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SPRING COMES ON STRONG IN A BLUR OF ACTION

Students Mary Howton and Larry Campbell streak along Cameron Park Path

DAISY-COVERED SLEDGE HAMMER?

Springtime Hits Campus

By ROWLAND STITELER

Something was noticeably different with everyone on the first sunny, windy, kite-eating day of this year.

On Waco's college campuses it seemed that many students had decided to forget the worries presented in the pursuit of their studies and let their spirits go a.w.o.l. for an afternoon.

There was an afternoon display of sure-footedness performed by two of the more sophisticated looking coeds on that architectural fiasco that rumbles every time a car crosses Waco Creek on South Seventh Street.

It was a circus atmosphere that would have made the Kling Brothers jealous as the coeds gracefully walked across the narrow iron arches that grow out of each side of the wooden bridge. They received a hearty round of applause from the majority of the drivers participating in the traffic jam which was held in connection with the performance.

On the McLennan Community College campus, there were more signs of Spring than the usual rolled-up sleeves and rolled-down car windows.

"It's a matter of wasted body effort," said one of the students who had evidently not yet been stricken by the spirit. "Why are those people running across the campus, when they could walk and only lose a few seconds?"

There is a lot of logic in his statement. Why run? Why laugh? Why whistle? Mid-term exams are on the way. Summer vacation is still over 13 weeks away. What is the cause for all the exuberance?

"It must be the weather," he concluded. "Every time the

weather gets nice like this, people start acting like some one put LSD in the water supply."

Is it the weather? Well, partly. But there is something more than just the weather that leaves one feeling as groovy as the 59th Street Bridge. Spring is more than weather conditions recorded by the weather bureau or this year's planting season denoted by a Fletcher's Castoria Calendar.

Spring is a spirit. Spring is a feeling. Spring actually becomes a living part of the human mind. The feeling of Spring hits its victims like a daisy-

covered sledge hammer and renders them temporarily useless for anything but procrastination for the first few days of the seizure.

After the first few days of this nirvana, the spring fever victim finally returns to the drab world of reality. Soon the beautiful weather becomes as normal as the icy days that made the winter such a bore.

Those first days of spring fever are here right now. It's time for all to enjoy those days that make the most dull activities become a lark.

And as everyone knows, "there is nothing like a lark."

Plans for Three Buildings At New Site Completed

By NICK DEHLINGER

Plans for the first three buildings of McLennan Community College's new campus have been completed. The original structures will be an administration building, a library and a fine arts building. The fine arts building is of particular interest for it is of unusual design.

The new campus itself will be designed to accommodate 1,750 full-time students. The site for the campus has been surveyed and construction will begin in the near future.

Some of the buildings on the new campus will include the above three plus an academic classroom building, a science building, student center, technical vocational building, health science building, gymnasium

and a maintenance building.

The entire campus will cover 100 acres. Thirteen acres will be devoted entirely to parking facilities.

It has been decided there will be no dormitories built on the campus, but it has been foreseen that athletic facilities will be needed for out of district athletes.

Officials are hopeful to be able to move into the new campus by the fall of 1968, and no later than the fall of 1969.

The contents and facilities of each building is being decided upon by the people who will occupy it.

Charles King and Clyde Koehne are working directly with the architects on the design of the academic classroom building.

President Wilbur Hall and

Latin American Expert to Speak

Raymond Leddy, an official of the U.S. Department of State, will be on the McLennan Community College campus Wednesday to speak on international affairs.

Leddy will lecture on Asian affairs to the students and faculty at 10 a.m. Wednesday and speak on Latin American affairs at a luncheon which will be held at noon that day in the student cafeteria.

Leddy is the third speaker to visit the MCC campus in connection with the lecture series, "Contemporary Issues in Our Government." The series is sponsored by the MCC government department, and arrangements for Leddy's visit were made by Clyde Koehne, Coordinator of the department.

Leddy is now Department of State Advisor at the United States Army War College at Carlisle, Pennsylvania.

He was born in New York City and is a graduate of the College of the Holy Cross in Worcester, Mass., and the Fordham University School of Law. He is a member of the New York State Bar Association.

Leddy entered government service in 1938 and served in Latin America and Europe continuously between 1940 and 1946 as a Department of State official, U.S. Naval officer and intelligence specialist.

Since World War II, Leddy has served extensively in American Embassies in Latin America. He was First Secretary in charge of Petroleum and Political Affairs in Caracas for four years, First Secretary in Buenos Aires and Rio de Janeiro, and Counselor of Embassy at Mexico City.

Leddy was Director of the Office of Central American Affairs at the Dept. of State in Washington for three years until 1955. He attended the Na-

tional War College there for a year and graduated in 1956.

His knowledge of Latin America's economic and political relations with the U.S. has caused him to be called as an expert before several congressional committees.

In 1960, Leddy served as Latin American adviser on the United States Delegation to the United Nations.



RAYMOND LEDDY
Here Wednesday

Accrediting Inspection Trio Visits

McLennan Community College was host March 13 and 14 to Dr. Wilson F. Wetzel, Dr. Herman A. Helms and Glenn R. Dallman, who composed a three-man visitation for the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

"The purpose of the team's visit was to determine whether or not we meet the standards of 'candidate status' in the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools," explained Dean Chester R. Hastings. In doing this the three men interviewed the faculty, the administration and a group of students about every facet of MCC's existence.

The team interviewed each individual member of the administration, asking questions about his particular job. They also asked questions concerning administrative policy.

"They wanted to know how much the faculty was involved in forming school policy," Hastings said. "They also asked various questions concerning the origin of the college and its overall policy."

The team also looked into the school's financial records, building plans and other mechanical aspects concerning the school's growth.

"We took them to our new campus site and let them look at the plans for some of the

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Glad You Care, But You Needn't

This spring, the eyes of Texas are carefully counting the ayes of the state legislature concerning the many important proposals concerning the state's educational system.

The state has already approved an emergency fund for several of the state's junior colleges. (Among the schools affected is McLennan Community College.)

There has been a bill proposed to raise college tuition. This legislation seems to be one of the type that would add needed funds to college coffers while not raising tuition enough to exclude anyone who can afford to attend state colleges under the present tuition rates.

There are many bills concerning important aspects of the states colleges which certainly are important enough to bear quite a bit of investigation. There is one bill, however, which seems as if it would be a waste of our state legislators' time to consider. This is House Bill 659.

House Bill 659, which is proposed by Rep. Delwin Jones of Lubbock, is what Jones has called the "anti-beatnik" bill.

This bill would allow state supported institutions to "establish clothing and appearance requirements for persons availing themselves of the services offered by the institutions."

Perhaps Rep. Jones has a good idea behind his bill. It would seem that many of the state's college students try to see who can look more weird than the rest. Beards, sandals, sun glasses and shoulder-length hair (on the male students) is truly common place at some of the states larger schools.

College is a place to learn and not to conduct a fashion show. Yet two factors stand in the way of the logic behind House Bill 659: (1) The college "beatniks" are the minority and not the majority of college students (2) Some of these "beatniks" are dedicated students. Isn't one's way of dressing a matter to be left to his personal taste and not to the state legislature?

Perhaps the biggest cause for alarm at the growing number of unusual looking students is the fact that many dress strangely to attract attention. Many of the students who dress a little different are not "trouble makers", however. Should the state tell these people how they must dress?

In a country where the majority rules, it certainly should not be a stigma to be part of the minority. Just because the largest number of us dress a certain way, are we to tell the ones who don't that they have to conform to our way or not get an education?

Sure it looks good to be in style, but can the state punish those who aren't? Is it really enough of an issue to be before the state legislature?

Is the majority really that offended by the minority? Maybe those "beatniks" don't look so good to eyes trained to appreciate a different style, but it certainly seems that ways of dressing can't be a large enough offense against the citizens of Texas to warrant the legislature's time in discussing a bill to set standards of dress.

There is no way to determine how much one hour of a session of the state legislature costs the taxpayers in dollars and cents. The representatives' time is also worth quite a bit. House Bill 659 seems as if it would not be worth even the electric bill for lighting the capitol during the debate over it.

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MICHAEL WHITE TEACHES HISTORY
After Two Years in West Africa

IN PEACE CORPS

White Taught Liberians For Work as Librarians

By LINDA TUBBS

What is there to do on a slow day in western Africa?

If you happen to be a Peace Corps volunteer in Liberia with a little spare time, you might grab your mosquito net and machete and walk through the jungle to Sierra Leone.

That's exactly what Michael White, ex-volunteer and now history teacher at MCC, did while stationed in Kakata, Liberia.

"Walking through the jungle isn't an impossible task; there's nothing to worry about -- just snakes and wild animals", White said.

But he also said "Life in the Peace Corps isn't one long exciting adventure of helping the people learn to live better and of exploring the mysterious and exotic culture of a different people, but it does take some adjustment."

"It takes some getting used to. At first you're scared of everything, but after a while, you just learn to take care of yourself."

Asked what was the biggest problem Peace Corps Volunteers face in a foreign country, White said, "After six or seven months... boredom."

"If you really want to be successful in the Peace Corps, you have to realize there will be good times and bad times. The biggest problems are boredom and homesickness and realizing that you're a thousand miles from home living with alien people."

Liberians live today on about the same level that Americans lived a 100 years ago. Most Liberians live in mud huts and there is no indoor plumbing.

The country is ruled by the American Liberians, descendant of freed slaves from America, who took over the tribal villages in West Africa around 1820.

White was one of five Peace Corps volunteers stationed in Kakata, a town of about 6000.

There are less than 1,000 whites in the country.

His job in Kakata was to organize and develop a library for the use of Liberians. He trained Liberians to be librarians in the Teacher Training Institute and taught science in a government school.

The library White developed is one of five in Liberia. The libraries in Liberia are used mostly by the better educated native.

While in Liberia, White said he saw some things he wouldn't have believed unless he saw them with his own eyes.

Once in a village murder trial, White saw the local witch doctor take oil from a sassa-wood tree and rub it on the leg of each villager. Then he took a hot iron and pressed it against the leg of each person. The guilty one would, supposedly, cry out while the innocent ones would not. One villager did not scream but grimaced. The witch doctor then declared that this man did not commit the murder but knew who did it.

Most Liberians are animists -- they worship idols, believe in black magic, voodoo and the power of poison.

Many of the educated Liberians are Moslems but honor black magic. White said he

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Group to Spend Easter Vacation In Monterrey

Easter vacation starts at the close of classes today and continues until classes begin at 8 a.m. Tuesday.

During this recess a group of McLennan Community College students, faculty members and friends will venture to Monterrey, Mexico.

The trip is unofficially a project of the Spanish Club. Mrs. Ola Freeman, Spanish instructor is leading the group of 13 in a car caravan.

Those going on the trip are Lt. Col and Mrs. Mike Corbett, Mrs. Bernice Loftis, Mike Rendon, Kerry Owens, Mr. and Mrs. Randy Hudgins, Rowland Stiteler, Clyde Koehne, Charlotte Koury and her mother and Linda Tubbs.

The group will visit Monterrey Technical Institute, Horse-tail Falls, the market, cathedral and the government buildings.

Some of the students are considering attending the International American University there and will visit it during the stay in Monterrey.

knew an educated man who said he would die in two weeks, and in two weeks he shriveled up and died.

White said that being in the Peace Corps made him realize what the outside world is really like and what a sheltered life Americans lead.

"You can't understand what a great life we have here unless you work with people in countries outside of your own. They are the ones living in the world of reality."

Before joining the Peace Corps, White taught school for seven years and then decided that he wanted to do something different and see some of the world, maybe help some people in need of a little help.

He received a bachelor of arts degree from Baylor in '57 where he majored in history and education and a masters in '62 from Baylor also. At present he is doing graduate work at Baylor and teaching African history there.

Life in Liberia is slow and easy going. White said that he was "very happy to come home" although it was hard to leave all the good friends that he had made during the two year stay.

White and his wife, Anita (whom he married after he returned to the states) have sort of adopted Oscar, "Mo-Mo", Pahnbulleh. He was White's houseboy during his two years in Kakata. Since his return to the States, White has kept correspondence with him and says that Mo-Mo is just like a son to him, White said.

Eighteen-year-old Mo-Mo attends the Teacher Training Institute where he has a \$10 a month living allowance. In return for his education, he must teach school for two years in Liberia. After that, the Whites hope Mo-Mo will be able to come to the States and continue his education at MCC, Baylor, Prairie View, Paul Quinn or one of the state universities.



WOULD YOU BELIEVE a charm school dropout? No, it's Jay Ballard, MCC sophomore, looking down to par for the recent "gross-out" dance held recently in the Student Center. The dance, which was apparently informal, was sponsored by the Student Association. (Photo by Phillips)

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TEAM VISITS

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proposed new buildings," Hastings said.

"They were interested in our library and how fast we are accumulating the 20,000 volumes they consider the minimum for an adequate library," Hastings said.

"They were also interested in our counseling set up, the distribution of grades last semester and our policy concerning scholastic probation and suspension."

"They looked into our cultural activities and asked questions concerning adult education, research and technical education."

"Another important thing was the background and qualification of our teaching staff," said Hastings, "they looked into each teacher's records as well as having a 15-minute interview with each faculty member."

The visitation team also interviewed a group of 25 students who volunteered to answer questions and voice their opinions about MCC.

The students were asked their opinions about the faculty, the administration, the parking and traffic situation, the school policy and their personal suggestions on how to correct what they didn't like.

After interviewing the faculty, administration and students, as well as studying the school's records, the visitation team wrote a report which will be presented to the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

The three-man team that visited MCC was headed by Dr. Wetsler, who is vice president and dean of Manatee Junior College in Bradenton, Fla. Dr. Helse is vice president for the degree program of Pensacola, Fla. Junior College. Dillam is the director of library services at St. Petersburg Junior College's Clearwater, Fla. Campus.

HAPPENINGS

The Red Cross will conduct a blood drive in conjunction with James Connally Air Force Base, James Connally Technical Institute and McLennan Community College March 30 in the Base Service Club.

The drive will last from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Primarily, the hours from 8 to 10 a.m. will be reserved for JCAFB personnel, from 8 a.m. to noon for MCC students and faculty and the hours from 12 a.m. to 2 p.m. for Connally Tech students and faculty. Any person wishing to give blood may come at any time during the drive if the schedule is not convenient, however.

Students and faculty wishing to give blood are requested to make an appointment in the office of student activities.

The choir has chosen a name for itself. As of now, the group will be known as The McLennan Singers.

The choir performed at Timber Crest Baptist Church March 19. The group sang "The Beatitudes," "Hosanna," "Alleluia," and "Jesus Keep Me Near You."

Larry Gilliam was one of 50 persons selected to attend the Information Systems Clinic, a workshop on information systems for pupil personnel services, held March 13-17 in Dallas.

The workshop emphasized computer - assisted counseling and was sponsored by the United States Office of Education and the American Psychological Association.

The basic goal of the workshop is to help a team of pupil personnel workers formulate plans for an information system which would be designed to meet the needs of their particular work setting.

Carolyn Hunt, Waco freshman, has been named winner of the Region 7 USO contest for junior volunteers. She will go on an all-expense paid trip to Chicago March 30 to attend the National USO Council meeting.

To win the contest, Miss Hunt prepared a speech on "Why USO." She will represent a USO region that includes Colorado, Montana, New Mexico, Utah, Wyoming and Texas. There were eight winners in the national contest.

The Art Club plans to hold its meetings each Monday at 10 p.m. in the Art Building.

At the March 6 meeting the members elected new officers. They are Mike Pierce, president; Ronnie Ritchey, vice-president; and Susie Warrington, re-elected, secretary.

The club arranged to have student art work from McLennan Community College represented in the Art Show to be held at the Midway High School Gym. The exhibit was sponsored by the Midway High School P-TA and was held March 18.

Student work from MCC on display included work from the creative color and design, life drawing, and drawing and painting classes.

Two other art exhibits open to the public that might be of interest to MCC students and faculty members are the Baylor University Student Art Show being held at Waco Hall and the 18th Annual Texas Watercolor Exhibition which will be open at the Witte Museum in San Antonio March 19 to April 19.

The show at Baylor features the work of senior art students and most of the paintings on display are abstract.

The Witte Museum has accepted two of MCC art instructor Robert Wade's watercolors to be on display.



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FIVE ON THE TYPEWRITERS

MCC Has New Secretarial Quint at Work

By ROWLAND STITELER

Five new faces have appeared among the ranks of the secretarial task force in the McLennan Community College administration building. These are the faces of Mrs. Jo Anne Allen, Mrs. Evelyn Cossey, Mrs. Janice Fox, Mrs. Sondra Bolen and Miss Laura Frazier.

Mrs. Allen works in the office of William Shadrak, director of student activities and financial

affairs. Mrs. Allen is a graduate of Irving High School in Irving and has attended Arlington State College and Dallas Baptist College.

Her husband is Jim Allen, Baylor University basketball player. Allen is a junior at Baylor.

Mrs. Cossey is the new secretary to Dean Chester R. Hastings. Mrs. Cossey was previously employed by General Tire and Rubber Company's Waco plant, where she was the editor of the plant newspaper.

Mrs. Cossey was graduated from Ralls High School in Ralls, Tex., in 1958. She attended Texas Woman's University and the National School of Business in Waco.

Her husband is employed by the American Cancer Society. Now working in the registrar's office is Mrs. Fox, who was graduated from Dublin High School in Dublin, Tex., in 1959.

Mrs. Fox's husband is the service manager at Westview Motors of Waco.

The new secretary to Paul

Gartner, MCC business manager, is Mrs. Bolen. Mrs. Bolen was graduated from La Vega High School in Bellmead in 1964. She attended Navarro Junior College and Baylor University. She was previously employed by the Dumas Insurance Company of Waco.

Mrs. Bolen's husband works at Wm. Cameron & Co., in Waco and is a full-time student at Baylor, where he is a senior.

The new secretary in the office of president Wilbur Hall

is Miss Laura Frazier. She was graduated from Midway High School in Woodway in 1965.

Miss Frazier has completed two year's study at Baylor, where she will begin attending night school this summer. Miss Frazier is majoring in English, business and education.

Miss Frazier finds her work at MCC to be quite a change from her last job. Before coming to MCC she was a secretary in a local doctor's office where she said that she "did everything but give shots."

Out behind the barracks

with rowland stiteler

Does anyone remember the names of the original mouseketeers on the Mickey Mouse Club? Can you sing a few bars from the famous 1952 Ajax commercial? If you can answer questions like these, you too could be a winner in the Trivia Bowl.

Several weeks ago, 1,000 college students packed Columbia University's McMillin Auditorium to watch the Second Annual Ivy League-Seven Sisters Trivia Contest.

The contest, which was won by the team from Princeton University, matched the minds of some of the Atlantic Coast's best authorities on trivia.

The winner of the contest won a 49-cent Woolworth's mixing bowl. This trophy was presented to him while one of Columbia's King's Men sang the Mr. Trivia Song--"There he goes/Think of all the junk he knows."

Trivia contests, while usually not of the magnitude of the Trivia Bowl, are certainly the campest things since the Coleman lantern in colleges and universities across the nation.

Trivia contests are so very "in" that the staff of The Highland Herald has decided it is our responsibility to bring the students of MCC a bit of trivia. We feel that it is all we can rightly do in keeping the student body well informed.

There are many problems involved in bringing a contest of such importance to MCC. It's quite a responsibility. Have you ever tried reserving Baylor Stadium for a trivia contest? How about the base theater? Well because of all the problems involved in finding a place for MCC's masses to meet, we decided to compose a questionnaire and print it in The Herald. This way all the students will have a chance to be the winner of the contest.

Ours may not be the original trivia question list on campus, but we have gone all out to make ours the more trivial.

The winner of the contest will receive an 11-cont gift certificate from Greyhound Bus Lines (which will let him leave the driving to them for about 2.7 miles) and an eight-by-ten, extremely glossy photo of the Fort Lauderdale city limits sign.

All entries in the contest become the property of The Highland Herald. In case of a tie, the winner will be the person with earliest postmark (on the envelope containing the bribe sent to the judges).

1. Does an erector set eat it's young?
2. In what scene, from what movie did Sean Connery say the following line: "Hello, Melissa"?
3. Name three comedians who have appeared in magazine advertisements for Foster-Grant Sunglasses?
4. What is the difference (in centimeters) in the heights of Lew Alcindor and Woody Allen?
5. What brand of harmonica did Bob Dylan use in his Aug. 14, 1963, concert at the University of Ohio?
6. Who was the announcer in the Van Housen shirt commercial that was on ABC at 7:20 p.m. April 13, 1957?
7. How many weeks did the "Mike Hammer" series run on CBS?
8. How many weeks did the series "Mike Hammer" run on KWTX-TV after it stopped production?
9. What was the batting average for the short stops of the Detroit Tigers during the 1961 season?
10. How many National Football League fullbacks appeared in Vitalls commercials last year?
11. How many professional stunt men were injured during the filming of "Let Heriz Put You in the Driver's Seat" commercials?
12. What was the name of the advertising executive who came up with the radio ad that goes as follows: "Hi, this is Dr. Pablo Casals, and when I'm in Waco I listen to the Preston Scott show?"
13. Who was the hair stylist for Yul Brenner in "The Ten Commandments"?

Easter-egg hunts notwithstanding, the biggest event of this week was the bus caravan to Austin for all those who wanted to voice opposition to Gov. John Connally's controversial liquor-by-the-drink bill.

It must have been a frightening experience for the members of the state senate to face the phalanx of Greyhound buses bearing "angry Texans", some of whom were surely twice as angry if their box lunches had backs or other less desirable pieces of fried chicken in them.

Not a soul won the Carrie Nation Memorial Hatchet, which is awarded for marksmanship with the Broadman Hymnal, but it is rumored there were several near-misses and that the state representatives learned to be quite quick-of-foot before the day was over.

The fisherman who talks tales about the "one that got away" has counterparts in other sports.

It's not hard to find the person who does average in a sport, but "did no much better yesterday."

I ran into one of the most shining examples of fabricated bowling exploits the other day in my bowling class.

"I'm just not up to par today," he said after bowling a score of 133. "You should have seen me last week in Oklahoma City. I bowled 200."

The next game he bowled 102. "You should have seen me down in San Antonio last week. I bowled 330. It's probably just this ball that's throwing me off. I'm getting my own professional ball next week! Then you'll see some action."

On our third game, he beat me pretty badly, but at least I had learned the art of bowling fantasy: "You should have seen me yesterday at the Hong Kong Bowlerama. I was bowling for the State Department with Dean Rusk, Don Carter, Sidney Poller and McGeorge Bundy. I was the stand-in for Carter who hadn't been doing so well since the tournament we bowled in Capetown."



-- Photo by Phillips

DECKER DESCENDS SLOWLY TO EARTH AS CHUTE OPENS

Waco student finds excitement in the art of sky-diving

Decker Pulls Right Strings To Let Him Cheat Death

By NICK DEHLINGER

One of the fastest growing sports in the United States is sky-diving. Loren Decker, a 21-year-old McLennan Community College Student, claims to be "Waco's only living, experienced skydiver." Last week, Decker made his 32nd and 33rd jumps.

"It is the most frightening and most exhilarating experience possible," Decker said.

"To become a sport parachutist," Decker said, "you have to make five static line jumps, that is to have the chute opened mechanically as soon as you leave the plane. You then make five more delayed jumps that are supervised by a licensed instructor."

"The highest that I have ever jumped from is 8,000 feet, and I free-fell 6,000 feet before opening the chute," Decker said.

"When you land it is best to always face the wind and roll when you hit the ground, one time I tried to stand up when I hit and I wound up with severe bruises on both heels," he said.

On his first jump last week Decker went out of the plane at 3,300 feet. There was a moderate wind blowing at about 12 to 15 m.p.h., and he missed his target by about a quarter of a mile. The second jump was much closer than the first. This time he jumped out at 2,000 feet and landed about an eighth of a mile away.

"It's really not hard at all, you just step out and turn right," Decker said.

"You can attain a speed of about 120 m.p.h. with your arms and legs extended. This is called terminal speeds, but if you move your arms and legs to the position of standing at attention you can accelerate to 200 m.p.h. depending on the wind direction and speed," Decker said.

Some of the equipment that a jumper carries includes a 28-foot main chute and a reserve chute, which is 24 feet in diameter. The jumper always carries an altimeter to tell just how many feet separate him from the ground.

"It is often deceiving and can be fatal if the jumper tries to guess his altitude by just watching the ground," Decker said.

In addition, the jumper has a special jump suit, boots, goggles and carries a hunting knife, which he can use to cut himself free from his chute if necessary.

"A jumper can do anything

that an airplane can do except go up. I can do summersaults, turn both ways, and keep a directional heading," Decker said.

He said his chute costs about \$60, and his equipment in all is worth about \$130.

"The cost of a single jump depends on the type of plane you use and how high you want to jump from. The type of plane used in these jumps was a Taylor Craft BC12D, and the last one of these planes was made in 1948, so it's very inexpensive," he said.

He said that his first jump was in the spring of 1965, and he was very apprehensive about the whole thing, but now as a veteran of 33 jumps it doesn't bother him at all.

"The process of repacking

a chute is very intricate, and it takes about 20 minutes. It really doesn't matter if the chute isn't packed perfectly, for it's hard to pack a chute that will not open. The main thing is to pack it so that it will open properly without damaging the canopy," Decker said.

"The main chute weighs about 30 pounds, and the reserve weighs about 20, that sounds like a lot of weight, but it's distributed on both sides of your body, so it's not so bad" he said.

Decker is very serious about this sport and, as he said, "There are very few injuries in parachuting, if you make one you are usually dead."

But he seemed cheery enough. As he left, he said, "Cheated death again".

Spring Workouts Begun by Cagers

Spring training officially began for the McLennan Community College basketball team March 13 with a meeting in the men's athletic quarters. Ten people attended the meeting.

The trainees were informed of the eligibility requirements by coach Vernon Cole.

Some of the requirements are that each player must have graduated from an accredited high school. He must pass at least 12 semester hours and receive at least nine grade points. All transfers are eligible to play provided they meet the above requirements. Senior college transfers can also participate if they have not played in any part of a senior college game.

All players are allowed to take part in two years of junior college competition.

McLennan Community College will play 14 games next semester, and has already been invited to a tournament at Wharton Junior College.

MCC will also play the freshman teams of some senior colleges, including North Texas State, Texas Christian University and Southwest Texas State. The squad will also face the Gary Job Corps of San Marcos. Spring training this semester

will consist of 16 workouts beginning Wednesday, March 15. The team will practice every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 4 to 6 p.m. and at 10 a.m. Saturdays.

Some select high school students have been sent invitations to come try out for the MCC team.

Nick Dehlinger

MCC Signs Pair Of Prep Cagers

McLennan Community College has signed its first two basketball players for the 1967-68 season.

Tommy Grant is a 6-1 monitor at Hutton High School. He is a 3rd team all state basketball player in class AAA. In 21 games last season he made 622 points giving him a 24.0 point-per-game average. Grant has been awarded a full scholarship for next year.

Leon Jenkins has also signed to play for the Highlanders next year. Jenkins is a 6-7 monitor at Trinidad High School. He is a 3rd team all state basketball player in class II.