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Tighter state controls likely

White lobbies for junior colleges

When the state legislature convenes in January, it will review and probably restructure junior colleges' financing.

Dr. Mike White, history instructor, is making sure the legislation doesn't leave junior colleges out in the cold.

White is president of the executive committee of the Texas Junior College Teachers' Association. He and the committee responsible for writing the association's policy are meeting with legislative committees to ensure junior colleges receive fair and adequate funding.

"There are probably going to be tighter controls," said White. "But we are trying to prevent too many controls."

"We need flexibility to perform the community role. The more controls the harder it is."

Although the tax revolt presently sweeping the country has aroused fear in some schools, White believes junior colleges will fare better than four-year institutions.

"We probably won't be as affected since we are locally

supported," he said. "Some funds come from local taxes."

Although the association is primarily concerned with possibilities of legislation, White said it is also concerned with academic freedom and responsibility, tenure and due process.

"A teacher should have freedom first as a teacher to conduct his class," said White, who was elected president last year in April. "He should be able to select materials and information including controversial materials as he feels are necessary without fear or hindrance from administration."

"Students need to learn more than one side of the picture. If a teacher can't give them that, he's not really teaching."

With freedom comes responsibility says White.

"A teacher's selection of materials should be relevant and pertinent to the course," he said.

Tenure and due process are also high on the committee's list of priorities.

White defines tenure as "an

old term" meaning expectancy of continued employment.

"If you've taught a certain number of years and proved your competency, a school cannot throw you out without a good reason," he said.

"We are concerned with the due process and procedure a school must go through before a teacher is dismissed."

White said the relation between due process and tenure is a protection for both teachers and administration. "It keeps the whole thing out of the courts," he said. "Someone who gets due process is less likely to go to court."

White, whose duties as president include presiding at executive and convention meetings, representing the association at various hearings and serving as official spokesman to the legislature, sees some trends in junior college enrollment.

"It's not growing like leaps and bounds as it did in the 60's and early 70's," he said. "Most of the growth is in vocational and technical areas because that's where the jobs are."

The junior college's role has changed, says White.

"The whole idea of the junior college has changed to the community college," he said. "Our program is more flexible

Garrett, McGlimes

Two chosen for Piper award

Child care instructor Dr. Ann Garrett and English Instructor Jeanette McGlimes have been nominated by the faculty for this year's Minnie Stevens Piper award.

Every year the Minnie Stevens Piper Foundation honors 10 professors of higher education in Texas. The award and \$1500 is given for academic excellence and dedication to the teaching profession.

Texas colleges are invited to nominate faculty members. The number of nominees depends on

the size of the institution. No school has more than three. There are 150 nominees statewide.

Garrett has been on the faculty seven years. She is responsible for developing a comprehensive vocational technical program in child care based on the principle that child care courses could be taught both on campus and in traditional child care agencies in the community. She is actively involved in several professional associations and in community child care agencies.

than the four-year college because we serve a wider spectrum of needs." "Our main purpose is to meet the needs of the community with a broad variety of programs that are more than just academic."

White feels his election as president gives MCC some added prestige. "It shows that our faculty is very active in the association and has considerable input in determining the policies of the association," he said.

"MCC is a very progressive

Trustees approve van, greenhouse

A new van and a greenhouse were approved during the Tuesday night monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees.

The van will be used for athletic team travel, student field trips and Dance Company engagements. The 15-passenger Royal Sportsman wagon will be purchased from Bird Kultgen Inc. for \$7,372.20

The greenhouse will be used for maintaining the grounds and growing plants for school buildings.

The board also approved a contract with Evans Press to print the general catalogue.

The board also commissioned

force within the junior college movement."

The school will be well publicized at the TJCTA convention in February.

Not only will White be presiding, but the school will be featured on the cover of the 1979 convention issue of the TJCTA publication.

Cheryl Gliddon, director of public information, is designing an orange and black cover that will depict the campus, she said.

Robert Kucal as peace officer and approved the resignation of Charles Harrington, formerly director of Traffic Safety Education.

Chester Hastings, vice president of program development, submitted a report to the board on the new program in credit union management. The program was approved. Hastings said of the 10 programs in the state, MCC's is the first to be approved. One class will be offered per semester beginning in the spring.

In other business the board decided to join the Association of Community College Trustees.



MIKE WHITE

Pipeline

Last chance to assert yourself

The final assertiveness workshop will be offered Tuesday from 1:45-3:45 p.m. in the classroom of the media center. Participants can learn how to become more assertive in their daily lives. The workshop will deal with asking for what you want, saying "no" and dealing with anger toward other people. Interested persons should sign up in the counseling office. Counselors John Nobis and Sandra Rosemore can answer further questions. The workshop is good for orientation credit.

Piazza to perform Friday

Dr. Gabriel di Piazza, artist-in-residence at Richland College, will perform a piano recital Friday at 10 a.m. in the fine arts theater. The recital is free and open to the public.

ACT to be given Jan. 8

A walk-in ACT examination will be given Jan. 8 at 12:30 p.m. in the science lecture hall. Cost of the exam is \$10. Students, who plan to enroll next semester and have not taken the ACT should make plans to take it. Despite an "open door" policy, the ACT is required for course placement purposes.

Suicide film to be shown

"College Can Be Killing" a 60-minute film concerning student suicide will be shown in the student center bridge area Monday. It will start at 8 a.m. and be shown every hour until 1 p.m.

This is the last issue of the Highland Herald this semester

SG to host Corrigan dance

Corrigan Week, a week in which traditional dating roles are reversed, will begin Monday. Student Government is sponsoring a dance Tuesday at Magic Music from 8-12 p.m. Admission is free to students with an I.D. Guests will be charged \$1. Freshmen can receive orientation credit for attending if they get their green cards signed.

Setting up Corrigan Week was one of several items discussed at the Student Government meeting.

Impeachment proceedings were discussed at the Monday meeting. The organization discussed taking action against parliamentarian Greg Roseher and representatives Patty King and Kom Foster for excessive absences and being registered fewer than 12 hours.

Currently SG is working on an

essay and scrapbook for the Texas Junior College Student Government Association convention in April. A marquee for The Highlands is in the planning stage. Plans for providing book storage shelves in the cafeteria are being discussed.

An amendment that would give the SG vice president chairmanship of the Inter Club council is being drawn up in hopes of improving the council.

Supreme Court appointed by SG president meets Friday at 10 a.m. in the project room on the third floor of the student center. They will hear traffic violation appeals. Anyone who wishes to appeal a current ticket must notify the Student Activities office before 10 a.m. Friday. A current ticket is one that has been appealed within a week of issue.

SG's last meeting of the semester is Monday in the Tartan room. If anyone has an opinion to express, SG President Galen Harry urges them to attend.

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Green cards due

The deadline for turning in completed orientation cards (the green card) is Dec. 8. Students who do not turn cards in to their counselor will receive an "F."

Health Services to give alcohol program

Health Services, in conjunction with the McLennan County Service on Alcoholism, will present a program on alcoholism Monday at the 10 o'clock hour in the science lecture hall.

Sunny Buck, director of the McLennan County Council on Alcoholism will present a film entitled "A Slight Drinking Problem." She will also give information regarding the counseling of individuals who have drinking problems.

Veterans or dependents should contact the Veterans' Affairs Office regarding certification for the spring semester.

Softball deadline Friday

Tomorrow is the deadline for rosters in the intramural softball tournament. There has been little response to this new program and teams are urgently needed if the tournament is to be approved. Rosters should contain seven or eight players and can be turned in to Intramural Director Ray Murray or the Student Activities office. This sign-up is not binding but is necessary in order to gauge interest in a tournament.

WPD needs recruits

The Waco Police Department is accepting applications for the position of police officer through Feb. 15, 1979.

Persons age 21-35 who have been graduated from high school or who possess a GED are eligible.

For more information contact the personnel-training section of the WPD at 4th Street and Waco Drive, or call 756-6161, ext. 251. Office hours are 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Banjos to duel Friday

A "mini-concert" will be presented Friday at 10 a.m. in the student center. Tammy Raulinson from Baylor, will play the banjo with guitarist Kelly Mills. They will play "Dueling Banjos", "Smoky Mountain Breakdown" and other selections.

Music groups to give Christmas concert

A Christmas concert will be presented by the music department's chorale and concert band Monday night at 8 in the student center.

The first half of the concert will feature the chorale singing traditional carols and spirituals, said music instructor Don Balmos.

The concert band, directed by Roger Rush, will follow the chorale's performance with

several selections that Rush says "stretch the imagination."

They will play: "The Children's March-Over the Hills and Far Away," composed by Percy Grainger; "Variations on America," by Charles Ives; "Nocturne from Moorside Suite," by Gustav Holst; and "Fantasy on a Bell Carol," by Edward Nadden.

The concert is free.

Who's Who selects 22 sophomores

Twenty-two students have been selected to Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges.

Students were selected by the Student Services Council and editors of the annual Who's Who directory based on their academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities and future potential. They also must have completed 30 hours of college work with a minimum of 15 hours at MCC and a 2.5 grade point average.

Wacoans include Anna Cannedy, Kay Compton, Lisa

Fedorka, Galen Harry, Brenda Henry, Marilyn Hodde, Janice Hollingsworth, Lark Leazar, Martha Lopez, and Donna Luodke.

Marjorie Martinez, Raul Martinez, Karrell Odom, and Stephen Trzelski are also Waco recipients.

Other Who's Who students and their hometowns are Rebecca Bronstad, Clifton; Debra Davis, Gatesville; Colleen Federwisch, Mart; Julie Marshall, John Mattes, Donna Reese, McGregor; Julianne Richter, Leroy; and Kathy Westerfield, Crawford.

Affirmative Action plan

Four goals have been met

by Julie Richter

Four of the five new affirmative action goals scheduled to be completed by 1988 have already been met according to Chester Hastings, vice-president of program development.

"They are minimal goals," he said, "that the school may go beyond."

The Affirmative Action plan, approved by President Dr. Wilbur Ball, went into effect April 24 after five years of revisions and additions.

It marks a five-year effort by administration to achieve a working policy to employ minorities and women.

The effort was started in 1973 when Ball issued an equal employment statement. That policy was adopted in 1976 by the board of trustees and revised in 1977.

While the majority of the plan's goals have been met, one area still needs more work.

Goals have been met for women and Hispanics in areas of professional and classified employment. (Classified personnel includes secretarial-clerical, technical paraprofessional, skilled crafts and service-maintenance employees. Professional employees are faculty, professional non-faculty and executive administrative-managerial.)

The black classified goal has also been met, but the black professional goal has not.

According to the plan, by 1988 women will comprise 45 percent of all classified and professional employees. They already make up 54 percent of that total.

Women comprise 48.2 percent of professional and 64.6 percent of classified employees.

The Hispanic minority will comprise a minimum of 6 percent of classified personnel and 5 percent of all professional employees by 1988 according to the plan.

Presently, Hispanics account for 5.4 percent of professionals and 8.3 percent of classified employees. In both cases, the goals have been met.

Blacks will comprise a minimum of 15 percent of classified employees and 14 percent of professional employees by 1988 according to the plan.

They presently make up 28.1 percent of classified employees, but their 7.8 percent professional does not meet the 1988 goal.

Hastings said two factors were considered in arriving at the goals: the ethnic composition of the student population and the local SMSA (Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area).

"The professional staff should reflect student enrollment," Hastings said. "If 12 percent are blacks, 12 percent of the teachers should be black. This way everyone can have someone to relate to who can serve as a model for what can be achieved." He said the local SMSA was consulted to determine the area's ethnic job force composition.

Hastings, who is responsible for implementation of the plan, said the school has operated under an unwritten policy for some time.

"We've employed minorities since the doors opened in 1966," he said.

He said the plan was adopted not only because state agencies encourage adoption of the plans but because they provide some safety against legal suits.

"If we didn't have a plan and someone filed a grievance against us, we could be required to develop a plan within 45 days. If the plan is developed over a period of time, you'll have one that makes more sense," he said.

The plan has already proved beneficial, according to Hastings, who is the school's Equal Opportunity Employment Officer. A recent suit against the school was decided in the school's favor.

A draft of the plan was sent to the governor's personnel and the State Equal Employment Opportunities office.

Although institutions are not legally obliged to implement affirmative action programs, they are required to implement nondiscriminatory practices. Affirmative action implies an active effort to hire and promote minorities and women.

"Legally, we have no choice under EEO, but affirmative action takes steps beyond EEO to afford minorities and women promotion opportunities they would not ordinarily have," said Hastings.

"As an institution we have no choice but to afford equal employment. Legally, morally and ethically it's the right thing to do."

The plan adds some new steps to document efforts to hire qualified minorities.

When a position is open, a special form must be completed by the department offering the job. The form must include the sex, race or ethnic group of each applicant interviewed. It must also list whether any special efforts were made to inform potential female and minority applicants.

Job vacancies are also listed with the Texas Employment Commission and are advertised in local newspapers.

Hastings said a five-state area is reviewed to find faculty. "A couple of years ago openings on campus were not publicized very much. It was mostly by grapevine," he said.

"Affirmative action helps open up employment opportunities."

Some persons fear affirmative action will lower quality of the teaching staff. Hastings disagrees.

"You don't have to lower the quality. You just keep looking."

"You could lower your quality without affirmative action programs," he said.

"What we try to do is establish the minimum qualifications and try to find the best person for the job. That may mean taking more than the ordinary effort to find minorities."

Hastings said the school has made good progress in applying affirmative action.

"Of the 31 executive-managerial employees 10 are women.

Three are black, three Hispanic and one is a Pacific Islander," he said.

Foundation offers awards

Educational awards for the 1980-81 academic year are available from The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International for qualified young men and women who would like to study abroad.

The Rotary Foundation annually offers graduate fellowships, undergraduate scholarships, teachers-of-the-handicapped awards, technical training awards and journalism awards.

Graduate fellowships are designed for students 20-28 years old who have a bachelor's degree or equivalent. Undergraduate scholarships are for students, 18-24, with a minimum of two years of university-level work.

Awards for teachers of the handicapped are available to those who have been engaged as full-time teachers of the mentally, physically or educationally handicapped for at least two years at the time of application and are between 25 and 50. Persons between 21 and 35 with a secondary school degree and at least two years of working experience are eligible for technical training awards.

Journalism awards are available to students who have been actively pursuing full-time post secondary studies for two years in print or broadcast journalism or to journalists who have been employed in a full-time position for two years at the time of application. Age requirements are 21 to 28, and those applying must intend to pursue the profession of journalism after completion of their award studies.

Readers, band visit South in 'Savannah Dawn'

"Savannah Dawn", described by Speech Instructor Ann Harrell as a lyrical journey through the Deep South, will be presented by the Readers Theatre and music department Dec. 1 and 2.

The seven-part multimedia program guides observers with lyrics, music and visuals from Georgia's Savannah Beach to New Orleans.

Lyrics for the production were written by Harrell and music was composed by David Hibbard, music instructor.

"I first had the idea for 'Savannah Dawn' three years ago, and began working on the lyrics then," said Harrell. "It took two years to complete the slides for the multimedia visuals."

Slides for "Savannah Dawn" were taken by Harrell's husband, David, while vacationing in the South.

Hibbard composed musical scores for the show in July and

August this year. "The students think there's at least one 'hit song' (Plow It Good And Deep, Boys) in the show. They love the western flavor of it," said Harrell.

Musical instruments for the show include those characterized by the region: dulcimer, vibraphone, flute, trombone, piano, bass and drums.

The journey from Savannah Beach to New Orleans highlights the swamps of southern Georgia, legends of the Okefinokee swamp, religion in the South, the share croppers' plight in the South from 1865 - 1965 and a Mississippi riverboat man's tale.

"Savannah Dawn" was first performed Oct. 5 in Arlington at the Texas Speech Communication Association's convention. The December performances here mark the debut of "Savannah Dawn" in Waco.

Patrick Browder, Patricia Cox, Paul Pabiszewski, Dan Haley,

Carolyn Massie and Alberta Neel are cast readers. Musicians are Phil Bass, Donna Dickson, Colleen Federwisch, Tom Love, John Mattes, Karrel Odom and Stephen Trzeinski.

'JUBILATION!' (clockwise) Carolyn Massie, Dan Haley Patricia Cox and Alberta Neel are readers in 'Savannah Dawn'.

"Savannah Dawn" will begin at 8 each evening in the health and physical education building lecture hall. The Readers Theatre production will be followed by a trumpet quartet intermission concert and a concert by the jazz ensembles.

Reservations for "Savannah Dawn" and the jazz concert can be made by calling the ticket office at 756-6551, ext. 283 from 8 a.m. to noon. The shows are free and open to the public.





If you're planning to have all your Christmas gifts wrapped by professionals this year, Gloria Diaz has some advice for you. Personalized presents, she says, are less expensive and more meaningful. Diaz teaches a gift wrapping class for Continuing Education students during fall semesters.



Christmas is for wrapping presents

Council serves as sounding board

The Student Services Council is one of the best lines students have to let administration know what they think, according to council member Mary Lyons.

The council proposes additions, changes or amendments to policy. "We make recommendations to make an impact on programs, instruction and such on the college," said council member Galen Harry.

The council has investigated and taken action on several issues this semester. Edward Durte, member at large, said the council has reworded the dress code and finished selection of the Who's Who members. They are working on traffic policy and a no smoking policy in the student center. Harry said the subcommittee on student attrition will report next semester.

According to members, some of the most valuable aspects of the council aren't recommendations.

"The discussions during meetings may bring up some issues that you may not be aware of," said Brenda Henry. Some of these topics lead to further research. "We form a subcommittee and accumulate data so the council can have enough information to make a decision," Harry said. He pointed out that the council tries to look at all points of an issue.

Meetings are held the third Tuesday of every month in the board room and are open to the public. Students, as well as faculty, attend.

Other students on the council are Marc Daunnis, Chuck Hill, Shiela Iglehart, Mary Lyons,

Rebecca Mosby and Debbie Olsen.

Students are selected from various academic programs.

Five come from Arts and Sciences and Technical Education and two are picked by the dean of Student Services.

Student government picks two members for the council. The names are then sent to Dr. LaVerne Wong, dean of Student Services, who heads the council.

Council member Daunnis invited students who have proposals for the council to attend meetings or get in touch with a council member.

Members serve for a variety of reasons. "This gives the common student a voice," Daunnis said.

"I feel more self involved," said Iglehart. "I will do what I can for this college."

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LET'S DISCUSS IT--Student Services Council members hold an informal session in the board room. They are (left to right) Brenda Henry, Mary Lyons, Marc Daunnis, Ed Durte, Galen Harry and Shiela Iglehart.

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Spirits need not be alcoholic

by Carolyn Rodabough

It's almost here! The holiday we all look forward to; the season for celebrating in a variety of ways.

Without a doubt, we will all attend many get-togethers and parties. The season for fun, food, family, and friends is also the time to take a look at something we often try to ignore that is very much a part of this season - drinking.

The idea of thinking about drinking is not meant to dampen your spirits about the holiday celebrations. It is meant to help you examine some of the facts about alcohol and let you make your own decisions. Developing responsible attitudes concerning the use of alcohol is a must.

Advertising and other forms of mass media make alcohol appealing in a variety of ways. The more we know about drinking the better prepared we are to handle it. This knowledge can help us make better decisions about where, when, why, how much, and with whom to drink.

The number one drug problem in the United States today is alcohol abuse. (Yes, alcohol is a drug!) Alcohol can cause a physical addiction and a psychological dependence. There are nine million alcoholic Americans. A simplified definition of an alcoholic is someone who cannot control his drinking at all or only with great difficulty for short periods of time. The alcoholic uses alcohol to the extent of causing continuing adverse effects on

himself, his family, and the community.

Recent studies show that men in their early twenties have the highest proportion of drinking problems in this country. The problem is also increasing rapidly among teenagers and women.

People who drink too much hurt themselves, their families, their friends, their employers, and strangers on the highways. In fact, the number one safety problem in America is drinking drivers.

Because alcohol is a central nervous system depressant, even small levels of alcohol in the bloodstream can cause a sharp decrease in driving ability. Reasoning, judgment, muscular responses, breathing, and heart rate are all affected by blood alcohol levels of 0.03 - 0.05 percent. (A blood alcohol level of 10 percent is considered intoxication). Over half the traffic fatalities in the U.S. involve persons who have been drinking alcohol before driving.

In addition to the problems of alcohol addiction and increased risk of traffic accidents, are the physical effects of alcohol on the body. Continued heavy use of alcohol causes inflammation of the stomach, destruction of liver cells, chronic inflammation of the pancreas, and damage to heart muscle cells. Malnutrition is one of the major health problems caused by alcohol. The alcoholic replaces food with alcohol which leads to a state of vitamin deficiency, susceptibility to disease, and even deterioration

of nerve cells. These facts are not very pleasant to contemplate and the final one is even worse.

The ingestion of alcohol can even cause death. If the blood alcohol content reaches .5 percent a deep coma and death may result. This fact plus the possibility of choking are the dangers involved in the ever-popular "Chug-a-lug" contests that young people like to participate in.

Not to be overlooked are the many remedies for sobering up the individual who has had too much to drink. Giving the person black coffee, cold showers, or walking him around in the fresh air will do absolutely nothing to help sober him up. Only time (approximately 1 1/2 hour for each drink consumed) will eliminate alcohol from the bloodstream.

Drinking has different effects on different people. Five factors influence how alcohol affects people: how much they drink, how fast they drink, how much they weigh, how much they have eaten, and how they think and feel about drinking.

One five ounce glass of wine, one 12 ounce can of beer, or one shot glass of hard liquor all contain 1/2 ounce of actual alcohol. Therefore it isn't the type of alcohol consumed, but the amount that causes intoxication.

How fast the alcohol is consumed is important. If a period of time passes between drinks, then the blood alcohol level rises more slowly than if drinks are taken in rapid succession.

People who weigh a lot are less affected by the same amount of alcohol than light people. The body fluid content makes the difference in how quickly the blood alcohol level rises.

Food helps to delay the absorption of alcohol in the bloodstream. Drinking on an empty stomach will result in intoxication much faster than combining food and drink.

How the individuals expect to feel after drinking alcoholic beverages also influences them. When drinkers expect to get "high," they are more likely to do so.

Similarly, a person's mood also affects what alcohol does to him. Alcohol may make the happy person even happier or the unhappy feel even more depressed.

Experienced drinkers often develop what is called **psychological tolerance**. In short, they have learned to compensate for the effects of alcohol on their body reactions. Inexperienced drinkers have not learned to do this and are more prone to accidents from the effects of alcohol.

Last, where someone drinks may affect his reaction to alcohol. Someone at home drinking alone will feel differently than someone at a party with friends.

Making a choice about drinking and then learning to live with that choice is one of the toughest problems connected with alcohol. Those who choose not to drink should not have to

apologize for their decision. Those who do choose to drink should be aware of the responsibility associated with drinking and set limits for themselves. An important fact to remember is that it is easier to prevent alcoholism than to cure it!

A responsible host or hostess should follow these rules when offering alcoholic beverages at holiday gatherings:

1. Always serve food with alcohol.
2. Have soft drinks or other non-alcoholic beverages available for your guests.
3. Don't force drinks on your guests.
4. If you serve an alcoholic punch make it with a non-carbonated base such as fruit juice.
5. Have jiggers at the bar so mixed drinks can be measured.
6. Stop serving alcohol at least an hour before the party is to end.
7. If someone has had too much to drink, provide him/her with safe transportation home. (Friends don't let friends leave drunk).

Do plan for a happy and safe holiday season.

For further information on alcoholism and treatment for alcoholics in McLennan County, attend the Health Services program Monday, at 10 a.m. in the lecture hall.

Portions of this article were adapted from literature from The Texas Commission on Alcoholism.

Viewpoint

Term papers yield benefits

by Susan Smith
English Instructor

At this time during any semester, the library suddenly becomes alive with the activity of the freshman research paper, feared by some, cursed by many, and dreaded by most. On any afternoon during the next few weeks, anyone in the library can hear the groans and grumbings of the hapless English 312 student hard at work on his paper.

Probably no other topic in the teaching of college English is as controversial as the research paper: what topics to use and how to teach research methods. What most college English teachers do agree about, however, is that library research is a necessary part of a college education. Students often ask English instructors why this grueling task is necessary. My response is that knowing research techniques is both helpful for other college courses, especially in courses where a research paper is required, and helpful in many other ways apart from school.

First, research techniques can help us be better consumers. If I want to buy a new stereo system, I can find out more information about brands, warranties, differences among models, and specifications by going to the

library than I can from talking to a salesman at a store. I can use some of the same tools I've used in writing research papers: *The Reader's Guide to Periodical Literature* will direct me to general articles on stereos, the indexes to *Consumer Reports* and to *Consumer's Research Magazine* will direct me to specific articles on test results on various kinds of stereos, the subject part of the card catalogue under "stereo" or "high fidelity" can direct me to any books written on the subject, and for information on particular brand names, the new *Consumer's Index to Product Evaluation* can lead me to articles on the specific brand and model I am considering.

Of course, learning your way around a college library means that you can tackle research problems that come up in other courses as well. If you have been assigned several articles to read on nursing education, chances are that you can use your library skills to find those articles quickly and painlessly. If you've been paying attention and doing a conscientious job on your freshman research paper.

Apart from these rather practical benefits from doing a freshman paper, you can also

learn some important study skills. To succeed in writing a research paper, a student simply has to be organized. Writing a research paper requires extremely careful and thoughtful planning. Generally, when you do any research project, following the standard organizational format used by most English instructors is the best way: put together a working bibliography, draw up a preliminary outline, take notes on all parts of the outline, write a final outline from the preliminary outline and the notecards, prepare a rough draft, and complete a final copy. This planning requires the use of a schedule -- another carry-over skill you can use in other courses and in other non-school situations. Writing a day-by-day plan of activities or goals you wish to accomplish is a method many businessmen use in order to keep up their production. Scheduling, then, is absolutely necessary in writing a good research paper, and if this lesson is carried over into other areas of your life, it can make you a more productive person.

Another by-product of the freshman research paper is the necessity for following directions

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Cheerleaders' spirit remains high

by Suanne Wiese

Each September five girls are chosen as cheerleaders. Every year by the time conference play begins, the group has narrowed down to four. This year the problem seems to be worse. A few weeks ago, cheerleader Robin Ross dropped out of

school. Andrea Bush was moved up to her position. The problem was solved, until this week when Kem Foster was removed from her position. "Kem is being removed because she is no longer taking 12 or more semester hours.

Cheerleaders must be enrolled as full time students," said Don Bynum, director of Student Activities.

Although the losses have not dampened spirits of the remaining four, they seem to be the least of the problems. The cheerleader system obviously needs help.

To begin with, only two months are given for preparation. The girls are elected in September and begin performing in November. In this time, the girls are expected to get uniforms and have cheers ready to perform. No one teaches the girls new yells. They bring cheers they knew in high school because they can't go to summer camps. They receive no credit. They practice 3 nights a week on their own time because there isn't a class.

"It is hard to work around everybody's schedule. There are conflicts, and we can't spend as much time on things as we'd like, said head cheerleader Candy Carter.

After all this work, the girls take the chance of facing an unresponsive audience.

"People expect cheerleaders to do so much, but they don't want to help. For example, when we have done "two bits," and all the audience has to do is stand up and yell in the end. Well, when you do something like that, and no one follows, you don't want to do it again," said cheerleader Andrea Bush.

The cheerleaders have some solutions to their problems. One would be a sponsor.

"A sponsor would help a whole lot. It is hard for four or five girls to decide on the same thing, and a sponsor would put her foot down," said Rene McWest.

Carter wants a sponsor to enforce schedules. "We also need a set of rules, which we don't have. At least Don hasn't spoke of any," Carter said.

Another solution may be to pick cheerleaders a semester earlier. "That way, the girls could go to camp, and they would know ahead of time. They could fix their schedules so they didn't conflict with games and practice," McWest said. "Also, the uniforms we ordered this year came in and they are too small. We had to send them back, so

it'll be a couple of weeks before we get them."

Either of these solutions would help. Perhaps elections could be held in the spring with one position left open for a freshman. Then, if a girl dropped, another could be elected.

Uniforms would already have been chosen and yells would be ready.

The girls think next semester will be a lot brighter. "The four of us get along great. We'll be more organized because now we know we are cheerleaders and our schedules will not be so conflicting," said McWest.

With one semester under their belts, the girls realize cheerleading isn't all glory.

Compton, who says being cheerleader has been one of her "cinderella dreams," is "totally against going out for it (cheerleading) for the name. If you are not going to be responsible," she said, "then you shouldn't go out. It is very time consuming."

Their task requires continual dedication. As one girl put it, "We've been through the sweat, now we are fixing to go through the blood and tears."

Top Left-- "If he misses that basket I'm going to trade uniforms with him," says Kim Foster to Candy Carter.

Right--Head cheerleader Candy Carter cheers the Highlanders on to victory.

Center--Andrea Bush prepares for take-off with Rene' McWest as passenger.

Far Right--The sky's the limit as Kay Compton attempts a jump.



Fall final exam schedule

Day schedule

Classes

Exam date and time

MWF

8-8:50

Monday, Dec. 11

8-10:15

9-9:50

Wednesday, Dec. 13

8-10:15

10:10-11

Monday, Dec. 11

10:45-1

11:10-12

Wednesday, Dec. 13

10:45-1

12:10-1

Monday, Dec. 11

2-4:15

1:10-2

Wednesday, Dec. 13

2-4:15

TT

8-9:15

Tuesday, Dec. 12

8-10:15

9:25-10:40

Thursday, Dec. 14

8-10:15

10:50-12:05

Tuesday, Dec. 12

10:45-1

12:15-1:30

Thursday, Dec. 14

10:45-1

1:40-2:55

Tuesday, Dec. 12

2-4:15

Saturday

Saturday, Dec. 9

9-11:15

Other day classes

Thursday, Dec. 14

2-4:15

Evening schedule

Classes meeting only one night per week

6:30-8:45 on regular meeting night during Dec. 11-14

MW classes

6:30-7:45

Monday, Dec. 11

6:30-8:45

8:05-9:20

Wednesday, Dec. 13

6:30-8:45

TT classes

6:30-7:45

Tuesday, Dec. 12

6:30-8:45

8:05-9:20

Thursday, Dec. 14

6:30-8:45

Term papers help research skills... from 5

carefully. Learning to use a style manual is an important part of doing a research paper. At MCC, the style manual that we use is Turabian's *Student Guide for Writing College Papers*, but Turabian is certainly not the only such manual in existence. Each school chooses a style manual, and papers prepared at that school are expected to follow the directions given in the approved manual. Consequently, it is not important to memorize the material in Turabian (even if that was possible), but it is important to be able to use the directions in a style manual, follow them to the letter, and produce a paper that has been prepared accordingly.

Taking meaningful notes for a research paper can improve your entire note-taking ability. It would be impossible to read all of the material in print on the topic you use for your freshman research paper. In order to make a thorough survey of the available material, it becomes necessary to develop the habit of skim-reading for important ideas, taking notes on those ideas, and only carefully reading what is absolutely necessary. However, skim-reading is not skip-reading; for example, to skim-read an article in a journal, look carefully at the title and any prefatory remarks. Read the introductory paragraph and then the concluding paragraph. Read

the first sentences of each paragraph and try to formulate the main idea of each paragraph in your own words and write that down as a note. If the article is numbered or divided into sections try to formulate your own statement about what each section is about. In other words, try to glean as much information

as you can by skimming the article and not reading the entire text.

In my opinion, the most important lesson to be learned in writing a research paper is that there is a large amount of material available on many subjects if only you know where

to look. In the MCC library alone a student can find information on both the stereo system he is thinking of buying and the importance of the setting in *The Scarlet Letter*. In addition, a student learns that with this wide accessibility of information, comes the sometimes perplexing problem of dealing with a

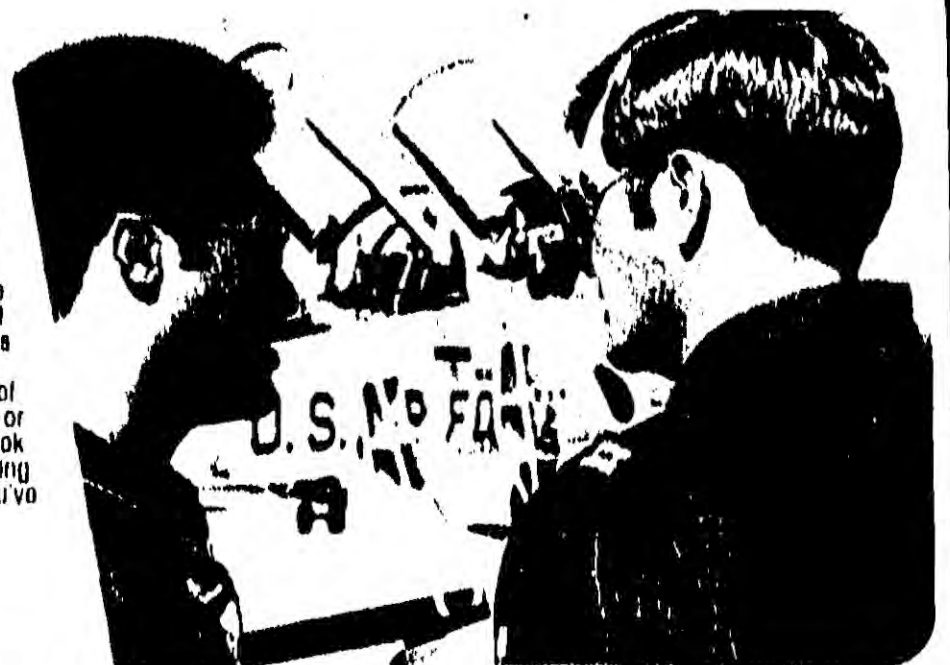
number of conflicting opinions on a subject. Resolving these conflicting opinions and detecting the bias or prejudice of a writer makes for the development of critical thinking. This critical thinking that often comes as a result of methodical research is what a college education is all about.

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Sports

Crippled Highlanders fall 77-73

by Tex Stidham

When the MCC Highlanders took the court Tuesday night against Henderson, it looked like a scene from "General Hospital." Defensive standout Keith Godfrey has a broken ankle and will be out six weeks. Charles Burley is out with a fractured wrist for a couple weeks. Richard Williams is out with a hip injury and Roy Watson played with a pulled muscle.

The Highlanders dropped the game 77-73 after leading throughout most of the ball game. MCC led by 12 with 12:16 to play but one minute later Henderson trailed by only six.

With 30 seconds left Henderson tied the score at 73-73. The Highlanders took the ball down the court but a couple of mistakes gave Henderson the ball. After being fouled, Henderson sank two throws to

put the score at 75-73. Henderson again got the ball back on an MCC mistake and sank two more to ice the game, 77-73.

The first half was nip and tuck with neither team able to establish a big lead. The Highlander's led at the half 37-35.

Terry Suber led MCC with 17 points and dished out 17 assists. Kevin Jones added 16; Watson, 14; Charles "Big Time" Jones, 13; Anthony "Doc" Lee, 9; and Danny Harris, 4.

The 'Landers won the board battle 39-25. Lee pulled down 12 and Big Time nine to pace MCC. The 'Landers also stole the ball 12 times, most of them on the press. MCC falls to 6-3 on the year and will play Blinn tonight at 6 in the Temple Tournament. **Lon Morris-100, MCC-78.**

In the first game of the

Navarro Classic the Highlanders faced hot shooting in Lon Morris and lost their first game of the year. The 'Landers, who were not all that impressive, seemed to never really get untracked.

Burley led the MCC attack with 22, followed by Suber's 19, Watson and Harris each hit for ten. Williams' eight, Lees' seven and K. Jones' two rounded out the scoring.

Lee led the team in rebounding with 14 followed by Burley's 12 and Big Time's 11. Suber dished out 10 assists.

Navarro-100, MCC-99.

Navarro was just not a place MCC could find hope. Suber,

Lee and Burley left the game in the second half after fouling out.

With MCC trailing 100-97, substitute guard Sandy Shofner put up a 30-foot off balance shot. The ball fell to fall and Jeff

Higgins was there to put it in with four seconds. But all hope was over -- MCC could not stop the clock. The 'Landers gave it everything they had, but fell short for the second straight time. MCC was led by Watson with 26. Lee and Burley each had 22; Williams, 10; Suber, 8; Big Time, five; Harris, four; and Higgins, two.

Big Time led the team in rebounding with 15. Burley with 11 and Lee with 10 also paced the 'Landers.

MCC-96, Temple-89.

The 'Landers played their first home game in front of a crowd of 1,000. The game was not as close as the final score might indicate. MCC had leads of 14 and 16 points at times in the second half, but Temple got hot in the closing minutes and MCC got error prone.

MCC led 47-35 at half but had to score 18 unanswered points to do it. Lee and Watson led MCC with 21 each. Suber had 16, Burley 14, Big Time 12, Harris seven, and Williams five.

Lee collected 18 rebounds. Big Time had 11 to help pace MCC. **MCC-114, Kilgore-97.**

"We had some outstanding individual efforts," said 'Lander Coach Johnny Carter after the game. "We showed a lot of unity.

We are starting to jell as a team and that type of unity could make us a very good basketball club."

Suber paced MCC with 30 points, followed by Watson with 22. Big Time had 18 and Lee had 17. K. Jones scored nine, Harris had six, Burley had four, Williams scored four, and Higgins and Godfrey had two.

Lee had 24 rebounds and six blocked shots. Big Time pulled down 17 bounds. The 'Landers hit 51 percent from the floor and MCC led in team rebounding 69-41.

MCC-114, Howard College-103.

The 'Lander's Suber scored 32 points to pace MCC to its third straight win. The 'Landers shot 53 percent from the field and outrebounded Howard 57-43.

"I don't want to sound negative but we're giving up too many points," said Carter. "At times our press looked good but we lack consistency it takes to become an outstanding team." MCC led at half 47-46.

The 'Landers are off to a 6-3 start and with a little hustle they could be 8-1. But the season is young yet. With a little team unity, desire and hustle this could be the very best team MCC has ever had.

'Lassies win 7th

The Highlassies downed the Henderson County Chicks 120-72 to win the seventh game in as many starts.

The 'Lassies were led by point guard Loretta Lister's 29 points. She was followed by Jackle Valentine's 24. Deb Davis pumped in 16 and Gaye Paek 15 to lead MCC in double figures.

Others to score were Terri Warren with nine; DeAnna Kroll, eight; Linda Linam, six; Phillis Oliver, five; Kathy Westerfield, four; Pam Green, four; and Lisa Lechler, two.

The Highlassies jumped to a 60-42 halftime lead. The first half was not as easy as the score might indicate. Henderson gave all it had for about the first 13 minutes but MCC pulled away.

MCC shot 49 percent from the field as did the Chicks. The 'Lassies hit 64 percent compared to 55 for the Chicks from charity stripe.

Lister pulled down 16 rebounds while Valentine grabbed 15 and Davis snatched 11 to pace MCC. Lister also added 15 steals to go along with her exceptionally good performance. In all MCC stole the ball 40 times from Henderson. Early this year the team stole the ball 49 times to establish a Highlassie record.

Two-time national champion Panola wishes it had never seen the Highlassies this year as MCC clobbered them twice.

In the game between the teams the 'Lassies won 98-51. MCC

shot 42 percent from the field while Panola shot 41.

The 'Lassies were led by Valentine's 18. Lister poured in 16, Kathy Westerfield 13, and Warren 10.

Others to score were Kroll with nine; Paek, eight; Becky Stechler and Lechler with six; Davis, five; Pam Green, three; and Oliver and Cindy Huckabee, each two.

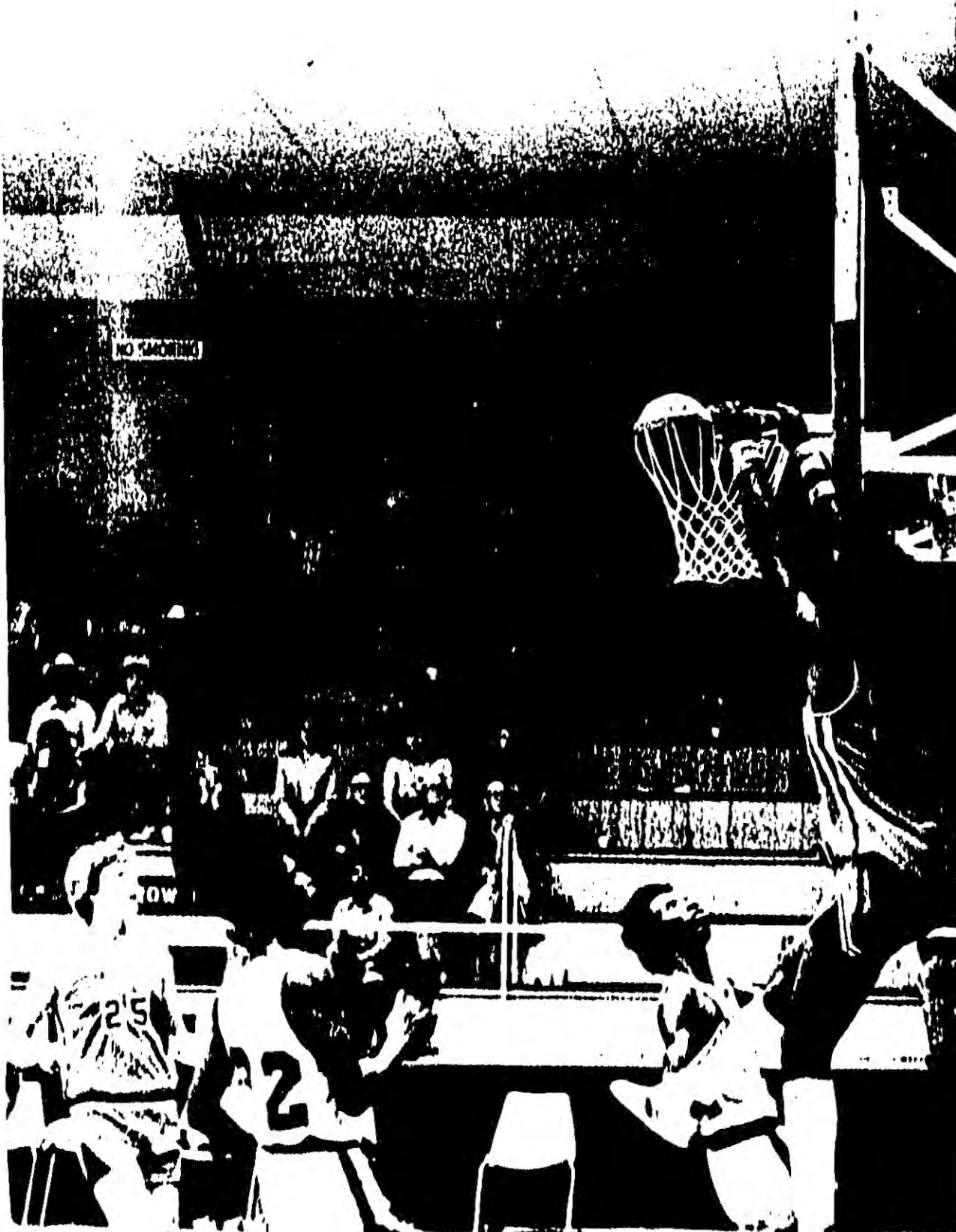
MCC dominated the boards 70 to 27. Valentine had 13 of them while Westerfield and Kroll each had 11. Lister and Paek stole seven times each to go along with a team total of 33.

The 'Lassies traveled to Carthage a week later to meet Panola again and walk away again with another win 72-56.

Coach Pam Davis' bunch led at halftime, 34-26. Paek took the scoring as she hammered home 18. Valentine had 16, Westerfield 12 and Davis 10 to lead the 'Lassies.

Others to score were Kroll, six; Linam, four; Lister, four; and Huckabee, two. The 'Lassies again dominated the boards, 55-23. Valentine again led with 13, while Davis had 12. MCC shot 40 percent from the field while Panola shot 25. The 'Lassies continued to come up with at least 20 steals a game as they took the ball 23 times. Westerfield led with seven and Paek, six.

For the Highlassies it's a great start. They have not really had any trouble winning this year and probably won't if they continue to improve each day.



IN YOUR FACE -- Sophomore wing Charles 'Boan' Burley seems to savor the thrill of a slam dunk in the Navarro game. Freshman wing Jeff Higgins (26) looks on in amazement.

Band readies for Dec. 7 concert

If you pass by the student center Dec. 7 and think you hear music from the Johnny Carson talk show, don't be alarmed. It will be the Stage Band I performing several tunes featured on the Tonight Show. The concert begins at 8 p.m. There is no charge for admission.

Performers are: trumpet, Brady Blum; bass, Tom Love; and Phil Bass, percussion.



COLD WEATHER'S HERE—
Even the trees can see their breath in the cold morning air these days.

Management degree gets state, campus nod

A new degree program called an associate in applied science degree in credit union management has been developed here.

MCC is the first institution in Texas to develop this program and have it approved by the Texas Education Agency. It will begin in January. The first course, Principles of Credit Union Operations, will be offered one night a week.

Developed at the suggestion and with the help of the Texas Credit Union League and Affiliates, it borrows from programs already in existence in Arizona, Florida and Kentucky, but it has been adapted to fit the needs of this area.

The program is flexible,

according to Technical Education Dean Al Pollard, with courses drawn primarily from existing banking and business courses. It will be under the direction of Paul Conello, director of business and economics.

Credit union management courses have been offered through the continuing education division but this is the first time the courses will be offered for credit. There is a possibility that students who have taken related continuing education courses may receive credit for them if they wish to get the degree.

Further information can be obtained from Pollard or Conello.



Linksters win last fall tourney

Coach Jimmy Clayton's golf team completed its fall schedule on a successful note when it finished first in the Texas Freshman Tournament recently.

"We played very well down there; we had a good tournament," said Clayton. "We shot a 588 which is a 294 average per day or about 73.5 per man, which is very good."

"We had played seven tournaments and I feel like we will have a pretty good team."

"We have a lot of talent and we will be competitive. Our main purpose is to give everyone a chance to play and get accustomed to playing college golf."

The Highlanders opened the season in the Sam Houston State Tournament finishing fourth. They next played at The University of Texas where they came in third. At Temple they finished third.

At their own tournament the Highlanders finished first. In the TCU tournament the golfers finished second and went on to take first place at the UT freshman tournament.

Clayton has six returning players. They are Larry Salter, Ken Huff, Kent Hilburn, Bob Peters, Sam Manning and Rick Jones.

Clayton recruited six freshmen. They are Mike Orren from Abilene, Ed Depperschmidt from Houston, Jim Kidd from Minnesota, Greg Aune from Dallas, Kyle Lewie from Waco and Brett Coleman from Richardson.

"Our best two players have been Larry Salter, who won the MCC tournament, and Ken Huff, UT tournament," said Clayton.

"I feel like we are in the top ten in the country," the coach



TOO TALL strikes again as Saint quarterback Robbie Lehrman attempts to pass against the Gruesome Studs.

Untouchables top Trouble

by Robert Gough

After a wait of more than a month, the Untouchables finally lined up for their first flag football game and proceeded to win a yawner 19-0.

Quarterback Becky Barton was the keystone to the Untouchable's attack as she passed for two touchdowns and ran for an extra point to lead her team into the finals of the women's division.

The Untouchables had won their first two encounters by forfeit and will now meet one of three other teams for the championship. Kat's Kapers, the MFL and Trouble all have one loss but are still in the running.

After forcing a Trouble punt, the Untouchables took the ball on their first possession and moved just 35 yards on eight plays for the touchdown. Barton capped the drive with a seven-yard fourth down pass to Annette Neuman and then ran for the point herself to give the Untouchables a quick 7-0 lead. The key play in the drive was a fourth down offside penalty on Trouble that gave the Untouchables new life at the 20.

Again Trouble could not move the ball after the ensuing kickoff. On first down, the ball was fumbled at Trouble's 19-yard line on a double reverse play and two passes fell incomplete. With

time running out in the half, Quarterback Ruthie Simms began to run, then decided to throw to Patricia Smith, who gathered in the ball at the 17. But Barton was there to make the stop as the half ended.

The second period was much like the same as the Untouchables scored on their first possession when Kim Klish ran five yards around right end for the score. The try for two was no good, but the score was upped to 13-0. That drive was helped along on line catches for 16 and 14 yards by Cindy Reinke.

Again the Untouchables held as a fourth down pass from Simms was almost intercepted by Klish. However, they took over at Trouble's 11 yard line. Barton was stopped on first down at the 13 on a fine defensive play by Smith, but on second down, Barton found Reinke in the end zone for the final TD.

Trouble mounted its only threat on its last possession when Simms passed 10 yards to Debra Sanford to the Trouble 25. Simms then loaded up and found a wide open Pandy Evans, who caught the ball in Untouchable territory, reversed her field and ran all the way to the 21 yard line. However, two plays later Reinke intercepted at the five as the game ended. It was the only time Trouble could move the ball past midfield.

Barton, Newman and Darla Money starred defensively for the Untouchables, while Sanford and Yulanda McNeill led the Trouble defense.

In the men's semi-final game, the Gruesome Studs made a 12-8 halftime lead stand up for a big win over the Saints. The Studs jumped to a quick 12-0 lead on two long touchdown passes from Dwayne Joiner to Don Painter. The Saints scored on the final play of the first half on a pass from Robbie Lehrman to Sammy Wells and a conversion toss from Lehrman to C.R. Sinerud. Bobby Hunt, Jeff Brooks and Paul Atkinson starred defensively for the Studs.

On Monday, the Rip-offs remained alive in the men's division by shutting out the Wild Bunch 20-0. QB John Bryant ran for a touchdown and passed for two points to Artie Polchinski. Polchinski added two other scores on an interception return and a pass from Craig McMurtry.

On Friday the MFL and Kat's Kapers battle for survival in the women's division while the Rip-offs are scheduled to meet the Saints in men's play. However, the Wild Bunch has filed a protest concerning its loss to the Rip-offs and a rematch is possible Friday.



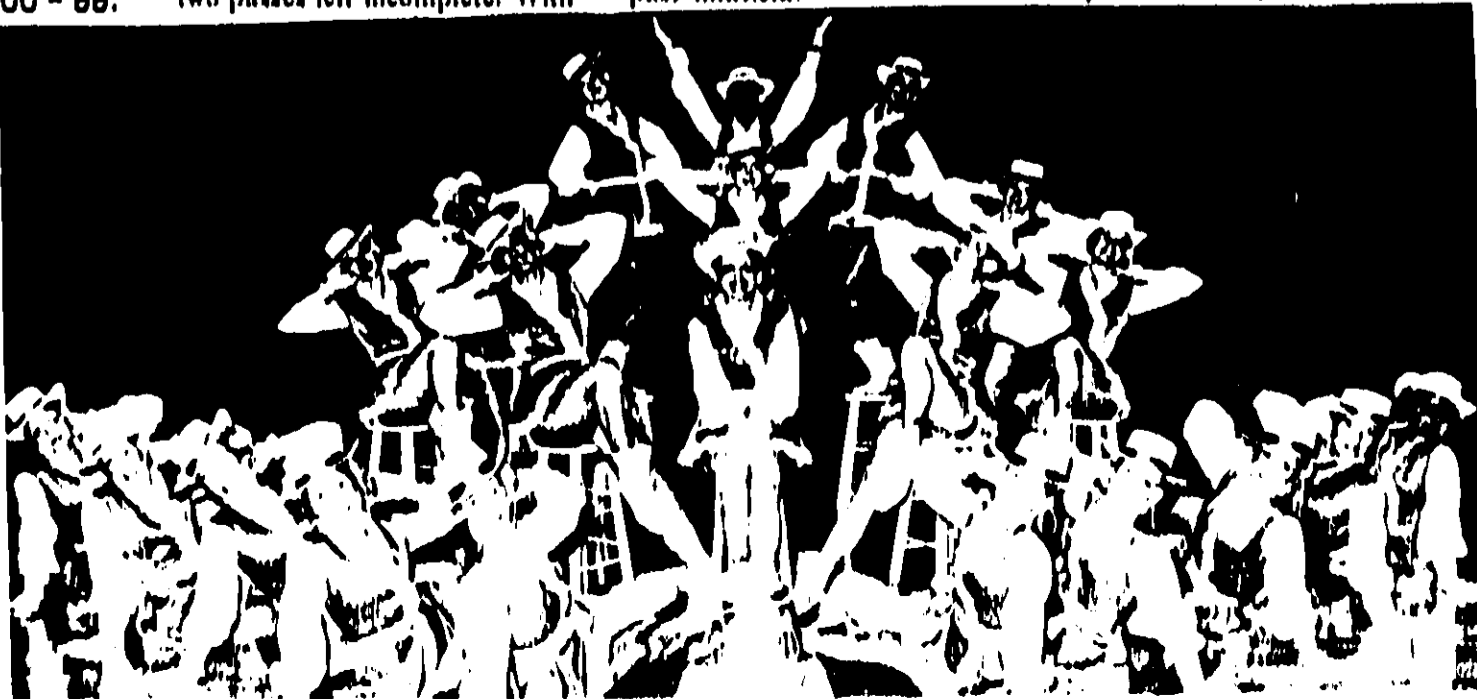
UMPHHHH! Freshman Richard Williams slams one homo against Navarro as the 'Landers lost 100-99.

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Gridiron picks *You can bet on them!*

by Robert Gough
and Tex Stidham

Time is short, not only in life, but also in the National Football League as teams struggle to improve their standings with only three weeks left in the regular season.

Thirteen clubs still entertain reasonable playoff hopes, but most divisional races are still in doubt as is the home field advantage for the first round of the playoffs.

In addition to the extended 16-week season, 10 teams will earn the opportunity to participate in post-season play.

New England and Pittsburgh should continue on to win their respective divisions in the AFC, but Oakland and Denver are in a dogfight for the West crown. Also, Miami and Houston have records that could prove good enough to make the final ten.

In the NFC, as many as three teams from the Eastern Division have a legitimate chance to make the playoffs. Dallas holds a slim one-game lead over both Washington and Philadelphia. The Central race has boiled down to a fight between Minnesota and Green Bay, who have identical 7-5-1 records. In the West, Los Angeles has a comfortable lead over Atlanta, but the Falcons are in the thick of the playoff picture as they boast a 8-5 mark; the same as the Redskins and the Eagles.

DALLAS 21 NEW ENGLAND 13 Probably the toughest assignment of the year for the Pokes, but they are in good position to handle the challenge. The Pats had little difficulty dismissing the Colts

last week 35-14, but Dallas had even more fun by running blood-rival Washington out of Texas by a 37-10 margin. The Cowboys have found their late season form that seems to always take them into the playoffs after big wins over Green Bay and New Orleans.

New England, at 10-3, does not really have to win, but it is playing for the home field advantage in the playoffs. Dallas, on the other hand, has to win in order to keep its slim lead, plus the road ahead is not any easier; the Eagles and the New York Jets are excellent teams this year. The Pokes have the momentum and the friendly crowd, not to mention an awesome football team that is just beginning to play the way they should have all season.

HOUSTON 28 PITTSBURGH 20 The Oilers are hot, thanks to the heroics of the Tyler Rose, Earl Campbell. Campbell set two rushing records last week, breaking the old Oiler mark and the NFL record for rushing yards for a rookie. He has been able to run on just about everyone, so he should be effective against the Steelers. Pittsburgh's running game will have its troubles against the fired-up Houston 3-4 defense. The quarterbacks rate about even, so the team dominant on the ground and on defense should win. Thus, give the nod to the home team Oilers.

WASHINGTON 17 MIAMI 14 A crucial game for both teams, as a loss will seriously hurt their playoff hopes. The Skins have had their troubles of

late, while the Dolphins are going well after a slow start. With so many other teams having equal records, both clubs will give their all. An evenly matched game, the Redskins at home should win.

PHILADELPHIA 13 MINNESOTA 9 Definitely an upset pick, but this has been a season of upsets. The Vikes have been up and down and their record is hardly impressive. The Eagles are obsessed with making the playoffs and have quietly crept up on Dallas and Washington. That obsession should be the deciding factor.

OAKLAND 24 DENVER 21 Both teams suffered tough losses last week; the Broncos falling to the Lions 17-14 and the Raiders losing to the Seahawks 17-16. Another in a series that has reached rivalry proportions just recently, this game should be a dandy Sunday night affair. Oakland's remaining schedule is murderous as the Raiders play Miami and Minnesota; while the Broncos have home games against Kansas City and Pittsburgh. If Oakland does not beat itself, (as it has done a few times on Ken Stabler interceptions), they will win at home. Otherwise, Denver should have enough to beat the Raiders and slip into the playoffs through the back door.

The best of the rest: New York Jets 31, Baltimore 24; Tampa Bay 23, Green Bay 17; Seattle 28, Cleveland 14; Chicago 16, San Diego 13; Buffalo 27, Kansas City 19.

Season totals: 42 right, 28 wrong, .600 pct.

College Picks

The Texas Longhorns and the Texas A&M Aggies collide tomorrow in Austin for their annual grudge match. Texas comes into the game with a 7-3 record after falling to Baylor 38-14. A&M comes into the game 7-3 on the season. Both teams are bowl bound, Texas going to the Sun Bowl and A&M to the Hall of Fame Bowl.

Texas is a relatively young team and has had problems this year finding an offense, especially at quarterback. Freshman Donnie Little and senior Randy McEachern have been inconsistent all year. The Horns have had to rely on freshman running backs Brad Beck and A.J. (Jam) Jones. Texas also has speedster Johnny (Lam) Jones. Last year against A&M Jones had his best day as a flanker.

The Aggie offense rolled up 25 first downs and 484 yards to down TCU 15-7. The Ags lost five fumbles and had one pass intercepted. Running Back Curtis Dickey gained more than 200 yards to give him more than 1,000 yards this season. The Aggies played great defense as they held the Frogs to minus 17 yards in 26 tries.

The game should be a good one with both teams needing a win. The Aggies' defense is very hard to run on. But they are weak on pass defense and Lam Jones could run loose in that Aggie secondary.

A&M has a pretty good offense with Dickey and quarterback Mike Mosley. Both teams have exceptionally good kickers which could be the difference in the game. Texas is home for this big one and gets the nod.

My choice is Texas by 10.

The best team in the Southwest Conference could very well be the team picked to finish eighth in the race, The Texas Tech Raiders. Tech upset league leading Houston, 22-21, to win its sixth game in a row. This week the Raiders meet Lou Holtz's Arkansas Razorbacks. Arkansas downed SMU 27-14. Both teams are looking for a good game and a win. Tech's James Hadnot has been the foundation of the team as he has carried them those six wins. The Hogs have had their troubles this year but seem to be jelling of late. Arkansas rushed 69 times for 339 yards and Ron Calcagni passed for another 124 in the win over SMU. Holtz thinks Tech is the better team right now and they may be but Arkansas has no fools, they will be prepared and ready.

My choice is Arkansas by 14.

The Houston Cougars and the Rice Owls meet in what could be a runaway from the opening kickoff. The Coogs will want to take out some of anger on Rice after losing last week to Tech. The Coogs have too much offense and with Danny Davis at quarterback, I see no hope for Rice. The Coog defense is much too strong for Rice's passing attack. If Houston wins the Cougars win the Southwest Conference outright and a trip to the Cotton Bowl to face Notre Dame.

My choice is Houston by 17.

'Landers end fall tennis season

Climaxing a fine fall schedule, the Highlander netters captured second place in the Temple Team Tournament earlier this month.

The host team won its own journey, defeating the Highlanders for the crown. MCC gained the runner-up spot by virtue of wins over Hill and San Antonio, who finished third and fourth respectively.

For Coach Carmack Berryman, the second place finish was disappointing, but he has been pleased by the overall performance of his charges this fall.

"We worked out the rough spots and saw some improvement in certain areas," said Berryman.

By midseason (March), we'll hopefully hit full stride."

Freshman Terry Ward finished his spectacular fall by going through both the men's singles and doubles play undefeated at Temple. The St. Louis native teamed with another

freshman, Vic Baker, in the doubles victories. Berryman had nothing but praise for Ward's performance so far.

"Terry has done the most outstanding job this fall. He lost only one match in both tournaments and dual matches and has really set the pace for the team."

This year's squad is the youngest Berryman has had in his three years here. All four men and two of four women players are freshmen. Both sophomores, Janice Babbitt and Tricia Miles, did well in Temple. Babbitt matched Ward's feat by winning all her singles matches and then teamed with Miles to go undefeated in doubles play.

Despite lack of experience, this year's team has bright prospects if one looks at nothing more than Berryman's coaching record. Last season's men's team ranked 11th in the national junior college tournament. In the four years Berryman coached at

South Grand Prairie High School, his teams won four district championships, four regional championships and were state runners-up three times. But Berryman says, "we need to find more players to add to our depth. The nationals is our goal down the way, but our biggest desire is to go after the conference championship."

The nationals, by the way, will be held here in May with the Highlanders qualifying as the host team. After 22 regional tournaments are concluded around the country, the top two teams from each region will qualify for the trip to Waco.

The Highlanders will not be in action until Feb. 6 when they meet Central Texas in a dual match in Killeen. That is when they make their first serious bid to equal or improve on last year's success. For the present, Berryman is looking for a gradual improvement in the young netters, stating that "this is a whole new year."

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