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Governor Grants College Funds

Emergency government financial aid will be given to MCC along with other Texas junior colleges to buffer costs resulting from rapid inflation and student body increases during the past two years.

The Senate Finance and the House

Appropriations Committees unanimously approved the \$18 million grant Feb. 5. Both Houses had approved the grant within two days.

"Each session of the legislature approves money for junior colleges of Texas

for the upcoming two years," said President Dr. Wilbur Ball. Based on enrollment growth for the preceding year, a contingency fund is set up by the state for each school for a two year period. Due to rapid inflation, MCC, along with other Texas junior colleges, did not receive the full allotment for the '73-74 and '74-75 school years.

Dr. Ball said this emergency money will re-imburse Texas junior colleges for the aid they were supposed to receive but did not. He said it is called an "emergency fund" because the Senate gives it

precedence over other items because of its importance.

"The committees will meet again within the next two months to decide on a contingency fund for the '75-76 and '76-77 school years," said Dr. Ball.

Six million dollars of the fund will go toward college academic programs, and \$12 million will go to the Texas Education Agency for vocational and technical training.

The share MCC will receive is between \$300,000 to 500,000.

Head Librarian Aids In Locating Material

As research paper time approaches, the campus library takes on a new meaning. In the past, it has been a place to go when you eat classes, cannot afford a donut and coffee in the Student Center.

Now, the library becomes the answer to all questions, known and unknown, in the person of John Rasor, reference librarian. Better known to the students as the answer man, Rasor guides the English composition classes through the reference library showing them how to get the most knowledge for the least amount of effort.

"What the library can do for the student to enrich the educational experience is unlimited. The first step is learning how to use the library to the full potential," said Rasor.

Looking up and locating information, using the card catalogue, locating information to related fields are only a few items included in the library tour.

Rasor said, "Learning to correlate terms from one subject area to another makes writing the research paper easier."

"The campus library houses approximately 50,000 volumes at the average price of \$12.50 per volume. The peak time of these varied subject matter volumes is 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Friday."

"Many of these volumes contain material that a professor has assigned for a learn - at - your - own - speed technique. This is why courtesy is an important factor in library use, as we unfortunately have a limited amount of tapes in one particular subject area," Rasor said. "By the time the professor, who has five classes of 30 students each, assigns the same tape or book or section of book, it can get a little bogged down," said Rasor.

The campus library is open from 7:45 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 7:45 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday. Books may be checked out during these hours, and audio visual equipment may be used on the second floor also.



Photo by Jerry Lynn

ROBINS HERALD the coming of spring. Everyone notices them. But who notices the lonely frog?

Blizzard Freezes Traffic But Not Spirits



Photo by Larry Payne

A SNOW-COVERED cabin nestles snugly among tall pine trees after a weekend blizzard buried Ruidoso, N.M. under several feet of snow.

The Veterans weekend ski excursion to the Sierra Blanca mountains was snowed under by the second worst blizzard this winter in Ruidoso, N.M., making Waco's scant snow fall look like an overturned can of potato flakes.

Roadblocks prevented traffic in and out of Ruidoso, but the road to the ski slopes was open. Skiing and sledging resulted in two minor casualties among the 38 persons who made the trip.

Sophomore Randy Beard was struck on the head with a ski when it inadvertently slipped from under his foot. He suffered minor bruises. Mike May, sophomore, was left sitting on a fence post when the sled he was riding on exposed the fence, buried at the bottom of a snowdrift. A large hole was left in the sled. Damage to May was not reported.

The winter wonderland magic of the mountains was shattered only when snowball fights broke out or someone absentmindedly kicked the snow off his shoes against a tree. Kicking trees always resulted in avalanches of snow being deposited upon the kicker.

"If Randy Beard was as good at growing a beard as he is at throwing snowballs, he would have hair on his chin," said Ron Smith, Director of Veterans Affairs, who was the innocent victim of a solid hit.

Snow angels appeared in several spots, made by a person falling backwards in the snow, intentionally or otherwise, and waving his arms up and down. The imprint left resembled an angel. Figures resembling snowpeople sprang up in front of several cabins. The best effort was a detailed model of a well developed snowlady who stood, grinning with a shiny bottlecap smile, in front of a cabin by the main road.

The party drove rented cars during the trip for town travel. Of the four cars rented, Circle K had top mileage of 200 miles, but nobody knew where they went in the small skiing village.

Luggage racks provided adequate sleeping accommodations on the 13 hour bus trip to and from Ruidoso. Those who stayed awake during the ride became proficient in the art of cheating at cards, reading juggling books, and consuming refreshments. The legal drinking age of 21 in New Mexico posed no problem for the 20 and under age group, who pretended they were still in Texas.

Although prices were considerably higher than anticipated, the general attitude was that the trip was worth it.

"Everyone I have talked to said 'When do we go back?'" said Smith.

Editorial

White House Becomes Dog House

By Robert Blankenstein

FORD-Fix Or Repair Daily. Fix or repair daily seems to be the philosophy of President Gerald Ford. What he cannot fix correctly he just temporarily repairs.

Our nation, amid avalanches of internal and foreign problems, needs someone with strong leadership ability to lift the country out of economic recession and political impotency.

If the majority of American voters can be swayed by a smooth talking Republican criminal such as Richard Nixon, so can the voters be fooled again by Ford.

The administration which has been in office since 1969 continues to fail in governing this country with wisdom and insight.

It bounces from crisis to crisis. It reacts to momentary problems; it fails in moral leadership; last but certainly not least, it kindles the flame of unemployment ever brighter.

Three of former President Nixon's closest and most powerful political and administrative aides were sentenced last Friday to spend at least 2½ years in prison for the Watergate cover-up conspiracy.

John N. Mitchell, H.R. Haldeman and John D. Ehrlichman received identical 2½ to 8 year jail terms imposed by U.S. District Judge John J. Sirica.

So what do the sentences of these three men have to do with Ford's capability as President? I hope for America's sake not anything. But remember this, the same man that chose Ford as Vice-President

assisted in covering up Watergate and was pardoned for crimes we will never fully know. Nixon, guilty of income tax evasion, though not charged with this crime, chose Spiro T. Agnew as his Vice-President in 1968, who later was found guilty of the same offense.

With republican leadership almost nil, a republican president must face a democratic controlled Congress possessing some democratic presidential hopefuls including Sen. Lloyd Bentsen of Texas, Sen. Henry M. Jackson of Washington, Rep. Morris K. Udall of Arizona, former Gov. Jimmy Carter of Georgia, and former Sen. Fred Harris of Oklahoma.

Bentsen, in recent weeks, has accused President Ford of letting the nation drift from crisis to crisis and has himself pushed proposed economic goals.

Jobs with decent wages and a chance to fully develop one's talents is Bentsen's paramount issue.

Quoted from Washington (UPI), Bentsen said "the United States must remain militarily secure and a formidable world leader," but called for a foreign policy "which gives as much weight to interdependence as it does to military strength."

Bentsen, like Jackson, spent more than a year as an unannounced candidate working through a "planning committee" to raise funds and set up an organization. He collected more than \$1 million and

created the nucleus organization that could quickly move into full scale campaigning and delegate hunting.

In Time magazine Jackson said, "The 1976 presidential campaign really began the minute this nation was given its first appointed President and Vice President; this nation has a critical agenda that cannot wait until November 1976 to get started."

The recession gives an extraordinary opportunity to any Democrat who can produce a convincing alternative to Ford's program. Jackson has always believed that the power of the government is the most effective way to bring order to the marketplace. Among other things, he has proposed setting a national goal of 2.6 million housing starts a year, including two million federally subsidized units for low and middle income families, creating a temporary agency to provide emergency capital funds to business and giving the government the authority to delay wage and price hikes. Such views place him in the democratic mainstream, though republican critics regard him as a big spender who promised more than he can deliver.

Evidence of political power shifting was shown last November when democratic landslides popped up all over the states. If the trend continues and Ford fails in his proposed solutions to economic recession, fuel shortage and foreign policy, a democratic President is assured in 1976.



OH, I'M NOT PART OF THAT BUNCH!

Pipeline

Spade Tourney

A single elimination, 16 team limit spades tournament starts March 5 from 10:10 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Don Bynum, director of student activities, said "A reserved area of the Student Center will be the designated playing area, hopefully in the new game table area."

Teams will be disqualified if they are not present at playing time. Teams will play according to the tournament brackets which will be posted in the Student Center next to the playing area. In all games except the championship games, the winner will be decided by one 500 point rubber or the leader at 11 a.m. No net in any games. Playing cards will be furnished. The Championship games will be the best two out of three 500 point rubbers.

Talent Show

Today is the day when all the hidden talent on campus creeps from the meek little souls of students everywhere onto the stage of the Student Center.

A talent show is scheduled for 10 a.m. today.

Divorce Seminar

A free, one-hour seminar, The Divorce Experience, will be conducted in room 108 of the Health Careers Building at 10:00 a.m. Friday.

Divorce and problems arising from divorce will be discussed. The seminar will not include problems leading to divorce. According to Keith Geisler, director of counseling services, there are 128 students who have been recently divorced and the seminar will be aimed especially at helping these students as well as others.

Topics will include community legal resources, financial and home management, custody, visitation, child support, in-laws and family, sexuality, and dating, values clarification, trust, and remarriage. A question and answer period will follow a panel discussion and a bibliography of recent books on this subject will be made available to those who attend the seminar.

The panel will consist of Wayne Meachum, an attorney, Virginia Mahan, a psychologist, and Bettie Meachum, a counselor. Keith Geisler will serve as facilitator.

Blood Drive Results

"Club blood donor results show the Veterans Club will again gain possession of the Interclub Trophy for outstanding participation in the Red Cross Blood Program," said Don Bynum, director of student activities.

The following indicate the runners up in order: Delta Phi Beta, 17 per cent of membership; Circle K 13 per cent; Plaid Vests 11 per cent; Chicanos Unidos 8 per cent; Alpha Sigma Phi 7 per cent; Circle K Little Sisters 5 per cent and for eighth place, a tie between Data Processing Majors and Afro Student Kindred both at 4 per cent.

A total 57 pints of blood was donated through this drive in the Student Center, sponsored by the Veterans Club on Feb. 7.

No English Friday

English teachers at McLennan Community College will be attending the 40th Annual Conference of English Teachers Thursday, Friday and Saturday in Austin.

All MCC English classes scheduled for Friday will not meet.

"It is an opportunity for members of the

English department to expand themselves professionally through association with scholars from all parts of the state," said Travis Looper, English instructor.

Speech Students Excel

The speech department placed second in sweepstakes at the Texas Junior College Speech Festival Feb. 14 in Temple. They scored a total of 27 points to Tyler's 34.

Three students received excellent ratings: Dale Hughes, sophomore, for extemporaneous speaking, Glenn Whately, freshman, for poetry and Dale Berry, freshman, for discussion.

Sophomores Sandy Anderson and Jack Holcomb both received superior ratings in oratory. Glenn Whately earned a superior rating in solo acting, while sophomore Jackie Higgs and freshman Jamie Oliver received superior ratings in poetry.

The Speech team leaves Friday at 6 p.m. for North Texas State University in Denton where they will compete in junior division debate, oratory, impromptu speaking, prose, and poetry reading.

Review

Friends Back Lennon

By Robert Blankenstein

John Lennon has achieved two things with "Walls and Bridges". He has gathered himself together as a recording artist and writer; he has gathered together some of the most respected musicians in the industry to make this album.

"Whatever Gets You Through The Night" has to be one of the best and most interesting pieces Lennon has turned out since the Beatles split. Elton John harmonizes on this song and plays the organ and piano. Klaus Voorman complements the song with a pulsating bass line andobby Koyon plays sax.

Another good one for Lennon fans is "What You Got". This one highlights Lennon's rough voice in an unusual way.

Other musicians who should be complimented include Jim Keltner on drums, Jesse Ed Davis on guitar and Nicky Hopkins, formerly of Quicksilver, and Ken Caillat on assorted keyboards.

Koyon, Keltner, Davis and Voorman were back up musicians for George Harrison at the Concert For Bangladesh. Lennon is in good voice these days and is writing in the style and quality we were accustomed to at the height of his excellence throughout the sixties.

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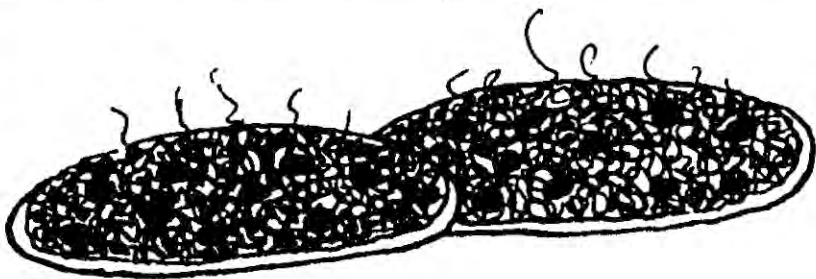


TOMMY SCOTT shows his stuff against Wharton Junior College,

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Clan Splits Twin Bill

Coach Rick Butler's version of the "gashouse gang" opened its spring season by splitting a doubleheader with Wharton Junior College on Monday at the new MCC field.

Butler's forces made use of their speed and combined good defense with consistent pitching to take advantage of their opponent's mistakes.

Wharton won the first game 4-2, with the Highlanders taking the second game 4-3.

Tommy Scott, freshman righthander, took the loss in the first game after having a 2-1 lead in the seventh inning.

Lefthander Ali Garza collected his first win of the season in the second game going the distance. Garza, a freshman, allowed 5 hits, struck out 1 and walked 3.

Rusty Rogers, sophomore catcher, was one of the many hitting heroes with 4 singles. Craig Stephenson drove in 2 runs on a single and a sacrifice fly. Glenn Jones lofted a sacrifice fly in the seventh inning of the second game to drive in the winning run in the person of Drew Perkins.

The Highlander's next games will be Friday and Saturday at Beeville. They have two doubleheaders slated with Bee County Junior College.

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Clan Rounds Up Wranglers

Ready For Grayson

MCC 102 — Cisco 80

The "happy" Highlanders opened up their lead in the Northern Texas Junior College Athletic Conference to four games with their win over Cisco 102-80 on Monday night before 1000 fans which included the Robinson drill team and KWTX Radio.

The victory brought their season record to 24-4 and their conference mark to 12-1. The 24 wins is a new record for wins in a single regular season.

The Highlanders dominated the game with their superior size and strength under the backboard. They had an advantage on the boards of 76-49.

Things were not all that good with the Highlanders shooting only 38 per cent from the field.

The pressing defense and their rebounding ability were more than enough to overcome the Wranglers. The Wranglers committed 26 turnovers in the game.

A.C. Kuykendall led the scoring for the tenth time this year. This ties him with John Derrick in this honor. Kuykendall scored 21 points-most of them from the outside.

Derrick and "Weasel" Johnson collected 19 points each with both seeing only limited action. Carlos Blackwood and Danny Kaspar each hit for 10 points.

Derrick had 19 rebounds, Craig Smoak grabbed off 15, Blackwood 10 and Johnson 9. Derrick blocked 5 shots and Johnson had 10 assists.

The Highlanders started off sluggishly and trailed 6-12 with 14 minutes left in the first half. Derrick then got things rolling with 2 blocked shots on consecutive trips down the court. The first block Johnson turned into a driving layup. The second blocked shot Kuykendall converted into a three-point play. This helped close the gap to 15-16 and fueled the Big Orange to take a 43-35 halftime lead.

Cisco ran into foul trouble with both of their postmen fouling out in the first seven minutes of the second half. The score was 55-48 when the Big Orange began to dominate and control the tempo of the game. In six minutes of play they out-scored the Wranglers 32-12 to move to a 87-60 margin.

The Big Orange had its biggest lead of the night at 93-62. Coach Johnny Carter then cleared the bench.

The Highlanders had 27 fouls called against them with Cisco being tagged with 34. The Highlanders were able to convert on 26-39 shots from the charity line.

Blue Mitchell, Paul Lamb, Craig Baggett, Blake Rasner and Tom Box broke the 100-point barrier with 1:20 left in the game and were able to hold their own against the Wranglers in the final minutes of play.

The final home game for the Highlanders will be Thursday night against Grayson County. The Big Orange is bound for the Region III Tournament March 6, 7 and 8 at Amarillo.

The top three teams from each conference receive automatic bids to the tournament with other teams being chosen at large.

MCC 84 — Ranger 76

The Highlanders put the wraps on the Northern Texas Junior College Athletic Conference championship Thursday night in Ranger against Ranger 84-76. This set their conference record at 11-1 and their

season record at 23-4 to tie the school mark for regular season wins, set by the national tournament team of 1972-73.

Starters were John Derrick with a 19.6 point per game average, Weasel Johnson with a 17.8 point average, A.C. Kuykendall with a 17 point average, Craig Smoak with a 16.6 and Danny Kaspar with an 11 point average. The Highlanders, going into this game, had averaged 96 points per game and allowed 82 points from the opposition.

The Rangers began the scoring and for the first half it was a hard fought battle. The lead changed often and was 38-38 at the half.

The Big Orange was leading 74-67 when the Rangers rallied with six free throws and two field goals to light the board at 78-76. With 1:01 remaining, the Highlanders scored the last 6 points of the game when Derrick and Smoak sank field goals off Johnsons' assists and Derrick and Kaspar made good on free throws.

This was the last road game for the Highlanders.

"It feels super to win the championship, but we have two games left that mean as much as the ones we have played," said Coach Johnny Carter.

Sports Capsules

Golf

The golf team wound up in second place in the 54 hole Southwest Texas State Invitational Golf Tournament. It ended Friday in San Marcos after two days of play.

The Highlanders were the only junior college attending in a field of 12 senior colleges.

Dale Carlisle set the pace for the Highlanders with a 213 total, three under par. The tournament medalist, Carlisle

put together rounds of 74, 68 and 71. Following Carlisle in scoring was Gil Freeman with 225, Russel Orth-228, Mike Hagen and John Foster-229 and Tom McConnell with 232.

They were down by three strokes to Sam Houston State after 36 holes, but came back to within one shot of the Bearkats, finishing with a total score of 887 points.

Coach Jimmy Clayton's Highlanders will be playing March 6-7 in the Sam Houston Invitational at Huntsville.

Tennis

The Highlander tennis team lost to the nationally ranked Navarro Junior College team 11-1 last week on the home court.

Randy Essenburg, ranked second, won his match against Navarro's Carlos Flors with scores of 6-0, 6-3 for the Highlander's only win of the day. First ranked Dennis Dougherty lost 6-3, 6-1. Third ranked Bob Cervenka lost 7-6, 6-3.

"Bob played a good game and has really improved" said Coach Don Tatum.

Fourth ranked Steve Hirth lost 6-2, 6-5. In womens play, Elaine Kocian was defeated 6-2, 7-5; Phyllis Golden 6-0, 6-1; Becky Carpenter 6-1, 6-1 and Lisa Lockridge 6-0, 6-1.

The Highlanders are scheduled to play today against Hill Junior College at the MCC courts. "And we expect to win" said Tatum.

Tennis Team Raises Racket



TENNIS TEAM prepares for Hill Junior College. Left to right-- Bob Cervenka, Dennis Dougherty and Randy Essenburg.

Photo by Jim Munson