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## MCC Production of 'Becket' Lacks Polish

By Carroll Neighbours

The stained glass window shines ominously above the gray stone, mysteriously setting the mood for "Becket."

"Becket," by Jean Anouilh, is a moving, intense and beautiful piece on the friendship of two men. The MCC production of "Becket" is neither moving nor intense, and anything but beautiful.

The play is set about 100 years after the Norman invasion. Normans are the ruling class and Saxons the underdogs. Henry II, played by Kenneth O'Toole, is the demanding, defensive and dependent King of England. He despises being alone and, therefore, leans on the companionship of his friend, Thomas Becket, portrayed by Jerry Jones.

Becket is cool, clearheaded and a Saxon. Being a Saxon, he is looked down upon by all the noblemen of England, except Henry, who puts all his faith and trust in Becket.

But Henry allows his love and trust too much influence on his decisions. He makes Becket Archbishop of Canterbury. Becket cannot serve both the King and God. He chooses God.

Henry is alone again.

He flies out at Becket in the rage of a little boy. Becket flees to France in exile. After a short span of time, he is allowed to come back to England under the protection of Henry.

But Becket is killed in the end, by three of Henry's Barons.

Becket is eventually made a saint and Henry is forced to allow himself to be reprimanded. His reprimand, being lashed by Monks, forms the opening and closing scenes of the play.

The best scene of the production involves neither Becket nor Henry II.

In this scene, the Pope, a conniving sort, is discussing his problems of England and Becket with a cardinal.

It is a purely comical scene and is presented excellently. Doug Burch, who portrays the Pope in this scene, is convincing and audible, which is more than can be said for most of the rest of the cast.

Jones does a rather decent job of convincing the audience he is Thomas Becket. But when he lowers his tone of voice for the more serious parts, he might as well be the janitor. It really helps to hear what Becket is saying.

Understandably, the acoustics in the Fine Arts Theatre are not the best. But a good actor takes into account the directions his voice will carry and adjusts his stage tone accordingly. Jones has neglected to do this and, therefore, much of the impact of the play is lost.

But still, Jones is a convincing Becket. It would be nice to see just how good he could be if he could be heard.

O'Toole is not quite so convincing as Henry II. He overacts just enough to blow the entire role. There are places where he is extremely good.

For example, when Henry receives the letter informing him that Becket has decided to serve God and not England, O'Toole rants and raves like the little boy with too much power that Henry is.

But when Becket's mistress Gwendolyn kills herself before Henry can "have any pleasure with her," he overacts to the point of being sickening.

It's obvious that O'Toole has talent. But he should use it, not force it. He really isn't bad, but he could be so much better.

From this point on, the acting is strictly downhill. One of the Barons, played by Mike Beckham, is really pretty good. In fact he is so good, he makes the other two Barons look like beggars from the neighborhood poorhouse for bad actors.

He enunciates his words (at which even O'Toole fails), and he never breaks character.

This is a real achievement, considering nearly everyone else runs in and out of character like a schizophrenic.

Beckham, like O'Toole and Jones, is noticeably talented. But he, too, could be better. As with the entire production.

The next in the line of fire is one of the Barons, identity unknown. He is lucky he has not yet been recognized with that



conspicuous Texas drawl in that very English play.

Although it helps, having an English accent is not extremely important. Professional—yes, important—no. But saying "man" with three syllables is a little ridiculous. Thank goodness he has very few lines.

It is hard enough to keep from with the few words he does say. Shame on James Henderson, director, for not thinking of

this when he chose the play.

There are some good points to the production.

The "horses" are fantastic. In fact, they could be considered one of the two best parts of the play.

Other than that, the play is fair. Not good, not bad, just fair.

"Becket" is the dress shoe of the tuxedo. MCC forgot to put on the polish.

## Members of Speech Department Attend Tourney

Members of the Speech Department attended a tournament at Southwest Texas State University in San Marcos Nov. 16 and 17. It was MCC's best tournament since 1971, said Mrs. Ann Harrold, speech instructor.

Students who participated were Miss Karen Jantz, Roy Armitage, Casey Bentley, Miss April Worthen, Mrs. Janie Clark, Miss Lea Robbins, Steve Blackburn

and Miss Jackie Higga. All students are freshmen except Mrs. Clark, who is a sophomore.

Students who achieved recognition and their ratings were Roy Armitage, excellent in extemporaneous speaking; Bentley, excellent in discussion; Miss Robbins, excellent in poetry; Blackburn, excellent in extemporaneous speaking and discussion; Miss Higga, excellent in poetry

and superior in oratory; and Miss Worthen, superior in junior division debate.

The Reader's Theatre also performed at the tournament and received high ratings from the critics.

The reading was a collection of writings by Ogden Nash entitled "Ogden, Thanks for the Laughter, or My Wrinkles Wouldn't Be the Same Without the Laugh Lines."

Cast members were Miss Higga, Mrs. Clark, Miss Jantz and Miss Robbins. Mrs. Harrold is the speech coach.

The critics said the readers had good stage presence and seemed to genuinely enjoy performing. They were also commended for imaginative movement and the arrangement of the script.

The debate topic this year is on the energy crisis. Debate is grouped into junior and senior divisions. To be eligible for the junior division, a student cannot exceed two years of college debate. Senior division is for students who have two or more years of college debate.

Reader's Theatre Productions from the Temple Junior College and MCC speech

departments presented a program at 10 a.m. Nov. 28 in the HPE Lecture Hall.

The TJC production was "Me, the Plunky" by Andrew Summer. The script contains both humorous and touching statements derived from writings by students at an inner-city school for high school dropouts in Houston about 1964.

MCC presented the same Ogden Nash readings they performed at the Southwest Texas tournament.

The program was sponsored by Plaid Vests. Approximately 20 people attended the presentation.

Three tournaments are scheduled for the spring semester. Jan. 18 through 20, debaters will attend the Annual Texas Longhorn Classic. Feb. 8, the Individual Events Festival will be at TJC, and later in the week, Feb. 11 and 12, the Baylor Debate Tournament will be at Baylor.

The State Tournament will be March 20 and 30 at San Jacinto Junior College in Pasadena. A special presentation commemorating the 50th anniversary of Mickey Mouse will be performed.



Photo by Kennie Marroquin

# Newly-Elected Parliamentarian Earl McNiel Begins Serving



Earl McNiel Photo by Ronnie Marroquin

Earl McNiel is the newly elected Parliamentarian of Student Government. McNiel ran unopposed and won by 17 to eight. The eight votes were write-ins.

"I felt that this was a good opportunity to get involved in Student Government. I am majoring in history and being in Student Government will give me a better understanding of how our government works," said McNiel.

McNiel is in ROTC and wants to eventually be a career pilot in the Air Force. He must complete four years of ROTC in college and get his degree in history before entering the Air Force.

McNiel's father was a career Air Force officer, but McNiel does not feel this has influenced his choice of careers. Being a career pilot has always been his ambition, not something he feels he has to do.

"The general attitude right now towards people who join the service is that they are a war monger. This does not bother me

because that isn't the reason I joined," said McNiel.

Besides Texas, McNiel has lived in four other states while his father was in the service. He says he has enjoyed every place he has lived in.

"When you move around a lot you meet a lot of people and make a lot of friends. You adapt to your environment," said McNiel.

McNiel said ROTC is mainly a course in the history of the Air Force. Members also are taught marching and participate in drill competition at Baylor.

McNiel is trying for a full scholarship that the Air Force gives to men who score high in the officer qualification class. Very few receive this scholarship and McNiel says he will really have to work to get it.

McNiel said, "College should be fun. You should try to do everything you can to enjoy yourself in college. To me, being in Student Government is part of the enjoyment I'll get out of college."

## Student Government Visits Athens

Student Government members visited Henderson County Junior College Nov. 27. The visit was made to exchange ideas concerning Student Government procedures and also to attend the basketball game that night.

Director of Student Activities Don Bynum and Student Government members Clifton Hill, Miss De Ann Smith and Billy Richardson attended. They left Waco at 9:30 a.m. and arrived in Athens at 11:00.

The MCC group was given a tour of the Henderson campus. After the tour they received lunch tickets in the Student Center.

Said Don Bynum, "Their food was about as bad as ours. It was edible but that's about all."

The main feature of the visit was the games room which is located in the middle of the Student Center. The games room has four pool tables, two foosball games, six pin ball machines, an air hockey game and several pool and ping pong tables.

Bynum discussed the dances the school has with their Director of Student Activities. The dances are held on week nights in the Student Center which also has a ball room.

That night the MCC group attended the game between MCC and Athens. There were only four people at the basketball game to root for MCC and they were the Student Government group. Though MCC lost the game, Student Government members felt it was a real good game.

## MCC Builds Fence For Campus

A 4,000 linear foot stone and wood fence will soon be erected to encircle the campus.

The estimated \$10,000 fence will extend from the highway bridge off Lake Shore Drive, down College Drive to the end of the college's property on North 19th Street.

"I think the stone columns and wood posts together will set a good scene to

bring the college together," said Dr. Wilbur Ball, president of the college.

"It will make people sit up and take notice of our campus, which is something to be proud of."

Contracting and construction of the fence will be decided at the January Board of Trustees meeting.

## Dead Week Policy

Dead Week is December 12-16. I have approved three exceptions to the policy. Two are musical programs and one is a basketball game. Otherwise, the Dead Week policy will be enforced as defined in the Highlander's Guide and the Catalogue. This means that, for the benefit of the student, there shall be no required extracurricular activities, no major

examinations given with the exception of skills and lab finals, no term papers or any other major time consuming special project not previously assigned. Any violations of the policy should be called to the attention of me or Dr. Smith.

--Larry Gilliam  
Dean of Student Services

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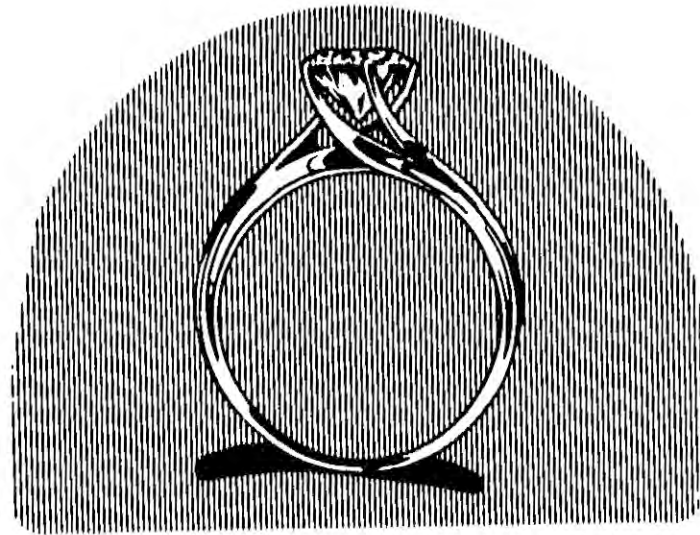
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# Art Galleries, Studios Planned for Cameron House



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A partially-enclosed art gallery is one of the new features planned for the renovation of the Cameron House by the Waco Creative Arts Center.

At the Sept. 11 Board of Trustees meeting the leasing of Cameron House to Waco Creative Arts Center was approved.

"The agreement is... for them to lease this facility from us at no cost to them, a no-money-type lease, and they've agreed to raise the money to renovate the house to be used as an art center," said Dr. Wilbur Ball, president.

Under this lease, two conditions must be met. First, the Board must approve plans for the project; and second, the art center must raise the money for the renovation project.

Preliminary plans should be completed within the next few weeks. The plans will probably be discussed at the January Board meeting.

"They're bringing plans before the Board of Trustees for our approval before proceeding with construction," said Ball.

These plans, according to Mrs. Cullen Smith of the Waco Creative Arts Center, will utilize the spaciousness. Rooms

will be restructured to accommodate offices, classes, studios and the gift shop.

"The gift shop is just a museum-type gift shop. We do have our gift shop open at the Waco Creative Arts Center... and I hope you can encourage MCC students to do their Christmas gift shopping there," Mrs. Smith said.

The main room on the first floor will be "multi-purpose" and used for exhibits and lectures.

The pool area will be converted into a courtyard with two small pools and one

somewhat larger pool. One side of the arcade will be enclosed and used as an art gallery. The poolhouse will also be an art gallery.

"We won't know (about the cost) until we receive bids from the contractors," said Mrs. Smith. But she said they hope to raise "around \$350,000."

Parking facilities are under construction at present. Part of the area will be used by the art center; the rest will be used by MCC students and faculty.

"I'd say that they will use from one-

fourth to one-third of the spaces provided," said Ball.

Even when the campus was first located here seven years ago, speculation arose concerning the possible use of the Cameron House. Suggestions for remodeling it into a dorm, a student center, classrooms and faculty offices were mentioned.

About two years ago MCC checked the cost of renovation, said Ball. It was estimated that cost would be approximately \$88,000.



Members of The Mason-Dixon Band, left to right are Bill Gammage, Larry Walker, Rodney Black, Jimmy Jones, Ronnie Rogers, and Rob Barrington.

## Mason-Dixon Band Benefits Fund

The newly formed Mason-Dixon Band in Waco is a little different from other area bands.

Each of its six members has had no less than eight years performing experience, yet not a cent of their earnings as a group will ever reach their pockets. Instead, the money will be given to the Sandy Anderson Fund.

Mrs. Anderson is a sophomore who needs the money to help pay for an expensive operation next April.

The band is organized for the sole purpose of playing benefits for Mrs. Anderson.

"I guess you could say the whole thing was my idea," said Bill Gammage, associate editor of The Highland Herald and organizer of The Mason-Dixon Band. "I was involved in Sandy's campaign through the paper and it seemed like a good idea to get some people I knew could play good music and do free gigs to earn money for her."

Drummer-vocalist for the group, Gammage, a sophomore, has had past experience playing with several groups including The Edison Expansion, Freight and Skydog.

Sophomore Rodney Black, former singer for Sandusky and Skydog, does lead vocals for the group along with Rob Barrington, a sophomore art major. Barrington's main experience has been in the field of acoustic music.

Playing bass guitar is Larry Walker, an ex-two year member of the MCC stage band and a one-time participant in the North Texas State University music program.

Ronnie Rogers, former guitarist for the Knightsbridge Quintet, and the Mike Pagoras Group, plays lead guitar for the Mason-Dixon Band.

Also on lead guitar is former MCC student Jimmy Jones who has done studio work in Las Vegas. Jones has also performed with area groups including Knightsbridge Quintet, Quick and Skydog.

Student Grady DeFooro is the group's stage and equipment manager.

"We select the music we do with the sole purpose of pleasing as many people as possible," said Gammage. "Everyone in the group has had experience in all types of music. As a result, we do rhythm and blues and rock-and-roll with some soul and country-western thrown in."

The Mason-Dixon Band will give its first performance Saturday in the Marlin High School Activity Center and is available for booking both during the week and weekends.

Organizations interested in hiring the group may contact Mrs. Carolyn Dodson, director of campus publications, at 756-6551, extension 443 or 444.

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## Pianos Purchased By MCC

Group instruction begins a new approach to piano lessons at MCC. Wurlitzer Electronic Pianos plus an instructor's console piano are being used in the group lessons.

"This course has been designed as an economic necessity for students who need a fine arts course. In the past, students whose major called for piano lessons had to pay \$45 for a semester's lessons. These lessons were thirty minutes each week," said instructor Bill Haskett.

Now students interested in taking piano lessons will spend \$10 a semester. The lessons consist of two classes meeting for one hour three times per week and one class that is two and one-half hours per week.

No musical background is required to take these courses. A special class for people who have never taken any type of music course is also offered.

Bill Haskett and Michie Akon teach the classes. At this time only beginning and intermediate classes are offered.

The beginning classes include geography of the keyboard, learning five finger positions and playing by ear. The

instructors try to emphasize more music theory for music majors.

Students also learn free improvisation. Free improvisation means the student creates his own version of a melody played by the teacher. This teaches the student to feel free to try his own ideas for songs.

"It's a very creative thing. It's stressed for them (the students) not to be inhibited," said Akon.

The main purpose of these group lessons is to take the tedium out of practicing a lesson, said Akon. Instead of individual lessons the course features students interacting with each other.

Recordings are used to motivate students to learn their major scales. These recordings incorporate musical scales with a melody. Therefore, students find it less trying to play the scales over and over again.

The course requires some outside practicing. Students do practice on their own time but an instructor is usually available if needed.

"You can't expect to learn piano by letting the teacher give it out to you," said Akon.

## MCC Students Fall Short In Red Cross Blood Drive

The Red Cross Blood Drive sponsored by the Texas Nursing Student Association (TNSA) enlisted the aid of 58 campus donors Monday.

Falling short of the established 75 pint goal, the effort of the campus and organization was still appreciated by the Central Texas Red Cross Blood Center as its director, Mrs. Phyllis Swanton, congratulated the group and thanked them for their support.

"People must be taught to give blood," said Mrs. Swanton. "Thanks to students like you they're learning."

Winning the campus honor for being the most represented organization in the drive was the Veterans' Club, with four of its 16 members donating to give it a 25 per cent representation.

Mrs. Swanton said that any other students interested in giving blood but who were unable to make it to the student

center Monday can still come by the Red Cross Blood Center at 12th Street and Austin Avenue any time this week and donate blood toward the college drive.

Mrs. Linda McKeon was chairman of the TNSA sponsored drive. Members of the committee were Mrs. Becky Mosby, Miss Trudy Padgett, Bill O'Neal, Miss Debbie Swanton, Miss Becky Rossom and Miss Paula Hatfield.

Mrs. Dorothea Jo Lanoux, sponsor of the TNSA chapter, pointed out that McLennan County Hospitals require over 6,000 units of blood annually to treat the ill and the injured.

Also, almost 1,000 pints of blood must be shipped from Waco to other more distant hospitals for use by McLennan County residents who go elsewhere for medical treatment.

All of the blood handled by the Central Texas Red Cross Blood Center is donated on a volunteer basis.



Photo by Ronnie Marroquin

Terry Arp

## MCC Displays Last Art Exhibition

The last art exhibition of the semester is on display in the Fine Arts Theatre. The work of Baylor University art major Miss Amy Newman will be on display from Nov. 28 to Dec. 14.

Miss Newman will receive her Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in drawing and painting in December.

Miss Newman is from Fairfield. Although involved with art for a number of years, this is her first one-woman show.

"My paintings deal primarily with the use of dark and melancholy colors as being more sensitive and expressive than more traditionally used colors.

"The mediums used to communicate this include tinting colors, cray-pa charcoal and acrylics on both prepared and raw canvases. The ambiguous organic shapes which emerge play with unusual spatial relationships," said Miss Newman.



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# Deputy Director of UFO Bureau to Speak on "Extraterrestrial Beings are Visiting our Planet"

By Christine Casper

Lights flashing off and on, the airborne craft landed in a pasture near Marlin. Metallic creatures disembarked, checked the craft's outer apparatus, re-entered the craft, and departed.

The only witness to this bizarre scene was Tommy Blann, a ten-year-old boy. This incident shaped Blann's future, for he acquired a life-long interest in Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs).

Blann is now deputy director of the International UFO Bureau. He has been deputy director for eight years, although he has done research in the field for 17 years.

Blann will present a program on UFOs at 10 a.m. and 1 to 3 p.m. Friday. The morning program will be in the gymnasium and the afternoon program will be in the HPE Lecture Hall.

The UFO Bureau, organized in 1957 "for scientific investigation of UFOs," is headquartered in Oklahoma City, Okla.

The Bureau is operated by a Board of Directors. There are state directors in all fifty states and directors in other countries, including two behind the Iron Curtain.

The 12-member Board of Directors includes lawyers, chemists, biologists, physicists, army intelligence personnel and a parapsychologist.

Director and organizer of the Bureau is Hayden Hewes, an aeronautical engineer and a free-lance writer. Dan Garcia is public relations director and Hal Crawford is the commercial artist.

Procedure for investigating a UFO sighting follows a pattern.

Persons who sight a UFO contact the state director, who in turn contacts the field investigators. The investigators report their findings to the state director.

If the findings show major significant UFO evidences, as they did in the Pascagoula, Miss. incident, then Blann, Hewes or Garcia go to the location.

When these men gather information, they collect soil samples and examine the terrain for disturbed vegetation and burn marks. This information is then evaluated by experts in each respective field.

The information is grouped into landing traces, witnesses and the extent of their experiences, of their geography and the terrain, and flight maneuvers.

Before going into the area, the in-

vestigators contact local authorities. The Bureau also receives some assistance from the Air Force.

Two of the chief consultants in the Pascagoula incident were Dr. J. Allen Hynek of Northwestern University and Dr. Horter of the University of California.

Blann went to Keesler Air Force Base at Pascagoula to interview Charles Hickson, 45, and Calvin Parker, 18, the men who were taken aboard the alien craft, according to an article in Waco News-Tribune.

These men were examined by Air Force doctor Col. Robert E. Smith, who said the men had undergone "an intense psychological experience." They were hypnotized, interviewed for four hours by Horter, and given a polygraph test by the Louisiana Criminal Department which "found them not to be lying. Every report in the news is true," said Blann.

"These men had witnessed something terrible and real.

"The first reports that came out said the creature had silver wrinkled skin and crab-like hands, but in reality, he was wearing a silver suit and the hands the men were talking about were clamps that were probably operated from the inside of the suits," he said.

Blann's wife, Linda, went with Blann to Mississippi.

"It was my very first investigation," she said.

Other, less publicized incidents involving UFOs have occurred in recent years. For one reason or another, these incidents have been played down.

An alien craft landed in the small community of Delphos, Kan., on Nov. 2, 1971. A young boy closest to the craft was partially paralyzed. When the craft ascended, a "glowing ring" remained on the ground. The boy's mother touched the ring and experienced numbness in her hands.

A man in Australia was killed "by a mysterious light ray from a UFO." Found dead in a ravine, the man's flesh and hair was melted from his head. The police charged his son with the murder; but Blann "is convinced the man was killed by a ray from a UFO."

Nov. 16 through 18, 15-20 UFOs were sighted in Calvert, Tex. The editor of the Calvert Tribune, Garcia Unger, and her

husband Jack reported a formation of UFOs. The following night Blann and his wife went to the location and saw numerous UFOs but none were in formation.

U. S. astronauts have seen alien craft on space flights. Pete Conrad, Dick Gordon and Allan Bean of Apollo 12, the

second manned lunar landing, photographed two sighted objects.

"Dr. Gary Henderson, space research scientist with General Dynamics in Texas, said NASA instructed the astronauts never to breathe a word of the UFO encounters," reported the Waco News-Tribune.

The reticence demonstrated by NASA is

typical of government agencies on the subject of UFOs.

In 1947, Project Bluebook, an Air Force program organized "for the principle purpose of investigating UFOs," represented the first official steps taken in the area of extraterrestrial objects.

The project was comprised of 14 reports.

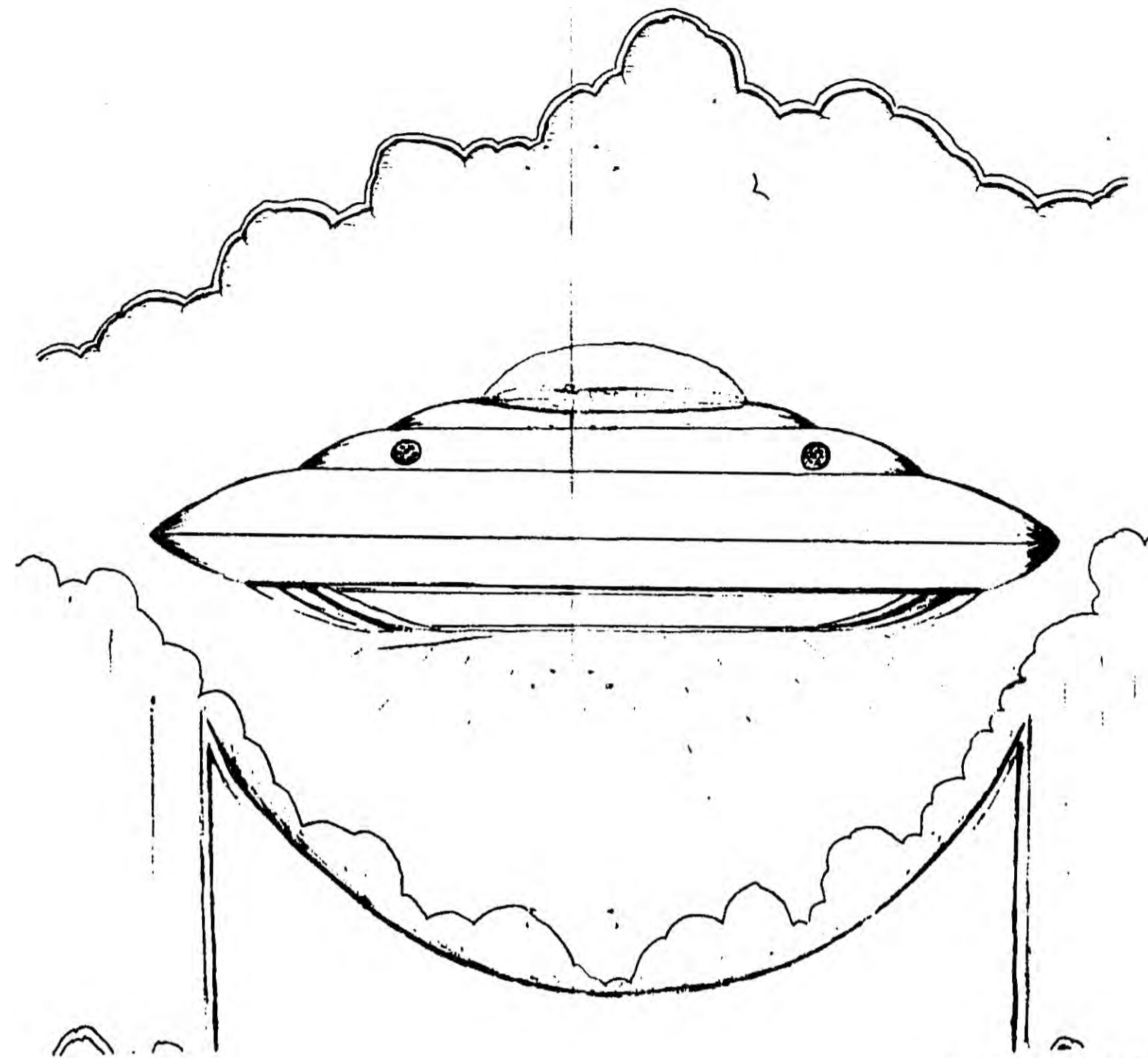


Illustration by Rob Barrington

The project was disbanded in 1969, all reports were classified. Now the reports are declassified, except Report 13, but "changed drastically," said Blann.

Project Bluebook was officially disbanded because "no evidence has been gathered to support the theory of UFOs or alien craft," he said.

"The government is trying to cover up the possibility of UFOs existing. They are trying to hide the information from the people," Blann said about the termination of the project.

In 1969, the Condon Committee was formed to investigate the necessity of Project Bluebook. It was from these findings that the project was termed unneeded.

The Condon Committee report had "only a selected few persons who were not open-minded, who had a negative view" towards UFO sightings. The committee was headed by Dr. Edward U. Condon.

"The whole report from the beginning did not want to tell the truth to the general public," said Blann.

"He overlooked many landing cases, many documented cases... there were radar traces, visual sightings, that were neglected by the Condon report. Dr. Edward U. Condon neglected this and put forth information that contained misinterpretation of natural phenomenon, such as atmospheric conditions, temperature inversions, balloons, meteorites and conventional aircraft that had been sighted and thought to be UFO cases.

"Even some official Air Force sightings, the Condon Committee neglected," he said.

Much speculation has resulted from this extraterrestrial activity and people began to wonder what these creatures are doing here.

Blann and his wife have a few ideas of their own.

"I've wondered if they're trying to replenish another planet. I don't think they want to know more about our planet—they know more than we think they know," said Mrs. Blann.

It is possible that UFOs have made frequent landings unknown to man. Ancient records mention objects similar to the "flying saucer" often associated with UFOs.

"The Central Texas area does have

caverns... These UFOs have been seen in cavernous areas throughout the world, and also large bodies of water. This suggests a base of operation. But this is purely speculative," said Blann.

The Central Texas area is honeycombed with underground caves; Blann referred to the locale as a "hotbed of UFO activity."

He also believes that the aliens do not come with hostile intentions. He compares the Pascagoula incident kidnapping to scientists who examine mice in a laboratory. They are simply trying to broaden their knowledge of our planet.

A subject of the nature of UFO activity attracts "the crackpot factor," such as the men who wrapped themselves in foil and stopped traffic on the interstate.

"The subject is not a laughing matter. It needs serious attention. People have been harmed, either by being run off the road in a car or by close approach to the object causing physiological damage as well as psychological damage.

"Many people tend to ridicule something which they do not understand or from a lack of knowledge. This is why I feel it is important to inform the general public as to information acquired on these objects," he said.

In the interests of informing the public, Blann will appear in the gymnasium and the HPE Lecture Hall. The title of his program is "Extraterrestrial Beings are Visiting our Planet." It includes evidence of historical UFO cases, government concern, and present documented cases. Slides, films, photographs and cassette recordings will be utilized during the program.

Blann's appearance on campus is sponsored by the Veterans Club. Ray Pappas, a member of the club, is responsible for the idea of having Blann as an outside speaker.

"The doors (in the gymnasium) will be closed sharply at 10:10," said Pappas.

"I've been on many wild-goose chases, but I keep an open mind to the subject no matter how wild or fantastic it may seem," Blann said. His broad-mindedness has allowed him to pursue a field which becomes more and more explosive.

"The new frontier" may well be finding answers to the existence of extraterrestrial beings.

# Many Atrocities Committed Against Animals

By Christine Casper

We of the twentieth century glory in our attempts to end barbaric laws and customs in society. We swell with pride as, glancing over atrocities committed by our ancestors, we can reflect on the advancement of modern civilization.

Yet many atrocities are committed by man today against animals. Possibly the most shameful of these are acts committed by science and flagrantly excused because such experiments "benefit man."

For example, imagine your pet in the following situation:

A researcher devises a really profound experiment designed to test electric shock trauma. He needs 30 stray mongrel dogs to test effects of highest possible electric shock on barrier jumping.

Each dog is placed in a small compartment with a steel grid floor and a head-high barrier separating him from other compartments.

The experiment begins when a high-voltage electric current just below the intensity needed to paralyze the muscles is sent from the floor to the feet of the dog.

After one preliminary shock, a gate is raised to expose the jumping barrier. The dog is expected to jump over this barrier to

avoid the shock.

If he jumps after the shock, he has made an escape. If he jumps before the shock, he has made an avoidance. This, apparently, is the whole point of the experiment.

An emotional index of the dogs is rated by symptoms of "urination, defecation, breaking wind, drooling, yelping, shrieking, attacking or clawing at test apparatus, shivering, shaking, trembling, whining, barking, panting, and scrambling on the grid bars," according to "Higher Education U.S.A., or Animal Models of Terror and Pain," by United Action for Animals, Inc.

This is an actual example of an experiment conducted at Harvard University.

Almost everyone will agree that use of animals in medical research is a necessity. For example, new untested drugs should not be marketed for human consumption without preliminary trials on animals.

Such experiments, if administered under favorable conditions and as painlessly as possible, are beneficial to man and aid him in his quest for a healthier and longer life.

But researchers who place laboratory animals in hostile surroundings even when they aren't being tested and who make an experiment more painful than it could be are a discredit to the humaneness of man.

But before improvements are made in research, attitudes in society must change. If the majority of Americans felt strongly enough about the tragedy facing our animals, they would make some effort, however small, to correct it.

How many children, for example, delight in torturing animals? Some examples of cruelties committed by children having innocent fun include burning the eyes of grasshoppers with a magnifying glass, inserting firecrackers in a frog's mouth, and hanging a gasoline-drenched cat by the tail and setting it afire.

How many people dump their animals along the roadside because they are no longer wanted as a pet?

How many people will purposely poison a dog or a cat because it is "annoying"?

The following letter appeared in the Progressive Press, a local newspaper. "A wonderful personality met a violent death this week in Waco, and yet not a

single newspaper mentioned his passing. The most tragic aspect of this senseless murder is that even if the killer were known, he probably would not be brought to trial.

"Why wouldn't a person who willfully and maliciously killed another living thing be prosecuted? Maybe it's because the victim was loved most by a 7-year-old girl. Perhaps it's because he had such a non-descriptive name as 'Boots.'"

"Boots, who was 'only a dog,' was cruelly poisoned by someone who is 'only a human' while Boots was confined to the pen where he usually stayed.

"Now the beloved pet is gone, a little girl is heartbroken and a killer is free to murder again.

"I delighted in building the fence for Boots. My granddaughter so loved this animal who often seemed so human. Then he met a human who seems like an animal. 'Boots, I think I built the fence for the wrong one.'"

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# Scotticism

By Cathy Sulak

A little before the time of taxes, rock groups and artificial grass, two individuals, referred to as Adam and Eve, dwelt together in a locality full of trees, flowers, birds, bees, snakes, apples, mosquitoes and other necessary things.

Except for voices out of the sky, they were surrounded by peace and quiet. It was a perfect wet up.

Then, because of Adam's nasal condition, they decided to move to a more desirable locality. They called it America.

America suited them just fine. Eve took up basket weaving, the natives were friendly and Adam's nostrils cleared up.

Then one day while fooling around with some popcicle sticks, Adam created a phenomenon with four protruding limbs, a front and a back, a brake and a cigarette lighter. He christened it "the car."

Soon after its introduction to the public, the car attained international fame; and enjoying the sensation of success, Adam decided to create bigger and better things.

So next came pizza pie, highway

billboards, roller skates, comic books, mousetraps and tuff-fruit bubble gum. Adam's ambition had been let loose. He was having a ball.

Now while all of this was going on, Eve had a brainstorm of her own. She resented the way Adam had been neglecting her, so she tried one of her own inventions on him, the divorce.

It worked, and using the large alimony check she received, Eve opened an overnight delicatessen in Gary, Indiana.

Of course Adam was grieved by Eve's action, but the thought of achieving stupendous publicity egged him on to creating many more marvelous inventions.

So before he knew it, his potato peelers, insect repellents, vacuum cleaners, baseball bats, transistor radios, sewing machines, used car dealers and Punk & Wagnal Dictationaries had achieved worldwide acclaim.

Adam was satisfied. He decided to put his over-active imagination to pasture. But the public said, "Not You can't quit now.

We want more! You've got to give us more!"

So what could he do? He gave them more—more door knobs, skyscrapers, paved roads, industries, politics, paper cups and wall-to-wall carpeting.

"More! More!" they screamed. So, on came color television sets, contact lenses, department stores, laundry detergents, nylon hose, airplane mechanics, neon lights, Broadway shows, police uniforms and bobby pins.

The world gave its approval to Adam's

work and still they yearned for more and more and more...

Then they noticed something. All of the trees were gone. The grass and flowers had disappeared and in their place were miles and miles of sun-beaten pavement.

The birds, bees, snakes, mosquitoes and other creatures were driven away. There just wasn't enough room for both them and the some-odd billion people of the world.

"Oh, well," the people said, "that's the price you have to pay for Progress!" And no one really cared.

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# Highlanders Season Has Its Ups and Downs

The basketball team lost to Kilgore Junior College 76-79 Monday night at the gymnasium.

Steve Colwick broke the ice for the Clan after very sloppy play caused numerous turnovers in the first minutes of the game.

With 13 minutes left in the half, the Rangers had two of their big men on the bench with three fouls.

The Highlanders then used their press to take a lead of 22-20 with 6:19 left.

The Highlanders lead at the half, 38-36. They extended this lead to 58-52 using their fast break early in the second half.

A technical foul was called on the Kilgore coach with 10:24 left in the contest. This marked a turning point in Kilgore's play.

Paul Lamb sunk two free throws to tie the game at 76-76 with 1:55 left.

Kilgore then countered with a field goal to take a 78-76 lead.

Don Tyson failed to connect on a one and one at :36. Ralph Booker fouled out attempting to get the rebound.

Melvin Moore sank a free throw for Kilgore to ice the game at 79-76.

### MCC 128 - ACC of Dallas 75

ACC of Dallas was no match for the Highlanders who trounced them 128-75 on Nov. 23 in the First game of the MCC Classic.

The Clan used their press to jump to a 20-point lead and stayed in command the rest of the way.

Postman Ralph Booker scored 20 points, while reserve Wayne Powell scored 20.

### MCC 85 - Navarro 80

Navarro slipped past the Highlanders 89-85 in the second game of the MCC Classic Nov. 24.

The Highlanders were tagged with 39

fouls and had four players foul-out before Navarro put the game away in the final seconds.

### MCC 79-Henderson Co. 82

Henderson County JC used two free throws in the final seconds to defeat the Highlanders 79-82 on Nov. 27 in Athens.

### MCC 73 - Blinn JC 75

The Highlanders, who led at the half by one point and by as many as 11 with five

minutes left in the game, lost 73-75 to Blinn JC in the first round of the Temple Junior College Tournament on Nov. 29.

### MCC 105 - Richland JC 82

The Highlanders used a 63 point second half to down Richland JC 105-82 in their second contest in the Temple Tournament.

The full court press and team rebounding played a big part in the second half comeback.

### MCC 90 - Odessa JC 88

MCC captured consolation championship in the TJC Tournament with a 90-88 win over Odessa JC.

The victory was the fifth for the Highlanders this season.

Six players hit in double figures including Don Gay and with 22, Don Tyson 17, Paul Lamb had 12 points and led the team in rebounding with 15.



Photo by Bill Gammage

The MCC Highlanders. Kneeling, from left to right are Don Gay, Wayne Powell, Steve Colwick, Chuck Miller, Mark Lappa, and Don Gordon. Standing, from left to right, are Coach Johnny Carter, Steve McLaughlin, Don Tyson, Paul Lamb, Ivan Gordon, Ralph Booker, Larry Derr, and Shane Lewis.

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# Child Day Care Center Will Serve As Laboratory

The Child Care and Development program is expanding its facilities to include a Child Day Care Center. The Center is the former Fuller House, situated at 1728 Powell Dr., directly across from the Baptist Student Union.

"This is a child care laboratory. Its primary purpose is to serve as a laboratory situation for MCC students who are studying in these various fields: psychology, sociology, HPE, child care...and also pediatric nurses," said Dr. Ann Garrett, director of the Child Care and Development programs.

Dr. Garrett has attended state, national and international seminars on child care. She has viewed day care centers in both Europe and Russia.

The child care program is a balance of academics, laboratory experiences and field trips. The program also includes care of institutionalized or handicapped people.

Students do laboratory work in the community and also at the Mexia State School.

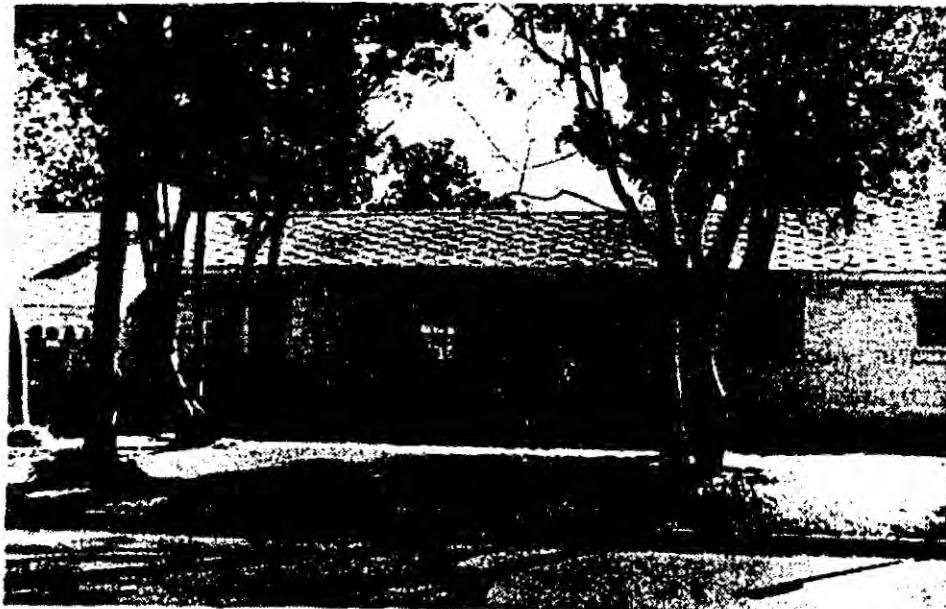
"Dr. Garrett's students do work out in various types of child care institutions and agencies," said Dr. Wilbur Ball, president.

Upon completion of the day care center, students will have a laboratory situation here at school, but they will continue to make intra-community visits to day care centers.

The child-day-care center will house children between the ages of three and five. Dr. Garrett has definite plans for teaching young children.

Children, she said, have three facets of development, cognitive development, which is intellectual learning, and physical and social learning.

"It's not like formal learning up in the grades. It's strictly a developmental



..Photo by Ronnie Marroquin

process," said Dr. Garrett.

She has structured classes with a greater amount of freedom so the child can develop at his own rate. Classes are well-planned without being highly structured.

"They'll be active, moving children. They won't be sitting at tables doing crayon work," said Dr. Garrett.

She further said that several activities will be happening simultaneously and children will be able to decide which activity they want to participate in.

"They'll be able to make decisions early in life," said Dr. Garrett. "We do not want to stifle learning, we want to stimulate creativity.

"We're going to develop...that beautiful backyard into a learning playground. We're going to stress...learning outdoors."

"To me, one of the greatest assets is the large play area in the back. The backyard

is fully fenced. There are several Live Oak trees," said Mel E. Post, director of administrative services.

Post said that most of the work being done on the house is in the interior, such as painting and plumbing.

The house should be ready for use at the first of the spring semester.

"There will be some further construction on it after that, particularly on the exterior and the playground; and possibly some cleaning of the exterior stone and repainting of the trim," said Post.

He also said they would consider building a patio and a tricycle trail.

"We received a grant of approximately \$42,000 from Model Cities," said Ball.

The project will total approximately \$52,000. MCC will furnish \$10,000.

"The whole project should be completed within three months time," said Ball.

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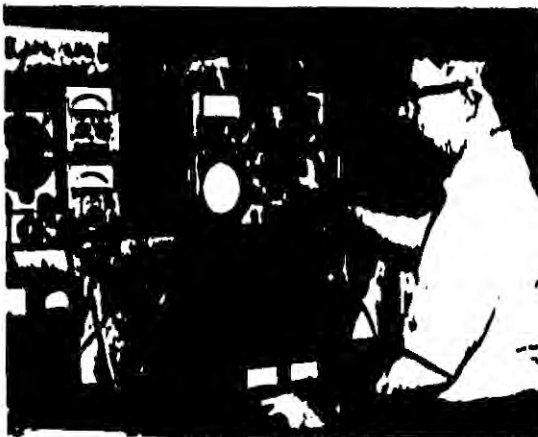
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