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Rural Students Stranded Commuting Could Be Problem

By Cathy Sulak

"You can't get there from here," is becoming an often-heard phrase for millions of Americans, thanks to the gasoline shortage.

They are the residents of small cities and rural areas that lack public transportation to and from the places they travel every day.

Like many of the area students who depend on the family car or pickup truck to get to school each day, the fuel pinch threatens to leave many of America's rural residents stranded.

Established as a commuter college for McLennan County residents in 1967, MCC does not have dormitories. And despite the fact that more than 2300 of the school's 3000 students reside in the county, dwindling gasoline availability could cause problems.

With proposals for gas rationing of ten gallons per week, many students living in outer areas of the county, such as Axtell, Moody or Riesel would find it difficult, if not impossible, to drive back and forth to school five days a week.

That amount of driving time does not include necessary trips to the grocery store, emergency errands and, when applicable, work.

MCC is not the only college faced with the energy dilemma. The University of Texas at Arlington, also established as a commuter school for students in the Dallas-Fort Worth area, has already considered the possibility of constructing additional dormitories.

However, the thought of building dormitories at MCC in the near future is unheard of.

Some carpools have been formed by energy-conscious students, but unbending time schedules between most students within driving distance of one another have set barriers from further cooperation.



SIGN OF THE TIMES--The fuel crisis has made this sign obsolete.

One possible solution to the problem could lie in the apartment complexes situated around the campus.

Presently there are three such complexes, with one in the process of adding another section.

"If you've got a roommate to share half the cost, living in an apartment really isn't bad at all," said one student. "It's not only

cheap, but it gives you a chance to be on your own."

"We couldn't provide any cheaper housing for the students than the private developers could," Dr. Wilbur Ball, president, said last semester in a story on the energy crisis by The Waco Tribune-Herald.

"We have very prolific apartment house

construction out here, and students can live there just as cheaply as they can in a dorm," Ball said.

Don Bynum, director of student activities, said the apartments were built primarily with the MCC students in mind, but also with an outlook to the future.

"It's common knowledge that Waco is expanding to the northwest, so the apartments will be of value," Bynum said.

Some students live in one of the apartment complexes under somewhat official sanction.

The Highlanders' basketball team has seven full scholarship players, and the school is under obligation to provide them with room and board.

However, for people not on scholarships who are not from the McLennan County area, housing can be a problem.

Many students do not have the money to spend for an apartment, especially if they do not know anyone with whom they can room.

Bynum said he did not know if the energy crisis would hurt the school's enrollment.

MCC had a six per cent increase in enrollment over last year at the beginning of the fall semester after the school had failed to increase its enrollment for the first time at the beginning of the 1972-1973 school year.

"The fuel shortage might make it impossible for a student in Gatesville to drive all the way to school every day," said Ball, "but it might also cause a recession where more students in the Waco area could come to school."

One suggestion towards solving the rural students' problem of getting to school involves running college buses to pick up students. However, that too could be axed by the energy crisis.

"I've heard my parents tell stories of how they walked 10 to 15 miles to school each day," said one rural resident student, "but I never thought I might someday end up doing it myself."

'Future Shock' Showing Today

The film "Future Shock" will be shown today in the Science Lecture Hall. There will be seven showings at 7:05, 8:05, 9:05, 10:15 and 11:15 a.m., and 12:15 and 1:15 p.m.

"Future Shock" is a 42-minute color film based on the book by Alvin Toffler. This film deals with the moral and ethical questions concerning control of population growth, artificially producing superior human beings and euthanasia, or mercy killing.

MCC was unable to obtain this film last year because of the demand. It has been made available to schools by McGraw-Hill Publishing Company.

"Future Shock" was requested for Social Sciences and Communications classes. However, anyone interested may view the film.

Clubs or classes who wish to have other films shown should contact Dr. Michael White, head of instructional media.



MAC DAVIS helped raise \$151 for the Sandy Anderson Fund last Friday night at a reception in the Drawing Room in the Baylor Student Union Building. The reception followed his concert in Waco Hall. Pictured with Mac Davis is Mrs. Sandy Anderson.

Photo by Ronnie Marrequin

Analysis

Nuclear Reactors Power Future

By Rodney Smithy

Plans are underway for the construction of nuclear power plants in Texas with construction to be completed about 1980.

Joe Ingram, biology instructor at MCC, said that nuclear reactors have been planned for Glenrose and near Sealey. He said that the reactors would be functioning around 1980 and would cost almost three billion dollars.

Although these power plants will supply only about one to five per cent of the electricity needed, they wouldn't require

fossil fuel, fuel that has carbon in it. Many electrical plants require fossil fuel.

Ingram said that before a nuclear plant can be constructed, environmental tests must be made. These tests note the animal life before the construction of the plant and again after construction. If the environment is changed in any way, scientists determine whether the power plant was a factor in the change.

Ingram said that the soil around the reactors must be checked to make sure

there is no radioactive leakage. But he said that there is not much danger of radioactivity leakage.

Many nuclear plants need to be water-cooled and as a result are built near a coastline. The basic use of water is to cool the tremendous temperature generated, but the water also helps to absorb radioactivity.

Ingram said that Texas A&M and the University of Texas have small nuclear reactors that produce electricity used

mainly for experiments.

William Alexander, engineering and graphic teacher said that critics assure the public that the nuclear reactors are fool-proof. But Alexander said that nothing can be fool-proof, although it is unlikely accidents could occur.

Chuck Cinek, a student and part-time employee, said that nuclear reactor accidents are unlikely.

"It is inconceivable that any accident could occur," he said.

MCC Campus Mustache Trend is Growing

By Jim Munson

Down through the ages, the mustache has been the mark of the educated, the symbol of a polished, cultured person. Continuing in this tradition, men at MCC have cultivated mustaches.

Don Bynum, director of student activities, decided to grow his mustache on a recent two week trip to Bandera, Texas. Having had a mustache in college, he said that it served mainly a conversation piece.

As for the care and feeding, Bynum said that he smooths it down in the morning and it stays that way all day.

Keith Geisler, director of counseling and testing, said that he too started to grow one at Bandera.

"When I got home, I told my wife that I liked my mustache," he said. "Then she asked me if I liked red beans and cornbread. I told her that she knew it was my favorite meal."

"She said, 'How would you like red beans and cornbread for lunch and supper for as long as you have your mustache?' Being perceptive, I shaved it off."

John Nobis, counselor, had a pronounced mustache that he grew in Florida years ago because no one else had one and he wanted to be different.

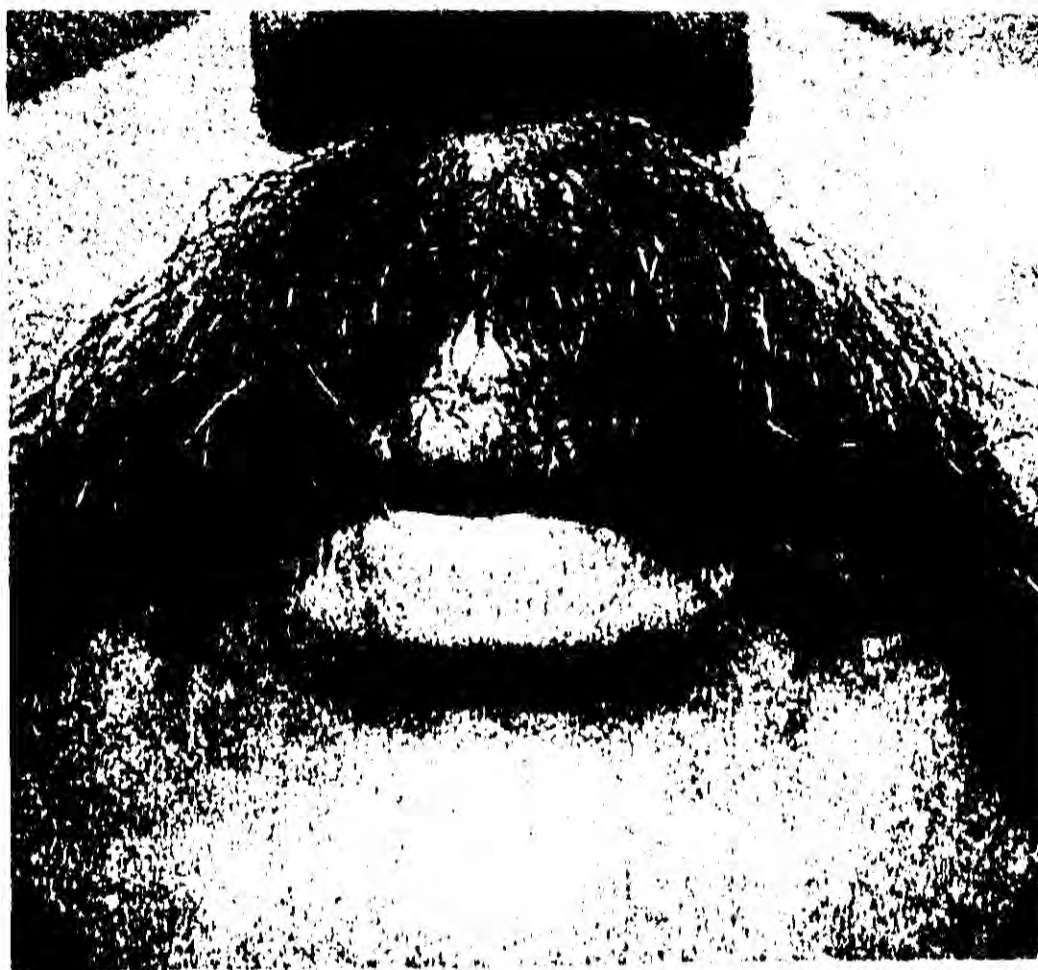
Nobis said that although he does not get cookie crumbs in his mustache, he has to be careful when he eats peanut butter sandwiches.

Having had his mustache for about six years, Nobis said that his wife would probably put him on a steady diet of red beans and cornbread if he shaved his mustache off.

Nobis' philosophy is that his mustache reflects his mood. If his mustache sticks out to the side and curls up, it gives the impression that he is smiling, thereby reflecting a happy mood.

Scott Adams, history instructor, decided to grow his mustache last deer season.

Adams says that he trims and combs his mustache twice a day. Once he said that he thought, about growing handlebars; however, his mustache has more a tendency to grow in a Fu Man Chu.



—Photo by Ronnie Marroquin

Album Review

By Jim Munson

Greg Lake has produced an album at Advision Studios in which he plays in a group with Keith Emerson and Carl Palmer. The album is called Brain Salad Surgery.

Once Mario Medina, Emerson, Lake and Palmer's U.S. manager looked up at the trio and said, "Whip some skull on me." Time and repetition then changed the words to Brain Salad Surgery.

"When we were on tour, we would check into a hotel or restaurant and ask the desk clerk or maitre d' if they had any brain salad," said Stewart Young, Emerson, Lake and Palmer's manager. "But they always said 'no' they didn't."

H.R. Giger, a Swiss artist, drew the image for the album cover. "So you see, it's a total concept really," said Young. The new album cover is a "living-dead skull of a sexy Egyptian princess in an unweary study in necrophilia, and the heavy metal glow oozing out of the cardboard is guaranteed to send shivers down the spine."

The album starts off with a song entitled 'Jerusalem.' It is an old church hymn that the group decided to do. According to Emerson, "It's a rather personal thing. I've heard the hymn all my life. It's played everywhere in England, but it's never been done with a lot of sincerity."

The second piece is called 'Toccata.' In it, Emerson is very explicit with his organ and Moog synthesizers. There is no vocal, just a montage of sounds. The piece was adapted from one of Alberto Ginastera's piano concerts. In order to get permission to record it on vinyl, Emerson had to tape record it and take it to Ginastera. After hearing it, Ginastera said, "Diabolic. No one has managed to capture my music like that before. It's exactly the way I hear it myself."

The next cut, 'Still...You Turn Me On,' sounds as if it is an apology for the case of stinging, ringing ears one will receive while listening to it. Lake and his guitar act as one doing complicated pieces that, when all put together, are very pleasing to the auditory sense.

If you close your eyes while hearing 'Bonny the Bouncer,' you might think that you are in Liverpool at the turn of the century. Emerson puts out with the old style dance hall piano music while the lyrics are done with a very heavy British accent.

The next song, 'Karn Evil Nine' is the masterpiece that covers almost two-thirds of the entire album. "It's basically a warning," explains Emerson. "Karn Evil is a place. Everything is heading for that place unless something is done about it.

The first lines tell you that: 'I heard a warning...about an age of power where no one had an hour to spare.'

But the rest of the song is more like a satirical sideshow, a joke. There's so much violence in it it becomes funny, a sick thing, rather like what happens in 'Clockwork Orange.' It's about something gone out of control, which, in 'Karn Evil' happens to be a computer. It's something that affects everybody."

The latter quote by Emerson describes the second impression of 'Karn Evil Nine.' The lyrics describe a chamber of horrors. Here, Emerson's organ blends with Lake's guitar to produce some of the best sounds of the entire disk.

"You gotta see the show
It's a dynamo
You gotta see the show
It's rock and roll
Come and see the show."

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Students Enter Art Works in Texas College Art Show

Art works by four MCC students will be judged for awards March 17 to April 5 at the Texas College Art Show in Dallas.

John Chatmas, art instructor, said that Bruce Ellis, sophomore, will present one art work. Eddie Davis, freshman, will present two works. Stephen Cook, sophomore, and Miss Patricia Tillman, sophomore, will present two works each.

MCC was invited as one of the 32 North and Central Texas Colleges to participate in the show.

The art of each student will be judged by two jurors. Final judging will be made by Edmund Burke Feldman, author of "Varieties of Visual Experience". He will present the awards after installation of the show.

Cash awards will be given for winning art works.

The art students will present their entries on slides. Each student was allowed to enter five slides. Entries for the state contest are picked from the five slides and are then chosen for awards.

Students whose art is accepted will send their art to Dallas for the exhibition. The exhibition will then be held from March 17 to April 5 in the East Foyer of Mountain View College in Dallas.



Photo by Ronnie Marroquin

Eddie Davis poses with one of his works.

Pipeline

Student Government

The Student Government held an executive meeting at 10 a.m. Feb. 27.

The first item discussed was the arrival of Student Government officers from Richfield, Waco and University high schools. These representatives will be on campus March 11 to observe parliamentary procedures in Student Government.

Also discussed was the 42 domino tournament that the Student Government is sponsoring. The deadline for entering the tournament is March 8.

The quarterfinals are slated for March 11, with the championship on March 20. The winners will receive a new set of dominoes.

Next, Sadie Hawkins Day and Dance was discussed. The Sadie Hawkins Dance will be from 8 to 12 p.m. on March 22 in the Student Center. Sundance, a rock group from Austin, will perform.

The Student Government had its weekly meeting Monday. Persons absent included Earl McNeil, GIGI Fulbright and Mark Bachik.

Parliamentary procedure was discussed. The plans for Sadie Hawkins Day and for the visit of area Waco high school representatives were finalized.

PTK Convention

At the Phi Theta Kappa district meetings sponsored at the 1974 state convention last Thursday and Friday,

MCC's chapter of the national organization was selected as the site for the District VI spring meeting.

The tentative date for the meeting is April 19. Area junior colleges included in the district are Navarro, Hill, Henderson, Temple, Central Texas and McLennan County junior colleges.

Thirteen members from the campus club attended the state convention. Sophomore Mark Jones, president of the club, represented the campus as its delegate.

Miss Gail Urbanovsky, sophomore vice-president, served on the nominations committee.

Other sophomores attending were Miss Nancy Amick, secretary, Miss Louise Lenart, Miss Fran Jaska, Ricky Lowe, Dale Buro and Henry Van Smith.

Freshmen were Miss Marsha Minnix, Miss Joyce Barnes, Miss Cathy Sulak, Joe Dujka and Don Smith.

History instructor Don Reeves is sponsor of the campus Phi Theta Kappa organization.

Stage Band in Clifton

The stage band will play at 11 a.m. tomorrow in the Paul Quinn chapel. They

will also perform from noon to 1 p.m. March 9 in the Clifton auditorium.

MCC's 20-member band is performing as a guest band at Clifton. William R. Haskett, director of the stage band, will be one of the judges of 15 to 18 high school bands who are playing in competition at Clifton.

Some of the selections included in the band's repertoire are "The Singing Oyster", written by Deo Barton for Stan Keaton; "Good Medicine", a jazz-rock song; a Billy May arrangement, "Old Black Magic"; "Spinnet"; and "P. C. Wallbanger," a rock number.

"We are mainly a jazz band," said Haskett, "although we play all styles of music, including jazz, rock, contemporary and swing material, such as Benny Goodman and Glenn Miller."

Intramural Tournaments

Intramural basketball play-offs have been scheduled with the four high-scoring teams.

Ray Murray, director of intramurals, said that the four teams participating in the tournament are the Bears, the Wizzos, the Rags, and the M&R Express.

In Division I, the Rags will play M&R Express. In Division II, the Wizzos will play the Bears.

Tournaments begin at 10 a.m. March 8, 11 and 13, in Gym 1 of the HPE building.

Murray said that paddleball intramurals will begin today. All students are encouraged to participate in the games. A trophy will be awarded to the winning team after play-offs.

All entry forms may be turned in at the Student Activities Office. There will be a practice period at 10 a.m. before games are started.

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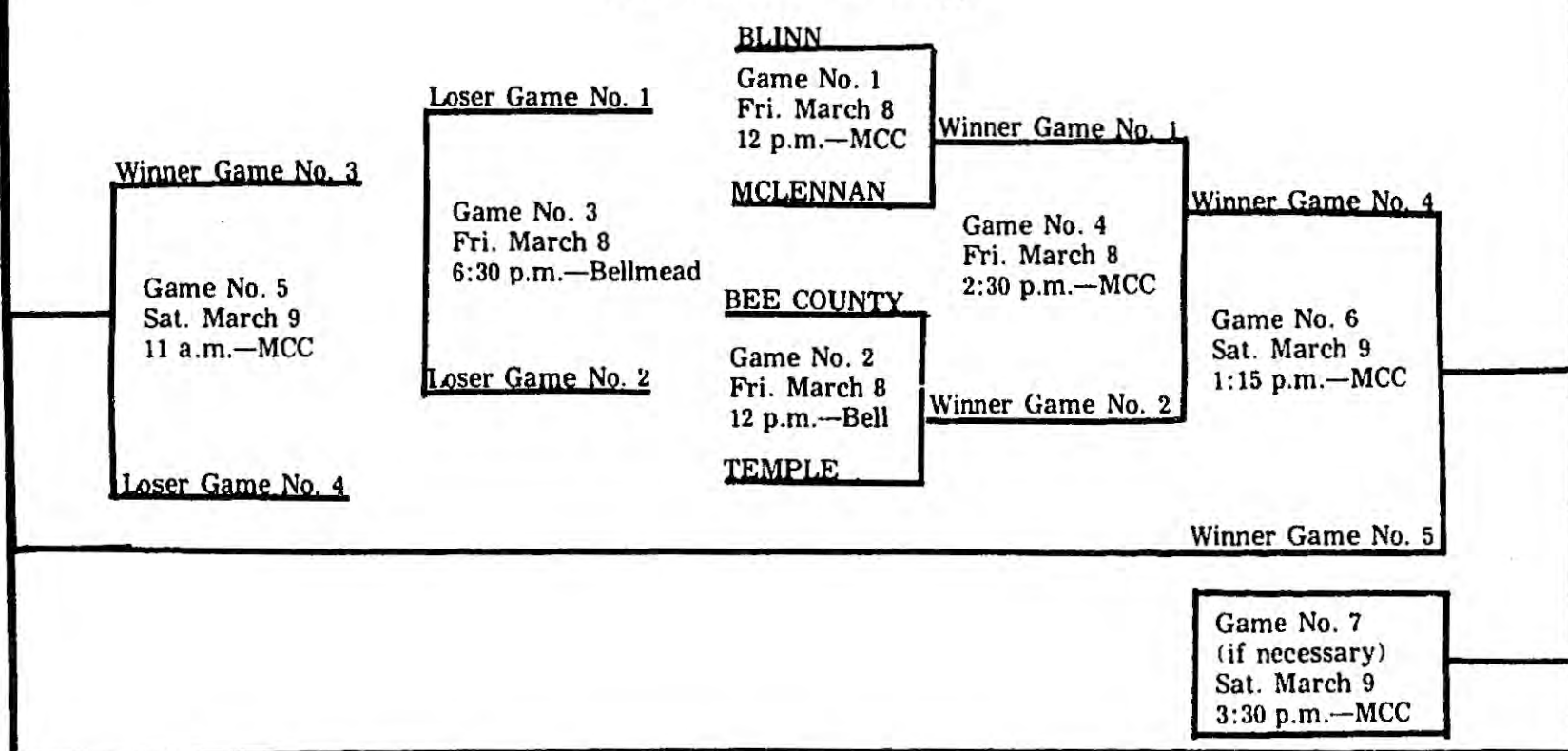
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The MCC Baseball Tournament will take place March 8 and 9 at the Bellmead Field and the MCC Field. Teams participating are Blinn, MCC, Bee County and Temple.

Highlanders Attend Regional

For the third straight year the MCC basketball team is going to the Region V Basketball Tournament. The Highlanders' first game will be against Clarendon at 9 p.m. March 7 in Brownwood.

Last year the Highlanders won the Northern Texas Junior College Conference (NTJCC) and then won a best two-out-of-three series with Wharton Junior College to win the right to represent Texas at the national tournament in Hutchinson, Kansas.

The Highlanders were defeated in the first round of the national tournament with the defending national champions, Vincennes.

In the regional tournament in 1972, MCC pulled a number of upsets and finished the tournament by being beaten in the final 80-71 by Amarillo Junior College.

The Highlanders won the right to go to the tournament by virtue of their second place finish in the NTJCC.

This year in the regional tourney the Highlanders are seeded fourth. Seeded first is Howard County. They have a record of 33-4 and won the West Texas Junior College title. Second seeded is MCC's conference rival Hill with a 23-10

season record. Seeded third is Amarillo Junior College whose record is 20-6.

If the Highlanders win their first game in the tournament, their second game will be against the winner of the Howard County-Weatherford game.

The key to the Highlanders' success in the tournament depends on two things.

One is the effectiveness of MCC's full court press. The press caused an average 31 turnovers a game this season.

The second factor in the Highlanders' game plan involves rebounding. The other teams in the tournament have a height advantage over the Highlanders. For this reason, it will be necessary for MCC to play an aggressive board game.

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