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Students Vote on Proposed Amendments

Koehne Runs Survey of Sample Ballots in Government Classes

Voters throughout the state will express their views on nine proposed amendments to the state constitution Tuesday.

Clyde Koehne, government instructor, ran a student survey on the amendments in the government classes during the week of Oct. 21 through 26. The results of the survey, along with explanations of the amendments, are listed below.

Amendment 1

For -- 155
Against -- 89

The constitutional amendment to provide for annual regular sessions of the legislature; and to provide an annual salary of \$15,000 and per diem for the members of the legislature, effective in January, 1975.

Explanation:

This amendment will authorize the legislature to meet in regular session each year. Each odd-numbered year, regular session shall meet for a period not to exceed 180 days. Each even-numbered year, regular session shall meet for a period not to exceed 60 days and be limited to fiscal matters and such emergency matters as may be submitted by the governor.

The sessions in even-numbered years may be extended by the governor for an additional period not to exceed 30 days.

The amendment also provides an annual salary for members of the legislature not exceeding \$15,000 per year and a per diem not exceeding \$18 per day for each regular session and each special session of the legislature.

Amendment 2

For -- 211
Against -- 30

The constitutional amendment to include within the scope of homestead protection the real property of a single adult person which meets the other requirements of homestead property, and to

provide that a family homestead may not be abandoned except with the consent of both spouses.

Explanation:

This amendment will expand the state's homestead protection to include single adults and will add the requirement that both husband and wife must consent to abandoning a family homestead.

Amendment 3

For -- 187
Against -- 54

The constitutional amendment to extend the \$3,000 ad valorem tax exemption to the homesteads of unmarried adults.

Explanation:

This amendment will expand the \$3,000 exemption from property taxation on homesteads to include the homestead of single adults.

Amendment 4

For -- 178
Against -- 45

The constitutional amendment establishing certain requirements relative to the enactment of laws creating certain conservation and reclamation districts.

Explanation:

This amendment will require county commissioners to be notified of any proposed conservation or reclamation districts that would fall, in part or totally, within the boundaries of their county, and that they can express support or opposition to its enactment of the legislature.

Amendment 5

For -- 102
Against -- 47

The constitutional amendment authorizing counties and cities bordering on the Gulf of Mexico to issue bonds for the construction of sea

walls and breakwaters upon a vote of the resident property taxpayers.

Explanation:

This amendment will reduce the number of votes required to issue bonds for the construction of sea walls and breakwaters from two-thirds to a majority. It affects only the Gulf Coast counties.

Amendment 6

For -- 153
Against -- 64

The constitutional amendment stating that the district court concurrently with the county court shall have the general jurisdiction of a probate court, and providing the jurisdiction thereof, and further providing that in any probate proceeding the district court shall also have jurisdiction otherwise conferred upon it by law, and further providing that the legislature may increase, diminish or eliminate the jurisdiction of the district court or county court in probate matters, and further providing that the legislature shall have power to adopt rules governing the filing, distribution and transfer of all such cases and proceedings as between district courts, county courts, and other courts having jurisdiction thereof, and further providing that all appeals in such matters shall be to the courts of (civil) appeals.

Explanation:

This amendment provides the necessary jurisdiction for all probate cases (such as wills) to be tried in either a district court or a county court, and will give the legislature power to provide that all appeals on probate matters shall be to the court of civil appeals.

Amendment 7

For -- 120
Against -- 119

The constitutional amendment to provide for an additional \$100 million bonds or obligations of the State of Texas

for the Veterans' Land Fund.

Explanation:

This amendment will allow the Veterans' Land Board to issue another \$100 million in bonds for the Veterans' Land Fund, which has now issued its maximum constitutional limit of \$400 million. This fund allows war veterans to purchase farmland in Texas at low interest rates.

Amendment 8

For -- 91
Against -- 133

The constitutional amendment to authorize cities, towns and villages to levy such ad valorem taxes as are sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on their general obligations hereafter issued subject to the restrictions provided by law.

Explanation:

This amendment will give the legislature the power to enact general or special laws to establish limitations on the total indebtedness of any or all incorporated areas. Incorporated areas will be required to tax their citizens at whatever rate necessary to pay, when due, the principal of and

interest on all general obligations. Unless or until the legislature acts to establish statutory limitations, the limitations established with respect to the total principal amount of bonds which may be issued by independent school districts shall apply.

Amendment 9

For -- 177
Against -- 49

The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to exempt from property taxes certain property used by a non profit water supply corporation or a nonprofit water supply cooperative.

Explanation:

This amendment will allow the legislature to exempt nonprofit water supply corporations or cooperatives from paying property taxes on all real property and all equipment used in the reasonable activities of supplying water to their customers or members. All property used in the acquisition, storage, transportation, sale and distribution of water is included.

Parking Designated For Handicapped

Handicapped students now have a special parking area from the west end of the traffic circle to the front of the Administration Building. Student Services Council accepted the recommendation Thursday from Student Government.

In the past handicapped students have been given special parking permits which enabled them to park anywhere on campus. The temporary parking difficulties have been defeating the purpose of these permits. Therefore handicapped students will temporarily have the designated area for their use only.

The Council decided to order a concrete waste receptacle from California. The purpose is to help the Council in deciding whether or not to order more of these waste receptacles for outdoor use on campus.

The receptacles are about 14 by 22 inches in diameter and three feet high. They are

concrete with removable insides and will cost the college about \$170 apiece.

Ron H. Smith, director of veteran affairs, suggested asking TSTI to make the receptacles. His suggestion was dropped in favor of the motion made by Harvey Spross, registrar, to order one from California.

Dr. Larry Gilliam, dean of student services, asked for suggestions regarding the check cashing policy on campus. Harold Nolte, vice-president of student government, reported that Student Government was organizing a committee to campaign for a check cashing policy. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

The degree to which textbooks are being required and not being used in the classroom is being investigated by Dr. Ron A. Smith. Dr. Gilliam appointed Miss Honey Wolfe, student member and Randy Beard, student member, to work with Dr. Smith.

Gov. Proclaims Adult Education Week

Local observance of Adult Education Week in Texas will focus on the four-county Adult Basic Education Program based here at MCC, according to a report by the Waco Tribune-Herald.

Gov. Dolph Briscoe has signed a proclamation

designating this week as Adult Education Week in Texas.

Classes are meeting at Waco and Marlin, and others are planned for residents in McLennan, Falls, Bosque and Hill counties.

Signing of the proclamation

coincides with the Texas Association for Public Continuing Education (TAPCE) hosting the joint meeting of the National Association for Public

Continuing Education and the Adult Education Association of the United States in Dallas.

Halloween—Much More Than 'Trick-or-Treat'



Illustration by Stephen Cook

By Cathy Sulak

Ghosts, goblins, witches and other creatures from the realm of darkness appear one night each year to spread fear across the land.

That night, more commonly known as Halloween, is tonight.

The mystic rites and ceremonies with which Halloween was originally observed began among the Druids centuries before the Christian era. The Druids celebrated the eve of the festival of Samhain or summer.

The sinister sides of the day were unknown then and the celebration was connected to agriculture and separated the two distinct growing seasons of the Celtic calendar.

The Druids believed that on Oct. 31, the end of the old year, the lord of death gathered together all the souls of the dead who had been condemned to enter the body of animals and decided what form they should take for the next year.

They believed that the souls of the good entered the body of another human being at death. The Druids also believed that the punishment of the wicked could be lightened by gifts and prayers to the sun god.

It was long believed that cats which were sacred had once been human beings who had been changed into that form as punishment for evil deeds.

Halloween also was once thought to be the most likely time for witches and ghosts to wander around. Common belief was that witches held a party on Halloween and the women, who seemed like ordinary people during the rest of the year, would put a stick in their beds anointed with the fat of murdered babies.

This would change itself into the witch's likeness and she would fly up the chimney on a broomstick attended by black cats.

The witches met the devil at a place arranged by him. The devil was thought to ride to the meeting place on a goat. There they drank out of horses' skulls and danced in a circle from west to east.

According to Scottish beliefs, the devil also played a bagpipe for the dancing and the revelers were lighted by a torch between the horns of the goat. When the torch was burned out the witches gathered the ashes, especially potent in incantations, and then boarded their broomsticks for their journey home.

Halloween was also thought to be a favorable opportunity for divinations concerning one's future in marriage, luck, health, and death. One custom was for a youth or maiden to pare an apple with the paring all in one piece, swing it around the head three times and then drop it over the left shoulder. It was expected to fall on the floor in the shape of the initial of his or her sweetheart's name.

Immigrants to the United States, particularly the Irish, introduced Halloween customs that became popular in the late 19th century.

There is an old tale about jack-o'-lanterns. It concerns a stingy drunkard of an Irishman, Jack by name, who tricked the Devil into climbing an apple tree to get one of the juicy pieces of fruit, then quickly cut the sign of the cross into the trunk of the tree, preventing the Devil from coming down.

Jack made the Devil swear that he wouldn't ever come after Jack's soul again or claim it in any way.

This did not stop Jack from dying, however, and when he went to the gates of heaven he was turned away because during his life he had been so tightfisted and mean and excessively thirsty.

There was only one other place to go, so Jack went down to the Devil's abode. But even in hell he was not accepted, for the Devil had promised never to take him.

"But where can I go?" asked Jack.

"Back where you came from," replied the Devil.

The way back was windy and dark, so as a final gesture the Devil threw a live coal to Jack straight from the fire of hell. Jack had been eating a turnip and thought to put the coal inside it.

Ever since he has been traveling over the face of the earth with his "jack-o'-lantern," searching for a place to rest.

That, so the tale says, is the origin of those globe-faced emblems of Halloween that decorate the porches, windows and fenceposts of America.

Halloween today is mainly a time for children to dress as their favorite creature and go from door to door demanding a treat in lieu of a trick. The treats are usually forthcoming because no one wants a trick—since everyone knows what that can mean.

Concert Band Performs in Fine Arts Theatre Today

The first formal indoor concert of the season will be at 10 a.m. today in the Fine Arts Theatre.

The program includes "The Merry Wives of Windsor" by Otto Nicolai; "Second Suite in F for Military Band" by Gustav Holst; "Horse and Buggy," by Leroy Anderson; "Symphonic Chorale for Concert Band," by Eric Osterling; and "Mannin Veen" by Haydn Wood.

"There will be no real solist in the sense of a solo," said David M. Hooten, concert band director.

The concert should be 45 minutes of "easy listening," said Hooten.

The concert is free.

"This is the best band we've had since I've been here. It has the best potential," Hooten said.

The increased size of the band and "the quality we've gotten" are added factors contributing to the success of this year's

band, said Hooten. The concert band numbers 45.

"The program has expanded a great deal this year. Organizations are considerably larger. We've added four ensembles," Hooten said.

The concert band will perform two formal concerts this fall and possibly three in the spring. The band plays traditional musical selections.

"We haven't really tested them on far-out, contemporary things. Judging from the quality of the people and their musicianship, they'll be able to handle any type music," said Hooten.

People can also play in a concert without being an official member of the band. The only stipulation is that non-members must practice with the rest of the band.

"Scholarships are available for people in the band. Both the band and scholarships are open

to anyone who wants to play," said Hooten. "You don't necessarily have to be a music major (to play in the band). Although we have auditions for scholarship awards, there is no audition to be in the band."

MCC has had a band since the college first opened on the former James Connally Air Force Base. At that time, there was one faculty member,

Kenneth Alford, for the music department. The department now has three full-time faculty members and four part-time faculty members.

Hooten has a philosophy about the purpose of the music department.

"The purpose of the band is first to teach and also to serve the college as a public relations group. These two prime goals

are common to all performing groups on campus, in the music, drama and the athletic groups.

"Also, one of the main purposes is for the student to enjoy playing. If the student doesn't have fun making music, there's something wrong with the music," said Hooten.

The next formal concert will be sometime in early December.

Pianists Initiate Student-Faculty Recitals

student recitals.

For his solo piece, Akin will play Chopin Concerto No. 1 in a minor. Akin is a new part-time member of the faculty and was recently awarded second place in the Dallas Concerto Contest over several well-known state pianists.

Alford, a music instructor at MCC since 1966, will play the solo part in his selection, the Khatchaturian Concerto, the

first Waco performance of a work by this composer.

Khatchaturian, a modern Russian composer, is known for employing both conventional and contemporary piano techniques in his compositions. He is better known as the composer of the famous "Sabre Dance."

The concerto program will also be the first recital Alford has presented since he has been at MCC.

Calendar

The Counseling Office has received information from Stephen F. Austin State University regarding a two-year agricultural scholarship for Spring 1974. The scholarship is \$120 per semester. Applications and further details in the Counseling Office. Deadline for applications is Dec. 3.

Wednesday, Oct. 31

10 a.m.—Chicanos play Frats in Intramural volleyball.
10 a.m.—Circle K meets in LA105.
10 a.m.—Concert Band Concert in Fine Arts Theatre.

10 a.m.—Delta Phi Beta meets in LA210.
10 a.m.—Dirty Half-dozen plays Volleyballers in Intramural volleyball.
10 a.m.—Sigma Delta Phi meets in LA215.
10 a.m.—Spanish Club meets in LA216.
10 a.m.—Supreme Court meets in Student Center Conference Room.

Friday, Nov. 2

10 a.m.—Afro Student Kindred meets in LA211.
10 a.m.—Nursing Association meets in HPE Lecture Hall.

10 a.m.—Phi Theta Kappa meets in LA202.
10 a.m.—Roden Club meets in LA105.
10 a.m.—Spanish meets in LA216.
10:30 a.m.—Inter-club Council meets in Student Center Conference Room.

Monday, Nov. 5

10 a.m.—Nursing Club meets in HPE Lecture Hall.
10 a.m.—Spanish Club meets in LA216.
10 a.m.—Student Government meets in Board Room of Administration Building.

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He's Drunk But Not a Criminal Anymore

By Christine Casper

"He's drunk. Throw him in jail until he sobers up!" growls the hulking sheriff on any number of Western sagas.

Unfortunately, people during the Wild West era associated habitual drinkers with the criminal element. Families with alcoholics were shamed, not helped; the alcoholic was punished for his crime, not treated for his illness.

Even more unfortunate is the fact that most of these century-old concepts still linger today.

Alcoholics and families of alcoholics must combat not only emotional problems but also social problems. For these reasons, Alcoholics Anonymous (AA), Al-Anon, and Alateen were organized.

Alateen is an organization for children, close relatives or close friends of alcoholics.

"That's the only requirement for membership—that you have a friend or relative who is an alcoholic. And that common problem aids in group unity," said Mary P., an MCCer who belongs to Alateen.

"Whatever is said in that meeting-room does not leave that meeting-room ...You don't tell people outside the program who's in it," said Mary. She added that some alcoholics, even those working to solve their problems, could be fired from their jobs if employers discovered their problem and didn't understand.

Another difficulty facing alcoholics is obtaining a driver's license. Since the program stresses honesty, one man wrote in the appropriate blank that he was an alcoholic. His truthfulness almost cost him a driver's license.

Alcoholism is a progressive disease.

"My father, who has not had a drink in 12 years, would become a lot sicker if he took one today because the disease is progressive," Mary said.

An alcoholic is anyone who has, or has had a physical

dependency on alcohol. Thus, a person who hasn't had a drink in twenty years is still called an alcoholic.

"We're trying through public relations to let people know there is a place for people to go to get help. If we get enough MCC students involved we could start a post-teen (Alateen) group. There's four or five of us of college age; the rest are still in high school," said Mary.

The Alateen chapter in Waco has approximately twenty members.

The Alateen program gives children of alcoholic parents a set of ideals by which they can live and grow. Personality growth is one of its main features. The program endeavors to help the child love the parent and yet be emotionally detached from the problem itself.

"Once you get in the program, you can bring friends home and if your dad is passed out in the living room, you don't have to be ashamed of it," Mary said.

The Alateen program consists of the 12 steps, the 12 traditions and the serenity prayer.

"The 12 steps are the basis of our program. It's the same steps the Al-Anons use in their program. We use the serenity prayer and the 12 traditions. These are guideposts," Mary said.

The twelve steps include:

1) We admit that we are powerless over alcohol and our lives have become unmanageable because of it.

"We admit we can't change anyone but ourselves. If we pour out the alcohol or condemn the alcoholic for his drinking, it does no good. The alcoholic will find any excuse to drink. If it's sunny, he'll drink ...anything he can conjure up as an excuse," Mary explained.

2) We believe that a power greater than ours can restore us to sanity.

Alateen members begin to

look to this power, usually God, to "restore serenity and peace of mind."

3) We make a decision to turn our will and our lives over to God as we understand Him.

To Mary, this third point is the most important one of the whole program.

"It's a spiritual program but it's not religious," Mary said, meaning that no specific religion, such as Christianity or Hinduism, is emphasized.

4) We make a searching and fearless moral inventory of ourselves.

5) We admit to God, to ourselves and to another human being (generally one also in the program) the nature of our wrongs.

6) We're entirely ready to have God remove all the defects of our character.

7) We humbly ask Him to

remove all shortcomings in us.

8) We make a list of all persons we've harmed and are willing to amend our wrongs.

This willingness, said Mary, is a big step in the direction to becoming a better person.

9) We make direct steps to amend former actions whenever possible.

10) We continue to make personal inventories and when we're wrong, we admit our mistakes.

11) We seek, through prayer and meditation, to improve conscious contact with God as we understand Him, praying only for knowledge of His will for us and the power to carry out that will.

12) Having had a spiritual awakening as a result of these steps, we try to carry the message to alcoholics and practice the principles in all

these affairs.

These 12 steps lead to the goal of children with an alcoholic parent: helping the alcoholic back on the way to stability.

"The program can work for anybody, whether you've got an alcoholic or not," Mary said.

A girl with an alcoholic father came to an Alateen meeting convinced that the program had nothing to offer. By the time she reached step 12, she was a changed person.

"She realized that alcoholism is a disease and that her father hadn't drunk to hurt her," Mary said.

After she was able to recognize alcoholism as a disease and not an intentional action, she could cope with the problem.

Perhaps the rest of society will also be able to recognize this difference and dispel outdated concepts.

Willie Nelson, Sammi Smith To Appear at Abbott Festival

By Bill Gammage

The Willie Nelson Homecoming, one of the biggest country-western productions ever assembled, will take place from 10 a.m. until 10 p.m. Sunday in Abbott.

The Homecoming will feature Willie Nelson, Sammi Smith, Waylon Jennings, Johnny Rodriguez, Johnny Bush, Billie Jo Schaffer, Kinky Friedman, Johnny Darrell and a host of others.

This is Nelson's second attempt at an outdoor festival-type country gathering, the first being the Willie Nelson Picnic held July 4, in Dripping Springs.

According to promoters, the Homecoming is shaping up to be bigger than the Dripping Springs affair, which attracted more than 60,000 people. One promoter said, "We've sold 20,000 tickets in the Dallas area, alone."

When asked for the location of the Abbott festival, Danny Boyse, promoter from Abbott, said, "Take Interstate 35 to Abbott (it's between West and Hillsboro), go into the town, and follow the signs."

Tickets are \$5.50 in advance and \$7.50 at the gate. They may be purchased in the Waco area at Jack's Discount Store, 4208 W. Waco Drive.

The Homecoming is officially being sponsored by the Abbott High School PTA. The



Willie Nelson

Illustration by Patricia Tillman

arrangements are being handled by Nelson. He is originally from Abbott.

According to Jack's Stereo, Leon Russell will also be appearing. He will appear as Hank Wilson, which is the name of his new country-western album, according to Jack's.

Nelson is currently riding the charts with his top-selling album "Shotgun Willie." He has been prominent on the country-western scene for many years, though he changed his style to a smoother, more subdued type of

music in the late 60's.

Sammi Smith rose to fame in the early 70's with the help of Kris Kristopherson, who wrote her first big hit, "Help Me Make It Through The Night." Other hits by Miss Smith include "Here Comes the Night" and "Once a Day."

Waylon Jennings is quite well known on the country scene. Some of his many hits include "Lonesome, Onery and Mean," "You Can Have Her, I Don't Want Her" and "Ladies Love Outlaws."

Johnny Rodriguez played guitar with Tom T. Hall before making it as a singles entertainer. His first hit recording was "Pammy My By."

Johnny Darrell scored big with the familiar "Pon In Hand."

Classifieds

FOR SALE: Light Blue 1969 Dodge van. Very good condition, 6 cylinder, three speed on column \$1200. See at 1404 S. Robinson Dr. or call 462 0418, after 5 p.m.

ASK Ruffling Turkeys

Afro Student Kindred (ASK) is sponsoring a turkey raffle. Tickets are 50 cents each and may be purchased from any club member or from counseling intern Louis McGowin's office.

Three turkeys will be given away at half-time at the MCC basketball game on Nov. 10. An ASK member donated two of the turkeys for the raffle and the

club will buy one.

ASK is attempting to raise money for their treasury in order to "do something for society." They previously had a car wash and are planning an Afro Style Show.

"If we sell all the tickets the club will have \$250. So far we have sold most of them," said Kathy Griggs, president.

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Mrs. Cunningham Coaches New MCC Volleyball Team

"Extramural" volleyball action is being started by thirteen women players venturing to go one step beyond MCC's regular intramural activities.

Mrs. Ann Cunningham, HPE instructor and sponsor of the newly organized volleyball team, decided to restart the womens' athletic team when several of the members expressed a desire to play womens' teams from other colleges.

"Most of these girls are girls who made all-district or all-state when they played sports in high school," said Mrs. Cunningham. During MCC's first three years in Waco, Mrs. Cunningham coached both a girls' basketball and volleyball team.

"Then when I left for a few years, interest in the teams sort of died down. When I came back I wanted to get it started again but never had a chance until the girls came to ask me about it," said Mrs. Cunningham.

The team plans to join the Texas Commission of Interscholastic Athletics for Women, which will then qualify them as an intercollegiate team.

Oct. 20 the squad placed second in a Waco YMCA volleyball tournament against teams from Arlington, the Houston YMCA "A" team and the Trio Aviation team from Dallas.

The team placed third in a tournament at Baylor Oct. 23.

The MCC team will participate in the TCIW District IV Volleyball Tournament Thursday and Friday at Baylor University along with 12 other teams.

"Right now we're just playing it by ear," said Mrs. Cunningham. "I think it's good for the girls to be active and play. In fact, when I first saw them play I was surprised to see how good they really were."

Members of the team are Connie Brunson, Debbie Mueck, Susan Kidwell, Robin Carruth, Sharon Shaeper, Sammie Johnson, Deborah Harris, Ellen Brophy, Pitty Nelson, Debbie Moore, Mickey Gill, Debbie Laurents and Debbie Foster.

Golf Squad Wins Match With NTSU

The golf team defeated the NTSU No. 2 team 14-10 in a match play Oct. 26 at the Denton Country Club.

The match was played under NASO rules. Four players make up a flight. In each flight one point is awarded for winning the first nine holes, one for winning the last nine holes and one for winning the match.

John Foster was the leading scorer for the linksters with a 70. Tom McConnell shot a 73, Mike Hagen and Mark Bachik scored 74. Barron Sutton garnered a 75, while Mark Champeon shot a 76.

The squad will play the Baylor varsity Friday at Woodland West Country Club.



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John Foster

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