the new lake and Fort Fisher is right on the banks. Ideas were also thrown up for grabs concerning water sports on the lake. Perhaps even future competition between Baylor and MCC in this area of boating and rowing. Not only would this provide recreation and even tourist attractions but summer jobs for college and high school people.

What about career jobs in Waco? Waco has a big problem getting people to stay in town and getting business and industry to come in. Dennis Linam of the model cities program said that getting rid of Waco's bad image and improving its physical appearance will aid this situation greatly. He said Waco has to be attractive to the eye in order to attract business, industry, or research. Although no real solution to the problem was made I feel model cities and urban renewal is the biggest asset we have now.

A lot of work is to be done. Maybe our gettogether was only a drop in the bucket, but at least we tried. But what if it wasn't just a drop and turns out to be a measurable part? Speaking personally that in itself is nice to dream about.

Spencer Gross, editor

## Bill Gammage

### Album Review

"Every Picture Tells A Story," Rod Stewart-Rod Stewart's come along way since the early Joff Beck Group and, apparently, with much success. This is his third solo album and definitely his best one.

Stewart's back-up is very solid (nothing flashy, but very solid) and is provided by a host of talented musicians including Mick Waller (drums) and Ron Wood (guitar) of the old Beck Group.

The album contains his single, "Maggie May" and "Reason to Believe" and 8 others including a fine rendition of an old Rare Earth tune (Stewart does it much, much better), "I Know I'm Losing You".

Yep, it appears Stewart has finally got it together. Congratulations, Rod, baby.

"Rough and Ready," The Joff Beck Group - This is Beck's first album in two and a half years (he almost died in a motorcycle accident) and man, he can still fiddle that guitar! (he makes it walk, talk, and do everything but cry real tears). His music has drifted from hard rock toward jazz but, heck, there isn't anything wrong with that.

Playing with him are four unknown (publicly) musicians, but they can play with the best of them (most assuredly).

All in all, it's a pretty good album.

# Expert Shoots Down The Myth About Green Thumbs

BY PATRICIA TERRY

"There is no such thing as a green thumb!" exclaims Thomas Wendell Chaffin, maintenance supervisor. Chaffin is the individual responsible for the care of numerous potted plants around the campus. He feels that "no person is born with a green thumb. A gardener's abilities come from his interest in plants. Most of mine have come through experience and study."

Chaffin's interest in horticulture "has always been," he says, and it is obvious to anyone walking into his office. A dozen green plants of every description stand prominently in one corner, and individual plants are placed about the room. Chaffin explains that plants fresh out of the greenhouse usually need a period of adjustment before going into the lobbies and landings of campus buildings, so he places them in his office until they are ready to be moved.

Every Friday afternoon and Saturday morning Chaffin makes the rounds of the school buildings to water his plants, move them around and check their health. "Some plants may need to be put back in the greenhouse for as much as six months," he says. He may sometimes be seen bonding over one of his plants, wiping off each leaf with a soft cloth. Chaffin's work with these plants is purely voluntary, a sideline to his official campus capacity as maintenance supervisor.

Chaffin first came to MCC in September of 1967 as construction administrator. In 1968 he was made superintendent of the physical plant, a position which he has occupied since that time.

Prior to his employment at MCC, Chaffin was a private building contractor. As well as building homes, he planned and carried out the landscaping for each site. He has attended numerous seminars and workshops on horticulture, and was in charge of the landscaping of Lions' Park.

## Highland Herald

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Chaffin graduated from Lorena High School in 1930. He spent six years at the University of Texas as a pre-med student, working for the State Department of Education to finance his way through college. After his father's death in 1936, Chaffin left medical school to work. He later earned two business degrees from Four-C College. He says, however, that his favorite work is construction work.

Chaffin is a man of varied interests, including photography and biology. He took sev-

eral courses in photo journalism at Baylor University and specialized in portraiture. He is at present enrolled in the law enforcement program here at MCC.

Asked where his plants come from, Chaffin replied, "We pick up plants from Dallas to Austin to Houston, wherever we can pick up a bargain. Several are donated by Mrs. G. H. Pape."

Chaffin's work has done much to beautify the campus, especially for such special occasions as Open House.



WENDELL CHAFFIN, maintenance supervisor looks over a magazine of horticulture in his office. Chaffin is a great enthusiast of plants and their care and he spends much time in his off-work hours caring for the plants and shrubs on campus.

## No Bra Burning Here

### Women's Lib Lacking MCC Female Support

BY DAVID BORSELINO

Congratulations male chauvinists, it appears that you are winning the assaults of the women's liberation movement. A survey of 207 students both male and female, was conducted the week of Oct. 13-Oct. 16 on the MCC campus by student Judith Burns.

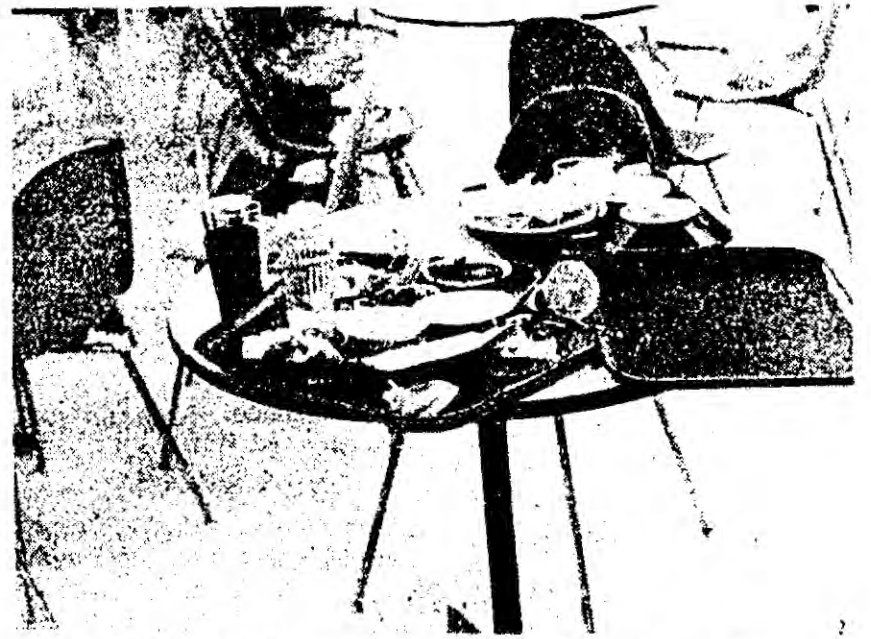
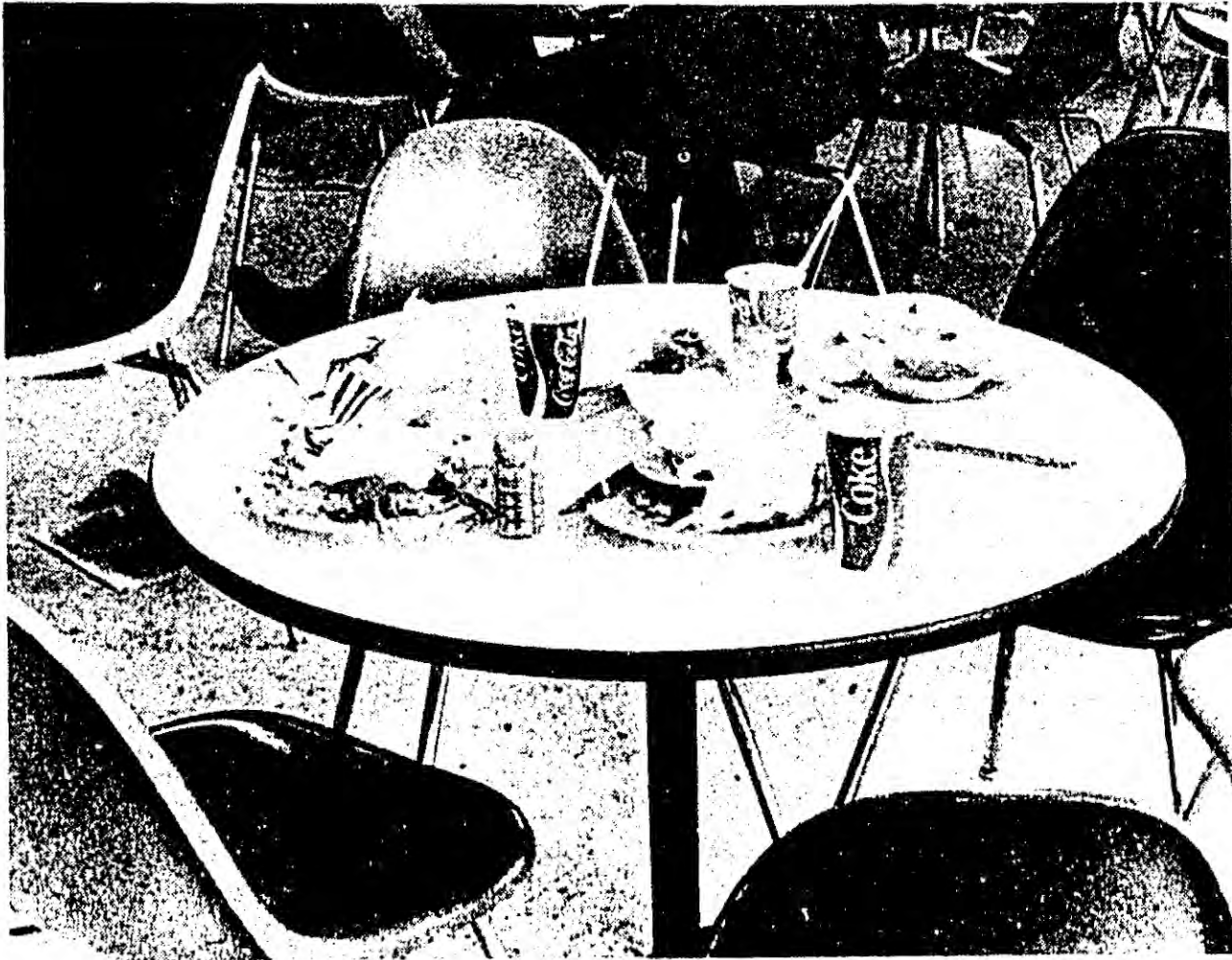
Results were a bit surprising in that women's lib support on the campus is nearly non-existent. In response to a question for women only; "If a women's lib were started on campus would you join it? A startling 95 per cent said that they would NOT participate in the movement. Only two of the sixteen questions asked were answered as a substantial support of women's lib. These two concerned the question that women should receive identical pay for identical work. A mean of 98 percent agreed to this. The other question regarded whether or not men should help with the housework; 88 percent of the women agreed. Men, understandably, were not quite as agreeable with a smaller 80 percent favoring the question.

There were also two questions that received an overwhelming response AGAINST issues supported by the women's lib. One of these showed that a total of 93 percent of the men and women opposed all abortions. The second question stated that all lesbians should be persecuted and even run out of the country. A total of 96 percent of the women agreed with this question; 90 percent of the men supported this view.

The survey indicates that a strong feeling of conservatism, concerning women's lib, exists on campus and that the movement here, at least for now, lies dormant.

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# New Sport Begins On Campus?



REMAINS LEFT by losers in an occult card game?

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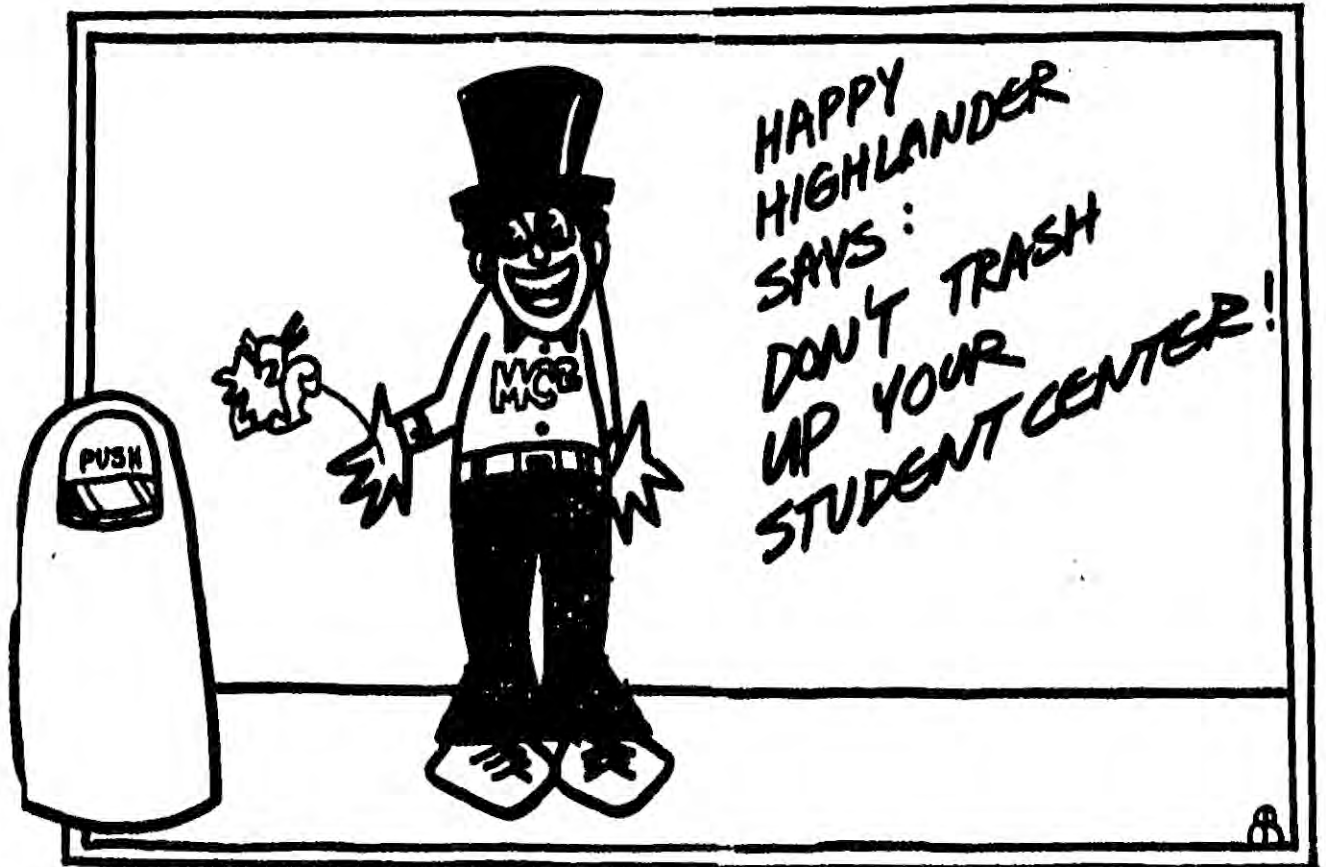
Gary Clendenen

THE SPOILS of battle. Anxious to get to class or maybe to search for Alka Seltzer tablets, students leave table in a heap of garbage.

A new game has developed in the Student Center; its title - Alka Seltzer Shaft. Rules of the game are similar to those of the conventional game of Spades, yet this new sport offers a fresh and exciting challenge.

Before cards are dealt, all participants troop through the cafeteria serving line and load their trays with an array of the SC's particularly distinctive food. Returning to their table, the players put their food aside and deal the cards. Amid the rare aromas, the brave souls deal out the cards.

After all the tricks have been played, all the nello hands set, all the foul language subsided, and all the points tallied, the plot thickens. As a reward for their efforts, the losing team is forced to eat the vast collection of SC cafeteria delicacies. Needless to say, the losers consume their just reward and leave hurriedly for the nearest Alka Seltzer dispenser, leaving the table heaped with the unpalatable remains of battle. Summing up, Is the mess in the SC caused wholly by losers in an occult card game? Perhaps, therefore anyone who takes an empty tray to its proper burial grounds, which are located through the yellow door tagged "IN" must surely be a victor, while all those who eat and run must surely be losers. Right?



MESS, MESS, and more mess. Empty plates may be returned through the yellow door in SC tagged IN.

RUBEN PUENTE cleans it all up. Puente is one of the few to see the SC in its unblemished state.

# Folk-Singer Tells About Early Folklore And Music

BY BETH WILLINGHAM

On Sept. 27 in the Lecture Hall, a talented and informative folk-singer-speaker appeared to discuss the early folklore and music surrounding Texas early settlers.

F.E. Abernathy, teacher and researcher, described three different migrations into Texas and sang and explained the evolution of the music brought west by the settlers.

There were several types of songs brought west by the settling families. The "rise you ups" were usually the first songs at a square dance and would invite the girl to dance or to "come west" with her husband.

The "come all ye's" were songs to give a warning, the warning sometimes being that to come west and marry a "Texian" could prove disastrous. From these two types many topics could be developed along the same theme.

One of the most popular songs on the Texas frontier, according to Abernathy, was the "Little Sod Shanty". The song describes the life of a young settler who came west to make his fortune and found himself in a house made of mud "with hinges of leather".

Since the pastime of square dancing was so popular in the West, the square dance songs of many variations played a large part in the peoples' recreation. The musical instruments to accompany these songs were likewise important.

The bagpipe was the first of these instruments, and like the songs had its roots in Scotland, Ireland, and Northern England.

Later the bagpipe came to be associated with the Tories and lost its influence and good name.

The bagpipe was replaced by the fiddle which may be played to resemble or duplicate the music of bagpipes.

Several with similar tunes and a general theme are still well known. These include the songs describing someone's "gal Sal" or "Lil", and have come down, depending which trail you came in on as "Buffalo Gal", "Arkansas Gal", or "Alabama Gal". "Old Dan Tucker" and "Cotton-Eyed Joe" come from these tunes and theme.

The Fundamentalist Baptists preserved many songs and started a tradition all their own, "Sacred Harp Tradition", which takes the "devil's music" and sets new words.

These religious people kept alive many songs with their social hours. "They didn't believe in 'waist-swinging'," Abernathy said, "These were a violent people who settled the West and that might have been too exciting. It didn't do to get them excited."

So they were content to sing and march to the old tunes, sometimes in the Virginia reel fashion of lining the boys on one side and the girls on the other.

The buffalo hunters and the cowboys were perhaps the hardest living and roughest characters of all. "They were a grotty bunch," said Abernathy.

Their songs, like "The Streets of Laredo", were usu-

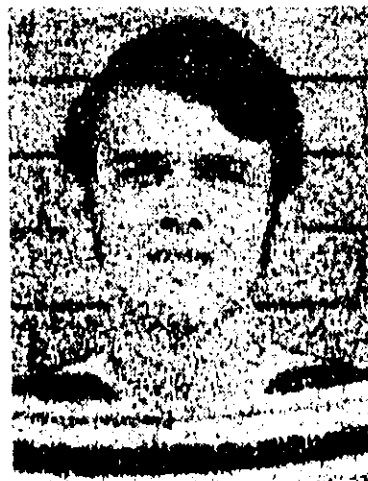
ally melancholy since their lives were composed mostly of hardship and they knew they might find premature death or disaster at every turn.

Abernathy is a professor of English at Stephen F. Austin in Nachadoches and is head of the Texas Folklore Society.



FOLK-SINGER F.E. Abernathy, who is also a teacher and researcher performs with his guitar in the Lecture Hall. Abernathy discussed the early folklore and music that surrounded the early settlers in Texas when he performed and spoke on campus Sept. 27.

## Herald Continues The Series On The MCC Basketball Team



ALAN ALFORD

BY PAT TUSA

Alan Alford - 6'7" - Alan is a rangy freshman who hails out of Houston Waltrip High School where he earned three varsity letters. Alan is a business administration major who has aspirations of continuing his basketball career after performing for the Highlanders. Alan comments that the 1971-72 Highlander cagers are "going to be real tough."

Sammy Holland - 6'1" - Sammy is a freshman guard who was a local schoolboy star at La Vega High School. Besides lettering three years in basketball, Sammy also chalked up two varsity letters in football. Sammy was an All-District performer in basketball his senior year in high school. In addition

### Ella Rhea Elected To TSTA Post

McLennan Community College business instructor Miss Ella Mays Rhea was elected chairman of the Business Teachers Section of District XII of the Texas State Teachers Association for the second time at the group's meeting Nov. 1. She was chairman in 1968 and is a charter member of the group. Miss Rhea has been on the faculty at MCC since 1968 and previously taught in Glade-water and McGregor High Schools for 26 years.

Other officers are Mrs. Dorothy Lumpkin of Martin High School, vice-chairman; Mrs. Barbara Allen of Axtell High School, secretary; and Cecil Reynolds, assistant dean of technical education at MCC, district representative.

The business teachers heard Dr. William H. Lumpkin of Baylor University speak at its meeting Monday afternoon and toured the new Jefferson-Moore High School in Waco.

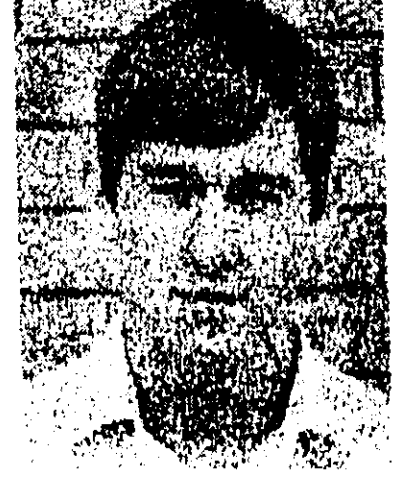
The group is an affiliate of Texas Business Education Association (TBEA).



SAMMY HOLLAND

to his superior performance in athletic competition, Sammy was also president of his junior and senior classes. Sammy's major is business.

Tommy Corley - 6'1" - Tommy is a freshman guard who compiled his impressive records at Midway High School. At Midway Tommy lettered for three years and received All-



TOMMY CORLEY

District honors his junior and senior years. He also was a three year letterman in football and a two year letterman in baseball and track. Tommy was also chosen as president of his class as a junior. Tommy's chief hobby besides basketball is swimming. Tommy believes the Highlanders will "have a good team if we work together."

## Physics Program One Of Largest Held In Texas

Approximately 50 junior college physics teachers from across the state met here at a College Science Improvement Program (COSIP) Nov. 4.

This was one of the largest gatherings of junior college physics teachers ever held in the state said Don Tatum, chairman of MCC's physical science department and host for the event.

Dr. C.K. Manka, chairman of the department of physics at Sam Houston State University, conducted the meeting. It is the first of a series sponsored by the National Science Foundation as follow-up meetings for the physics institute which was

held at Sam Houston State University last summer.

Tatum joined seven other physics instructors in giving presentations on the use of air tracks in classroom and laboratory instruction of physics.

Dr. R. N. Little, chairman of the physics department at The University of Texas at Austin, gave "Comments on Introductory Physics Laboratories" at a banquet.

The MCC meeting preceded the annual fall meeting of the Texas section of the American Association of Physics Teachers to be held at Baylor University last Friday and Saturday.

## News Briefs

**THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT OFFICE** located next to the snack bar in the Student Center will be open on MWF from 8 a.m. until 1 p.m. for any student having questions about Student Government or any problems they may have, or suggestions that may prove beneficial to the college.

**INTRAMURAL CHESS:** The Lions Club will be declared school champion Chess players if other clubs are unwilling, or "unable" to challenge their capabilities. Other club's members should contact the Intramural Department if they

feel they have what it takes to challenge the Lions Club. You will need three or five players to have a challenge match. Men or women may enter.

**PING PONG INTRAMURALS:** Entries are now being taken for ping pong singles men and women, and doubles men and women. Tournament play will begin when the volleyball teams have finished. **PING PONG TABLES STILL NEEDED:** If you have a folding ping pong table that the Intramural Department may borrow, please contact Ray Murray or the Student Activities Office.

## The Region IV Biology Conference Held Here

The annual Region IV Central Texas Work Conference on Undergraduate Biology was held here Friday, Nov. 5.

The day-long conference, a continuation of CUEBS, concentrated on innovative teaching practices in biology and multidisciplinary environmental studies. Biology teachers from over 15 Central Texas junior and senior colleges attended.

Dr. Gayle Weaver, chairman of the Science and Mathematics Department at Eastfield College in Dallas, delivered the keynote address: "An Evaluation of the Audio-Tutorial Technique of Instruction" that afternoon.

Dr. O. T. Hayward, professor

of geology at Baylor University, spoke at the conference dinner in MCC's Student Center Friday at 6:30 p.m.

The Conference planning committee was chaired by Mrs. Pat Norton, biology instructor at MCC, and Don Forester who is presently on leave from MCC. Committee members are Dr. H. E. Calkins of Paul Quinn College; Dr. Floyd Davidson, Baylor University; Mrs. Anne Penny Newton, Temple Junior College; and Bill Rushing, Navarro Junior College.

Throughout the conference, instructors of biology spoke on different aspects of biology instruction. They included Dave Montgomery of Paris Junior College and Dr. Owen T. Lind of Baylor, who discussed "Environmental Biology-A Multi-discipline Approach;" Unico Parker of Hill Junior College on "Behavioral Objectives as a Foundation for Curriculum Planning;" and James R. Schwarz and Hoyt Burnette of MCC, Schwarz spoke on "The Current Audio-Tutorial General Biology Program" at MCC and Burnette on "Components of a Minicourse."

## KEFC Radio Goes 24 Hours

Radio Station KEFC/FM, 95.5, Waco's only hip rock radio station, began twenty-four hour operations on Friday, Nov. 5.

The station's program director, Bob Gallemore, said that the station has had many requests from listeners to extend the hours of operation.