



Trustees Approve Purchases

The MCC Board of Trustees held its regular meeting Feb. 9 in the Board Room of the Administration Building and approved the purchase of new microscopes for the biology department and new video equipment for the audio-visual center. Total cost of the eleven new microscopes to be bought from Scientific Products of Dallas will be \$3,476.00. The audio-visual equipment which includes a cassette tape duplicator, a video camera ensemble, two video tape recorders, and two monitors will be purchased from Tom Padgett Inc. of Waco at a total cost of \$3,176.00.

In other business the board discussed awarding a contract to have an irrigation system installed, but that matter was left pending until Dr. Wilbur Ball, MCC president could investigate the situation further.

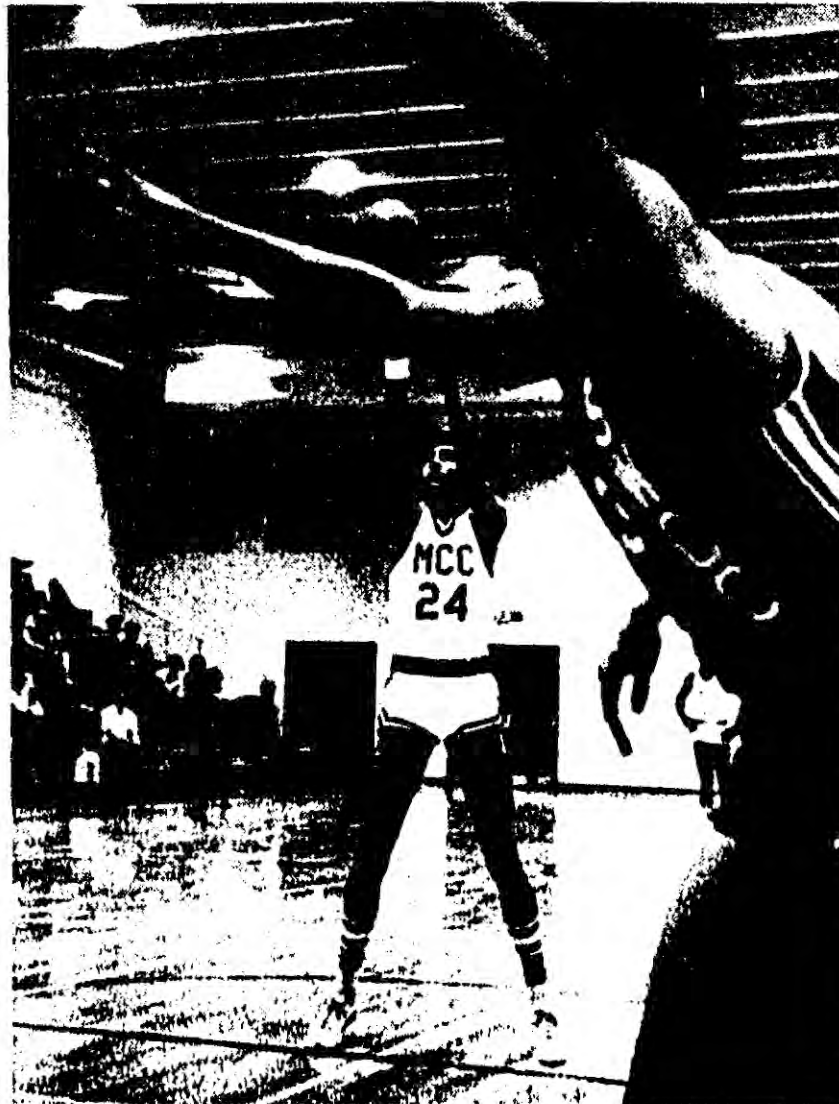
The board also approved the hiring of Nelda K. Grunden R.N. to the faculty to head up the first licensed vocational nursing program at MCC.

Finally the board authorized that two architectural firms be given the go-ahead to complete the schematic design phase of the Administration Building addition and the Student Center addition. The buying of some common stock was also approved; the dividends of which will be placed in the Ruby Reid Robinson Scholarship Fund.

Possibly A Name Change For Herald?

The staff of the Highland Herald recently took a readers poll in some of the history classes. When compiling the results it appeared that many of the students who took the poll did not know the proper name of the Highland Herald. The responses to the question concerning the name of the publication varied greatly including a classic, "Scotch on the Rocks." However good that may sound it is not the name of the campus newspaper. The most frequent answer given on the survey was the "Highlander."

Due to the results of the survey, the students may want to rename the Highland Herald. Anyone having any suggestions for a new name please submit the idea in the "Tell It To The Herald" box in the Student Center or tell your idea to any member of the journalism staff. If the situation warrants it, the staff will then decide what suggestions to place on a ballot to be voted on this spring during the student government elections.



ROBERT GILL, a 6-4, 160 pound freshman, shoots from the free-throw line in the Feb. 6 game against Southwest Christian College. We won! For more on that game, turn to page 3.

Hopeful Situation

Rabbi Views Mid-East

BY GUN REEVES

The unobvious factors underlying the problems in the Middle East was the topic of "Wheels Within Wheels -- an Optimistic View of the Middle East" presented by Rabbi Mordecai Podet in the Lecture Hall Feb. 3.

Rabbi Podet of Temple Rodof Shalom stated he had these views of the Middle East: there is no foreseeable possibility of change at this time and that it is, nevertheless, a hopeful situation.

The Rabbi told the audience there are many forces at work in the Middle East but said, "What there is to know is available to anyone who wants to use the sources."

Rabbi Podet went on to say, "As regards enfranchisement, as regards to the right to participate in a society, the Middle East generally stands where Europe stood 1500 years ago." He pointed out that approximately 75 per cent of the population is illiterate and mob politics are predominant. The Rabbi added, "The greatest victims in the Middle East at this point are the Arab masses; and their oppressors, of course, are the Arab governments."

Rabbi Podet said these problems, such as enfranchisement, do not apply to Israel. "Israel is a piece of the most advanced political thinking of Europe from the last couple centuries," he said. Rabbi Podet also said that Israel is comparable to the

democracies of Scandinavian countries.

The Rabbi pointed out that Arabs living in Israel are experiencing general enfranchisement for voting, encouragement to women to participate and the strength of modern labor unions. He said, "What they (Arabs) need to break through is not the border of Israel, but the Arab social order itself. Nassar led his people three times in 20 years into disastrous battle."

Rabbi Podet felt that Israel is an example for the rest of the Middle East and continued to say, "...to the extent they fight Israel, to that extent they remain primitive."

He summarized that hope for the Middle Eastern situation lies in the example of Israel and in enlightened Arab leadership.

After displaying an overtly anti-Israeli booklet distributed by the Syrian Ministry of Education in an interview following the lecture, Rabbi Podet said, "The Arab cultural level at this moment in their history requires that a politician should use this...it requires that a politician would teach hate, because he cannot present a rational program."

When questioned about the plight of Soviet Jews, Rabbi Podet stated that, according to prevalent opinion, the course of action should be peaceful demonstrations and telegrams and petitions. He said many individuals, including the youth group of Temple Rodof Shalom, have

Election Code Hearing Held

The Student Supreme Court held a hearing Feb. 5 in the Conference Room of the Student Center concerning possible revision of the present election code. Questions were raised about the effectiveness of the code after the recent special election.

A member of the Campus Lion's Club informed the Highland Herald that the club might petition the election and call for a referendum. After looking at the code,

student government officials found that nothing was in the Constitution stating just how a referendum should be executed.

Ray Atkinson, student government president, said that something should be put in the constitution specifically explaining how a referendum or new election should be carried out. Even though the Campus Lion's did not petition the election, suggestions were made at the hearing to revise the current election code.

Special attention was given to the matter of campaigning in the Student Center during voting hours. Supreme Court Chief Justice James Johnson cited a case where members of a cam-

pus organization were soliciting votes at the polling place for their club's candidate. Johnson was a judge in the last election.

Scott Adams, history instructor and advisor for the Supreme Court, questioned Johnson on the incident. "Were they (club members) showing people how to vote or who to vote for?" Adams asked. "They were actually pointing to names on the ballot and showing people who to vote for," Johnson answered.

A statement was also made at an incident is really hard to prove because people involved could say they were joking. Johnson said he ordered the group to clear the area, but when they refused to leave, he threatened to disqualify the candidate. They decided to leave the area and not take any chances.

A decision was made to have a section in the revised election code moving the polling place to the student government office in the Student Center.

A statement was also made at the hearing saying that the Constitution does not state how students should justify their election expenditures. Candidates are limited to the amount spent, but as it is now no method exists to prove how much is actually utilized in a campaign.

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RABBI MORDECAI Podet spoke to a group of students and faculty members in the Lecture Hall Feb. 3 on the Mid Eastern situation. This lecture was another in a series sponsored by the MCC Program Committee.

Editorial When Apathy Controls Election, We All Lose

Apathy. Sick of hearing the word? You should be. You've heard it on TV, and politicians have been preaching it to you for years. Don't you think it's about time to do something about it? And what's the conclusion you draw? 'Aw, let someone else worry about it.' Which makes you just as apathetic as the year is long. Or do you even know what the word means? If you don't that just goes to show how apathetic you are.

A feature example of apathy here on this campus took place during the recent special election. When those students were running for office to represent you in student government. They went out of their way to tell you why they wanted the job. And what did you do? Most of you sat there holding the ace of clubs, hoping to slough it off so you could make your nullo hand, and wishing those guys would shut up so you could concentrate.

You say 'Well why worry about it? Student government doesn't have any power.' What do you want them to be? The National Security Council? You would be surprised just what the student government can do; in fact the Clan magazine will carry an article this spring to show you what it can do within the limits of its power.

And finally to get out of walking 30 or 40 feet from your table to vote, you say, 'Well what's the use? My vote doesn't count.' Baloney.

Quite frankly there was only a two vote margin between two of the candidates in the last election. One of those candidates lost by only two votes. Now just how big is one vote?

Just to show how lazy you people are, only 284 votes were cast in the last election when 1300 could have easily been placed in the ballot box.

So don't you think it's about time you got off your apathy to get involved? Because if you people who are not responsible enough to vote in a school election then you don't deserve to vote for a United States senator or the president of the United States.

R.S.G.

Letters To The Editor

To the Editor:

Many young people today cry out against the present predicament of our society. I submit that young people today have more potential, a more experienced, fully developed and sophisticated background through education and environment than any previous generation. However, I don't believe there has ever been such a generation with so many capabilities that spent so much time just "crying out." Granted, many political facets of our society need changing, but we're all sensible enough to realize those changes come only through dedicated, diligent, and organized effort. Consequently, sitting around complaining about the situation gets us nowhere - it never has - it never will. Moller, in his cry against the church and its religious hypocrisies in the 1800's, stated that the actions of the pious are important, not their speeches. We can apply this very appropriate and valid idea to our own situation and hopefully adhere to it.

Now, the question naturally arises, where do we begin? The subsequent response is here and now. By experiencing involvement in Student Government - if only by voting or simply observing attentively those who wish to represent us, we better familiarize ourselves with some of societal problems. By building habits of involvement, we better prepare ourselves for our nation's problems and, thus, hopefully, when the time comes, we can achieve success in sol-

ving them. Thus, the term "cheerful apathy" coined by one of our own more observant instructors and presently in practice on our campus, can be eliminated.

I believe the time has come for each individual, and he owes it to himself as well as his neighbor, to accept the responsibility of deciding what road he will travel.

There is hope for our society - those who think otherwise should refer to Virgil, who once very wisely observed - "They can conquer who believe they can."

Sande Scharfschwerdt

To the Editor:

Is there anyone who can do something about changing the songs played by the carillon? Three times a day, seven days a week my neighbors and I endure those same old tunes. (By now, even my cat can do the first line of "God Bless America")

An article in the Highland Herald last semester mentioned that there are some 100 tapes available to be played. With so many to choose from, would it be asking too much to change them more than once a year? Surely no one listens to the ones being played anymore. After the first one hundred or so times, "Ah, Sweet Mystery of Life" loses most of its appeal. I've tried tuning the bells out for some months. I've succeeded only in becoming more annoyed by their constancy.

Sincerely,

Carolyn S. Harris

Young Persons Are Reading More News

Editor's Note - The following is a reprinted article from the Sunday Feb. 7 edition of the Waco Tribune-Herald. For the purposes of the Highland Herald we have reprinted only those statistics concerning college level students.

Young persons today are reading newspapers more and watching television less, according to the Bureau of Advertising of the American Newspaper Publishers Association.

These young persons - those in the 14 to 25 age group - are the first generation to have grown up with television, said the bureau. But, it said, they are no different from their elders in their dependence on the daily newspaper for a wide range of news and information.

The bureau bases its assessment on a new study by Gilbert Youth Research of the media habits and attitudes of a national cross section of more than 1,600 persons 14 through 25 years of age.

The study shows that 73 per cent of all 14 to 25 year olds read one or more daily newspapers on average weekday.

This compares with 78 per cent of all adults. According to the survey young persons typically spend almost as much time with each newspaper as the average adult, and they absorb the advertising as well as the editorial content. The survey went on to say that as young persons grow up, they read newspapers more and watch television less. Finally, the study shows that young persons who are more mature, more responsible, and more likely to attain future leadership are the most likely to read the newspaper on any given day.

"Our study shows that the same dynamism, the same high level of aspiration that has traditionally motivated Americans is still visible in young people today," said Dr. Leo Bogart, executive vice president and general manager of the bureau. "Although they show strong idealism, they also have strong appreciation for the material aspects of the life.

"Similarly, the more highly educated, the doers and achievers have always shown the greatest orientation to print," he said. "This still holds true

today."

Findings of the bureau study are documented in a film presentation released by the bureau. The presentation emphasizes that newspaper reading and the use of newspaper advertising as a shopping aid is a progressive process; and is a part of growing up. It also documents the relationships between newspaper and education, individual maturity, and involvement in community and family life.

The research results show the following progression for use of the daily newspaper by young college people. Newspaper reading in college at first declines as students go away to school and become preoccupied with their new life. But it rises steadily as the college career progresses and is highest among those who are planning graduate work and those who marry. On the average weekday, 63 per cent of college freshman and sophomores and 69 per cent of juniors and seniors read a daily newspaper. But the figure is 81 per cent for married students.

Despite the busy, demanding college life, 89 per cent read the main news sections of the daily newspaper at least three times a week. Most college students report declines in television watching. Seventy-one per cent say they are watching less as compared to 20 per cent who state they are watching more - a net decrease of 51 per cent.

Among young college graduates, readership is up again and 82 per cent read a daily newspaper on the average weekday. For young married people out of school, average day readership rises to 80 per cent.

Study Skills Lab Helpful

An evaluation taken in 1970 of the Reading Study Skills Center shows that the courses provide for student need and that the instruction is academically helpful. The center is located in the Liberal Arts Building.

In 1967, after a year of investigation of similar programs and materials, the reading and study skills services came into being for MCC. The purpose of the service was threefold: (1) to show measurable progress in increased reading study skills, rate and ease of responding (2) to demonstrate increased vocabulary and word analysis ability and (3) to exhibit increased proficiency to recall skills.

Since that time, these courses have been developed and expanded to include four sections of perceptual communications and two sections of fundamentals of reading. Independent study with tutorial assistance is also available for reinforcement and training practice at 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily when classes are not in session.

Attendance has been very good and the reaction rewarding said Mrs. Ruby Sanders, "My best publicity comes from students who have had the course," she said.

Night School Has Wide Course Range

One of the most valuable and outstanding phases of education at MCC is continuing education, commonly known as night school on campus. Continuing education is comprised of divisions of classes which are credit and non-credit. The credit classes are an extension of the day school offering the same courses and maintaining the same quality academic standards.

Dean James M. Summers is the administrator in charge of evening school. He is responsible for any decisions that have to be made during the class periods. Not only is he responsible to the continuing education program, but he also includes in his job to work with businesses in the community to retrain or upgrade their occupational standards.

He also works with small

committees of businessmen to help them see what is needed to improve their occupation.

One of the most well-known courses on campus is the nursing home administration program. This section of continuing education has adopted a course outline that is used by the state Nursing Home Administration. Two hundred hours of study and three state examinations are required to receive a nursing certificate.

Along with nursing home administration, other courses are offered in continuing education that are valuable to local businesses. Banking courses are offered along with insurance courses and real estate programs for salesmen and brokers.

Dean Summers explained that it is helpful for businesses to pay an individual's way through high school with these courses and then be able to hire him to work. He also pointed out that many of the continuing education courses are taught by people with actual on-the-job experience. These people can relate business experience better to the students. In some cases students who have had experience in a field can contribute also.

The whole idea of continuing education is to expose people to what they might like to work with. "We try not to encourage people to think they are experts," said Dean Summers, "only expose them to situations in which they will be involved on the job."

Currently almost 600 students are enrolled in continuing education. Summers expected the projected figure to run about 1200 for the year.

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Highlanders Win On Home Court 103-73

Offense Destroys SWCC

By utilizing the press in the second half and a strong offense throughout the MCC Highlanders mauled the Southwest Christian College Rams 103-73 Feb. 6 in the MCC Gym. That particular win gave the Highlanders a 3 - 7 record in the North Zone standings of the Texas Junior College Conference.

Because of cold shooting by SWCC the first few minutes the

Highlanders rolled up a 12 - 3 edge. The Rams only managed to hit 11 of 23 freethrows in the first half.

Highlander Harry Johnson led all scorers that night with 31 points and combined with Bruce Ott to give MCC the rebounding edge.

At the start of the second half SWCC shook up the Highlanders with a full court press and MCC gave up three straight turnovers. This allowed the Rams to get within six points, but that was as close as they got.

Ott put on a fine defensive performance with 11 rebounds and five blocked shots. Bob Jochee and Johnson also had 11 rebounds each.

Dan Burzynski helped push the Highlanders over the one hundred mark by dumping in 6 points in the final four minutes. Phillip Miller broke the century mark by stealing a stray Ram pass and breezing in for an easy layup.

The Highlanders hit 59 per cent from the field and 63 per cent of the free throws. MCC was 27 of 40 from the field in the last half. All five MCC starters scored in the double figures. Jochee and Robert Gill each had 15 points, David Broadnax rolled up 14 and Ott gathered up 12. Gill had seven assists while Jochee and Broadnax had five each.

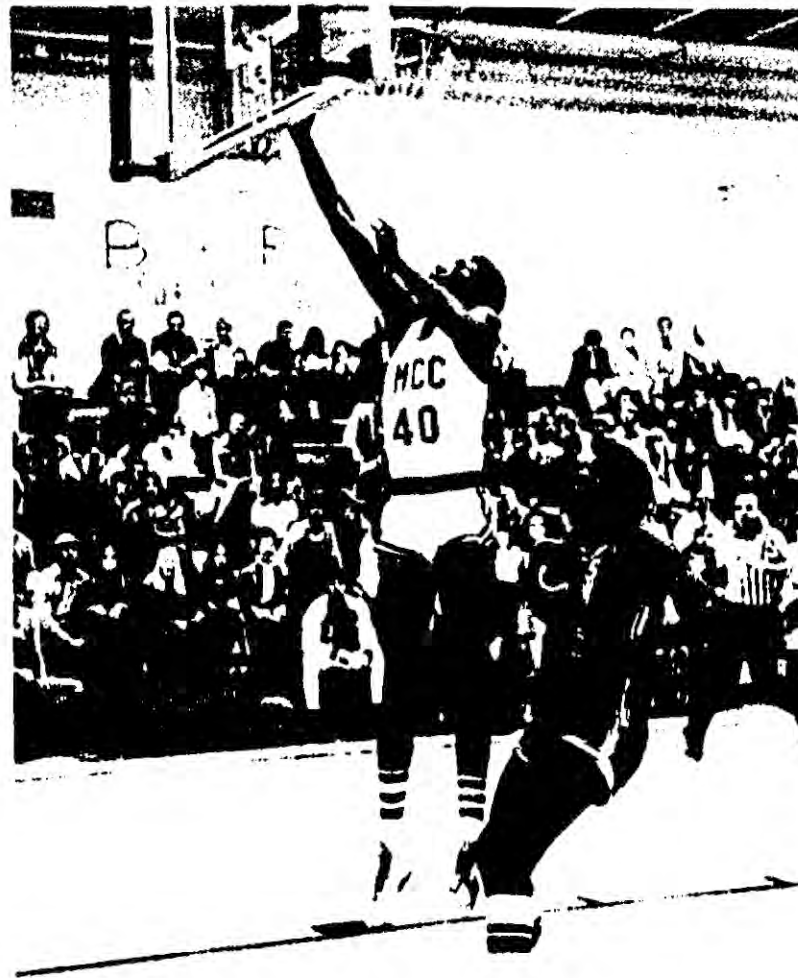
That win made the Highlanders season record 9-16. However, MCC fell to the Temple Leopards Thursday night 97-87 bringing the season to 9-17.



ALL HANDS reach for the ceiling as Bob Jochee (left) and Bruce Ott (right) go up for a rebound with a Southwest Christian College player hemmed in between.



COACH JAMES BURROUGHS



HARRY JOHNSON goes up in the air and flips the ball in for a score. Johnson led the field that night by rolling up 31 points.



GARY HANSEN works out on paper the strategy he plans to use when he gets back in the game.

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BRUCE OTT from Livingston seems to tower above everybody as he watches the ball sink through the net.

Former MCC Superstar Now Wears TCU Purple

BY CHARLES MOONEY

MCC's superstar, who led the Highlanders to a 22-14 record in 1968-69 basketball season, will return to Waco Feb. 23 wearing purple of the TCU Horn Frogs against the Baylor Bears.

His name? Simpson DeGrate.

The 6-4, 215 pounder from Marlin led MCC to its finest season, and he also seems to be helping TCU to one of its better seasons. Sitting on top of the Southwest Conference standings, DeGrate is one of the three

junior college transfers Coach Johnny Swaim is using to pack his winning line up.

Having a 27 point average at MCC during his sophomore year, DeGrate hasn't slowed down. Despite the adjustment to TCU's style of play and the tougher competition, DeGrate has managed to score 28 points against the SMU Mustangs, 24 points against the Arkansas Razorbacks, and 19 points against the Texas Tech Red Raiders, thus proving his ability to compete against the Southwest Con-

ference teams.

Going back a few years, Coach James Burroughs recalls the Highlanders acquired DeGrate by accident. After a three-day stay at Prairie View on a football scholarship, DeGrate decided to enroll at MCC, where he tried out for the basketball team. "We tried him out, but he was in terrible shape," said Coach Burroughs. "We told him to come back at midterm and we would take another look at him."

Working hard that semester on building himself into good physical condition, DeGrate proved how much he really wanted to play. "He came back to us at midterm and looked so good we gave him a scholarship," said Burroughs.

Burroughs remembers that in the first game Simpson was all over the court blocking shots, stealing balls, and hitting the net from all sides.

Joining with top athletes like Keith Curlee, who is now playing for Baylor, DeGrate led the Highlanders to their 22-14 season record in 1968-69. His freshman year, DeGrate scored 659 points, an average of 17.1 per game. He set two school records with 26 rebounds in one game and 504 rebounds for the season, an average of 14 a game. And, of course, he did even better his second season. MCC's game with Angelina proved to be DeGrate's greatest moment of glory during his sophomore year with the Highlanders. De-



SIMPSON DEGRATE

Grate set an all-time single game school scoring record with 41 points, and is credited with almost single-handedly defeating Angelina. His linedriving jump shots made the basket ring that night. Using an assortment of jump shots, layups, and hooks DeGrate recorded 26 points in the first half, and pumped in 15 more during the last half.

DeGrate was named all-conference and was chosen to the Region V all-tournament after his outstanding performance in the playoffs.

As soon as the season ended, the big recruiting battle for Simpson began. After considering the many offers, DeGrate chose TCU. "We're pleased to have a man of DeGrate's ability on our side," said Frog Coach Johnny Swaim. "We're depending on Simpson and the other junior college transfers a lot this year," said the coach.

For those at MCC who know Simpson DeGrate and have seen him play, and also for those who have not seen him play, Feb. 23 is your chance to catch him in an encore performance.

It will be a crucial Southwest Conference clash for both TCU and Baylor. Coming home may inspire DeGrate to more "roundball magic."

JC Week Fixed By Gov. Smith

The week of Feb. 14-20, 1971 has been designated as Junior College Week by Gov. Preston Smith. Gov. Smith fixed his signature to an official memorandum declaring this week as Junior College Week.

According to the memorandum, the junior college is a unique American institution. The notice went on to say that the growth and success of the two-year college movement in Texas is one of the most significant developments in education the state has experienced and has contributed significantly to the position of national leadership and recognition.

Figures released in the memorandum state that in 1961 the number of students enrolled in public two-year colleges in Texas was about 39,000. In the Fall of 1970, student enrollment had almost tripled, with more than 112,000 students now enrolled in community colleges across the state. By 1980 public two-year institutions are expected to enroll more than 262,000 students, or 60 per cent of all college freshmen and sophomores in Texas.

Smith said in the memorandum that the role of community colleges in the forward progress of our state has been unique, and their continued development is important for the well-being of our society and economy.



SOMETIMES ONLY a facial expression can truly reveal how a person is dedicated to his work. Such is the expression revealed in the face of Penny Aronson while she accompanies her husband Joe (right). The Aronsons performed for students and faculty in the Fine Arts Theatre Feb. 8. Well known all over the world, the Aronsons presented a program of international folk and satirical songs and humor using traditional, contemporary, and original material.

Drama Dept. Workin' On Two Plays

The MCC drama department is currently in the process of producing two one-act plays. One of the productions "A Company of Wayward Saints" will be the entry in the Texas State Junior College One-Act Play Festival to be held at Cisco Junior College, Mar. 13-14. For the past two years the MCC drama department has received the highest honor of the festival, the Superior Award.

"A Company of Wayward Saints", directed by drama instructor James Henderson, is a commedia dell'arte type of drama and it combines farce, comedy, and realistic drama in one presentation. The cast includes Tom Pool, Judy Smith, Doug Burch, Mike Wedemeyer, Sandee Scharfswort, Ron Solomon, Phyllis Wedemeyer, George Tickell, and Tommy Davis.

The second one-act play presentation is "The Successful Life of 3". This play is under the direction of Cecil LaPlount, a senior drama major at Baylor. The cast of "The Successful Life of 3" includes Mary Beth Smeik, Kimber Cox, and Grady DePoore. Although this play is not entered in state competition it will be performed on the MCC campus later in the semester along with "A Company of Wayward Saints."

Needs Of Campus Musicians Met By Adding New Personnel

Handling the needs of the growing number of musicians at MCC warranted the services of David M. Hooton and Cruz Mendoza, who both came to MCC last fall.

The concert band, which numbers 35, and the jazz band, numbering 10, comprises any persons who have played in a band previously and have an interest in the field of music. The bands strive to play current music, which creates an incentive for local organizations to ask for the bands' performances.

Last semester the concert band played for the Lighthouse For the Blind, and the jazz group performed at the Regis and for the Chamber of Commerce. Throughout the basketball season, the large band supports the college at all local games.

The jazz band plays for the Lions Club Feb. 17 and hopes to attend the state-wide high school through four-year colleges competition at Wharton Junior College on March 19-20. Both groups have been asked by Temple Junior College to exchange concerts in April.

Later in the semester the bands will be performing at local high schools with recruiting purposes in mind. Music scholarships are available at MCC for not only music majors, but also any other interested students. The students receive

half of their tuition for participating in one band, and full tuition is paid if members of both concert and stage band.



MUSIC INSTRUCTOR Cruz Mendoza rehearses with a group of his band students in one of the practice rooms in the Fine Arts Building. Mendoza, along with David Hooton, both came as new music instructors to MCC last fall. Playing the saxophone is Philip Evans.

Election Code

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Johnson pointed out that many of the candidates in the most recent election were not even aware of election regulations. A suggestion was made that a test be given each candidate concerning the election regulations. Members of the hearing also decided that student's grades be checked enough in advance before the campaign gets into full swing. Several candidates were disqualified because of inadequate grade averages after they had given their campaign speeches.

Several other proposals were made for the new code. One idea was to extend the voting hours into the night class period. Another was to raise the number of election judges from three to seven - five students and two faculty members, or give the job of judging elections to the Supreme Court.

A proposal was also put forth to give the president power to appoint an interim government to hold temporary office if the need arises. For two weeks the student government was unable to function because eight representatives failed and a quorum to conduct business did not exist.

Final ratification of these changes and proposals will be carried out at a later date.

Holiday!

Due to TJC/TA Convention in Dallas, no classes will be held Friday, February 19.