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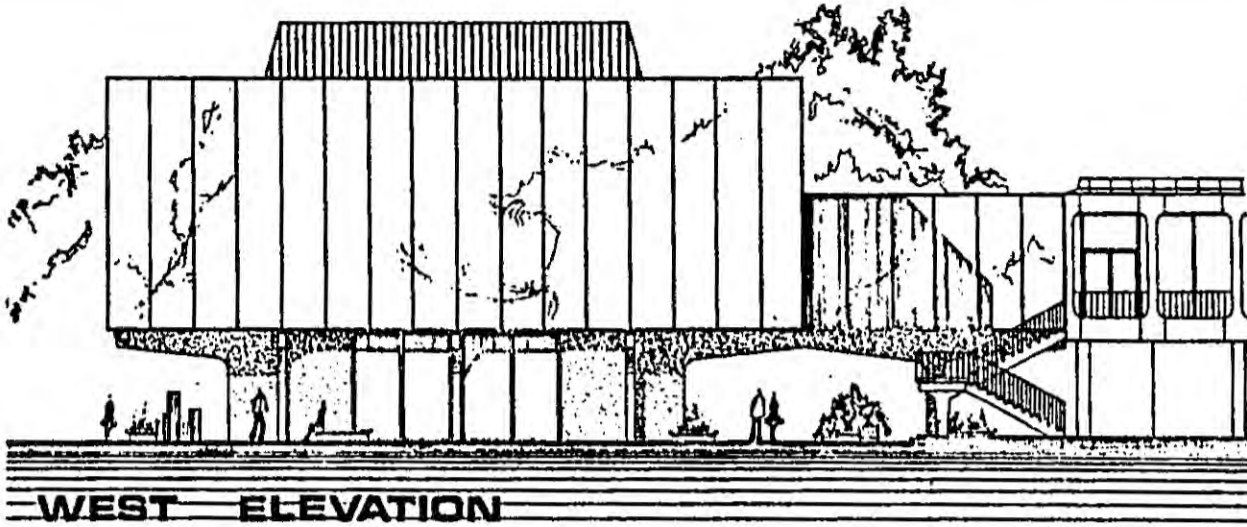
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WEST ELEVATION

MCC STUDENT CENTER

STUDENT CENTER expansion is scheduled to get under way soon if problems in cost overages can be resolved. The new building will feature such items as a pool room, lounge area, new student government offices and new offices for the Financial aids office. Bids are scheduled to be let within about six months with construction starting immediately after awarding of the contract.

Koehne, Smith, Burnette Named Division Chiefs

The creation of new administrative positions and the elimination of others greeted students when they arrived at McLennan Community College this fall.

Major realignment of administrative responsibility was approved by the Board of Trustees at their August 8 meeting.

Heading the list of changes is the shift of Dr. Chester Hastings to the newly created post of vice-president for program development. In this capacity, Hastings will serve as coordinator between the federal

government and MCC on federal programs while developing instructional, student service and community service programs for the college.

Another shift was made in the administrative staff. Mel Post, who has served as administrative assistant, was appointed to the post of director of administrative services.

The major change concerning the faculty and affecting students is the appointment of three instructional division heads.

Clyde Koehne has become the director of the division of social sciences, Dr. Ronald Smith the director of fine arts and communications, and Hoyt Burnette the director of the sciences, mathematics and engineering. These men along with Victor Joffres the director of library services and other administrative heads will now report directly to Dr. Marvin Felder, dean of instruction.

Other major changes include the abolishment of the post of department chairman. Instead, subject coordinators have been named.

Also at the August 8 meeting the Board appointed Mrs. Carolyn Dodson, who replaces

Mr. Bill Stone who has accepted a post at the University of Texas at Arlington. Mrs. Dodson is a graduate of Baylor University with a BA and is currently completing her masters work at East Texas State University. She came from the LaVega School District and had 3 years experience prior to that as a newspaper reporter.

Salary increases for non-contract and monthly employees were granted by the Board, averaging 4.20 per cent. Administrators received increases averaging 2.10 per cent.

NEW DIVISION CHIEFS

Dr. Ronald Smith
Right

Clyde Koehne
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Hoyt Burnette
Bottom Left



Board Views SC Expansion

The Board of Trustees of McLennan Community College viewed preliminary Student Center expansion plans at their August 8 meeting. After viewing the plans the Board authorized the architectural firm of Bennett, Carnahan, Hearn and Thomas to proceed with working drawings of the building, after modifications are made to bring the building within the cost ceiling of \$500,000.

Estimates on the construction costs run as high as \$540,000. According to Dr. Wilbur Ball, the building cost must be cut before the bids are let. Dr. Ball estimates that bids on the building will be let in about 6 months.

The proposed Student Center expansion will join the present structure at the veranda which faces the Library. Other features of the building include reflective outside glass and 3-story construction, one floor taller than the current Student Union. Facilities of the building include a lounge area for students, a pool room, classrooms, new student government offices and project rooms and new quarters for the financial aids and placement offices.

Cost of the building proposed to the Board came in at \$540,000 including site work, furniture and architects fees. This is some \$40,000 over the amount budgeted for the facility from the last bond election. At the current time the administration is awaiting the revised plans which should bring the cost in line with the budget.

Another new building is in the works for MCC. The new four-story Administrative-

Classroom addition to the current administration building. This facility will feature increased office space for the administration and

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increased classroom space for the college.

Currently the plans call for bids to be let on this facility sometime in October. This means that two buildings would

Pipe Breaks, Floods Gym

The second flood has come but there was no ark this time. The flood referred to is the one caused when a four inch water line that was being extended to a new Health - Physical Education complex burst at a joint one night recently and floated the hardwood gym floor.

Estimated cost of the replacement of the floor will be \$22,000 with an estimated completion date of November 1.

In the meantime, the Highlander basketball team will begin its practices in the Waco High School gym.

The New Look Herald

Many editors have come and gone in the short history of these publications. It has caused several changes in the style and the looks of the paper. This year is really different however.

For the first time that we know of, the style of the paper is changing for a specific reason. This year the Highland Herald will be the lone production of campus publications. The Clan magazine is being dropped for one year on a trial basis. Here is the reason why.

This year the Herald is being expanded to include more color, more eight page issues and more of what you, the reader, has indicated that you want.

This year sports coverage will be expanded, campus happenings is returning and feature photography will be greatly increased along with features to make the Highland Herald the best campus paper MCC has ever had.

To honor this event, the name is being changed in a very small way. From this issue forth this publication will be known as The Highland Herald. Granted, it is not much of a change but it will signify that change has been made. This year the paper is going to look different. We think you will like it. Please let us know what you think, as we would be glad to hear from you.

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Editorial

During the late 60's, this nation saw the rise of an interesting phenomenon. Consumerism really came into its own during this time and with it came its own hero, Ralph Nader.

Ralph Nader came to the public's attention when he accused General Motors of building an unsafe car, the Corvair. Since that time he has grown into a figure that is looked upon as an absolute authority on just about any subject. In the space of a very few years he has attacked everything from nursing homes to hotdogs in his quest to protect the consumer. Many of the things he has brought out about products have been helpful to the consumer and sometimes embarrassing to the manufacturers.

But who is watching him? Ralph Nader is looked on as an authority on many subjects but it is cars where he made his fame and it is on that subject his Center For Automotive Safety has released a report entitled, *The Volkswagen, An Assessment of Distinctive Hazards*. As the title indicated, there is little doubt where CFAS stands on this subject.

Now, this is not to say that the Volkswagen is a safe, or an unsafe car, but the report that was issued by the Nader group was simply not accurate.

When the report was released, *Road and Track Magazine* looked at the sources used in the report and felt they were above question. It was in this vein that they went to the sources to do a followup story on the Nader groups report. What they found was interesting to say the least.

Road and Track found that the sources quoted in the Nader report were unhappy with what CFAS had done with their data. Cornell Laboratory, which was used as a source, had run some studies which examined the frequency of seat track damage. This was reported in the Nader study and the conclusion published that Volkswagens were defective in this area. The Cornell Lab's conclusion was however, that the "Differences were not statistically significant." Who is the better judge the Cornell Lab with several automotive engineers on the staff or the Center For Automotive Safety without as much as one qualified automotive engineer?

Another of the more unusual points of this case is that the CFAS said the Volkswagen was the most dangerous car on the road! When quizzed by the author of *Road and Track* article, they could not name the second most dangerous car. How can you know the most dangerous if you don't know the second most dangerous. After all, it should be safe to assume that the study that caused CFAS to reach an absolute conclusion like the one mentioned, would surely include other makes of cars for comparison. That is, if it was an unbiased study.

And there is the whole problem. Without arguing the relative safety of the Volkswagen, it is clear that it was given what is normally called a "hatchet job." Nader's group, the Center For Automotive Safety set out to prove that the Volkswagen was the most dangerous car on the road. To do this they quoted some of the most widely respected sources they could and as a result the report was impressive. But because this was not a study but an indictment, CFAS used their sources out of context.

Ralph Nader has done quite a bit of good, but, as the saying goes: power corrupts and absolute power corrupts absolutely. Nobody is served by an indictment of this nature. Let us hope Nader and company continues their work honestly.

Someone has started to watch the watcher, we should all benefit.

Kurt Wallace

Campus Happenings

STUDENT GOVERNMENT elections will be held soon for posts in the Legislative and Executive branches of Student Government. Between 16 and 22 legislature seats will be up for grabs while the office of vice-president is open. The vice-president must be a freshman. Other rules are listed in the Student Government Constitution in the back of the Highlander Guide. Elections will take place on Sept. 21-22. Anyone interested may contact the Student Services office. Campaigning will begin Monday, Sept. 11.

CAMPUS CLUBS have been soliciting members and many will be holding their first meetings soon. Anyone interested should check the Student Bulletin and this column for further information.

INTRAMURALS is once more upon us at MCC. The annual battle of the various teams is about to begin. Students who would like to become involved should contact Ray Murray in either the Faculty Office Building or in his new office in the Health and Physical Education Building.

STUDENT PUBLICATIONS needs workers. If anyone would like to volunteer for campus publications work, contact Mrs. Carolyn Dodson in the campus publications room, ground floor of the Student Center.

VOTER REGISTRATION drives are being conducted by the Campus Lions Club. If any person is interested, check with the Student Bulletin or watch this column in future issues.

A REMINDER from the staff of the Herald. At MCC, it is not only important to Drive Friendly but it is important to Park Friendly. Don't park over lines and in two spaces. Don't park so that other people cannot open their doors and don't leave the scene if you hit a parked car. Do this and everyone will benefit.

Youth Vote Boosts Political Interest

Political races in all areas of importance seem to be one of the main student concerns during this, perhaps the most unique election year ever. State and federal voting changes along with several issues of a controversial nature, and political hopefuls as flamboyant as a parade have adorned this years political picture with new light from the youth vote.

As in no other year before, youth between the ages of 18 and 20 have the privilege of voting in all federal elections and most state elections. The Congress last year reduced the voting age from twenty-one to eighteen in federal balloting and substantial majority of the states quickly joined in extending the right to their young persons. This year of the big political races has spurred young voters into more involvement than any previous election period on record.

BUSSING AND WAR STILL ISSUES

Issues such as bussing to achieve racial balance in schools, the Vietnam war, and reform of the government have brought young campaign workers out in large numbers to push for their candidates. Young voters have been responsible for organizing massive voter registration drives throughout the country while still others have entered into the political circle of those running for public office.

Nationally, George McGovern has placed the vote of young people very high in priority due to the excessively large number of registered voters under the age of twenty-one. In statewide races, Frances Farenthold's unsuccessful bid for Governor was supported for the most part by college students while several other races in the state were contested by college students.

In the realm of students as politicians, Nick Nichols made an unsuccessful bid for the MCC board of trustees, while Ronnie Wolske contested and won a seat on the LaVega school board.

Last Spring Campus clubs such as Chicanos Unidos, Afro Student Kindred, and the Veterans club were active in bringing to the campus various political hopefuls so that the student body would have the opportunity to confront them in person. Campus Lions Club sponsored a voter registration drive earlier in the year which brought the opportunity to register directly to the students on campus.

YOUTH VOTE GAINING NUMBERS

Polls across the country have indicated that the number of young people having registered to vote is up on an average of 32 per-cent over previous election years. In some areas, however, a drop has been noted. MCC might well be included in that second category, a fact which reflects the air of no involvement which prevails on the campus. In a recent survey

of students it was revealed that only twenty-seven per-cent of the qualified voters polled had registered to vote in time, and only forty-one per-cent of those registered actually voted. This compares with a statewide level of sixty-three per-cent having registered, and seventy-nine per-cent of those registered having voted.

The most common reason given for students showing no concern, is a feeling of helplessness. Many students feel that their vote is of no importance in the final count. Logically, if everyone who falls back on such a flimsy excuse did register and vote their weight would definitely be felt at the polls. Some students voiced the opinion that corrupt

politics couldn't be changed by the youth vote, therefore making their efforts fruitless. True, corrupt politicians will be around for a long time, but they don't have to be tolerated in such large numbers. The youth vote can make a difference but only if there is one of some magnitude.

Still facing the nations voter is the Presidential election to be held in November. Election laws provide that persons can register to vote up to thirty days prior to an election date. It is not too late to register for the big slate this fall so the young people can still take the opportunity to make their voice heard. Remember, if you don't vote, it won't make any difference, but if you do, it will.



BLIND LEADING BLIND? No, Mrs. Carolyn Dodson knows what she is doing which is more than can be said for a lot of students who went through the maze of registration for the first time. If you think this was bad however, you should go to Baylor where it was reported it took over two hours just to pay the bill. (Kurt Wallace Photo)

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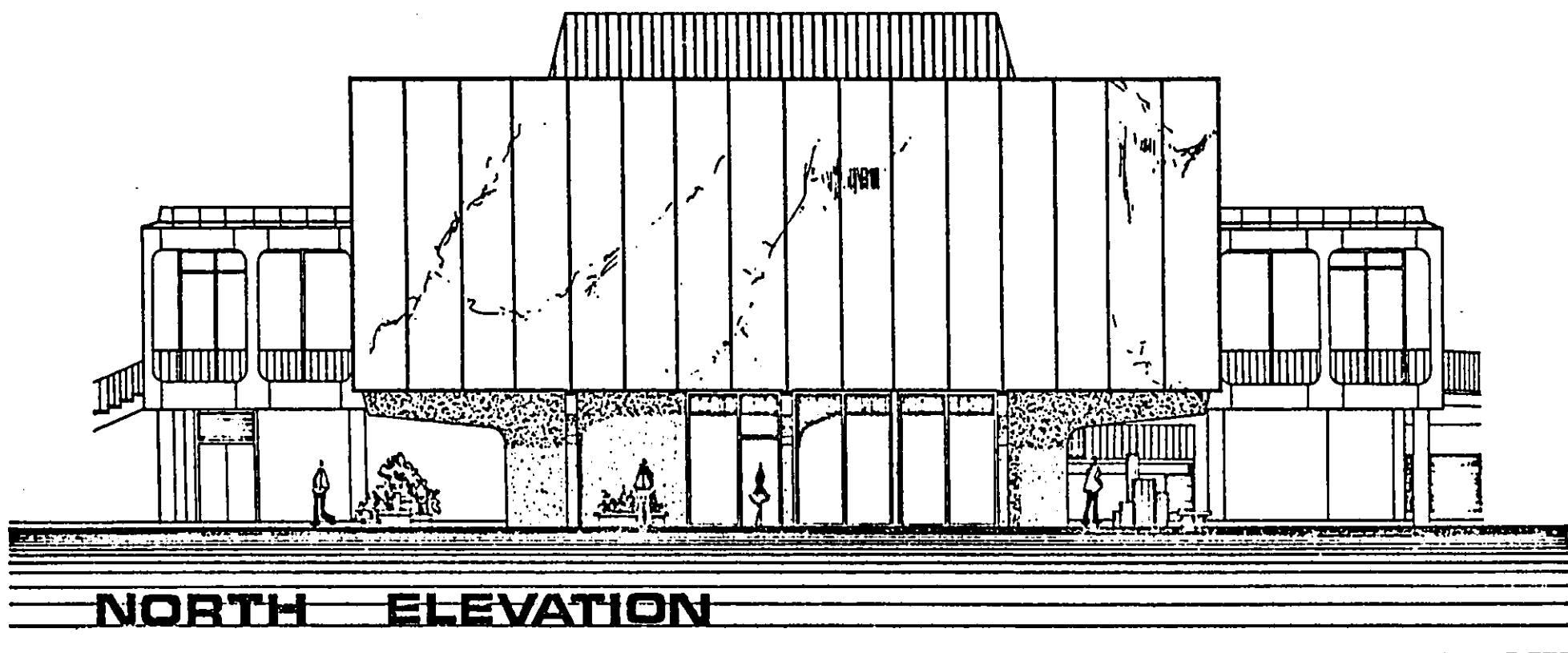
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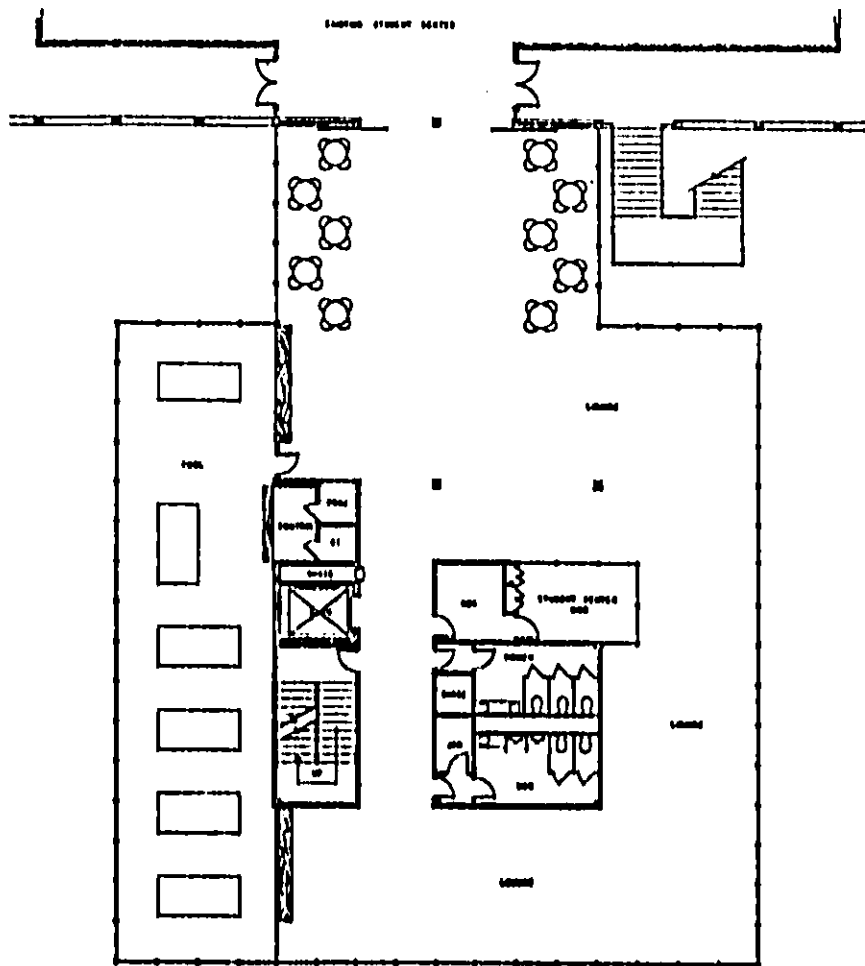
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Proposed SUB Expansion



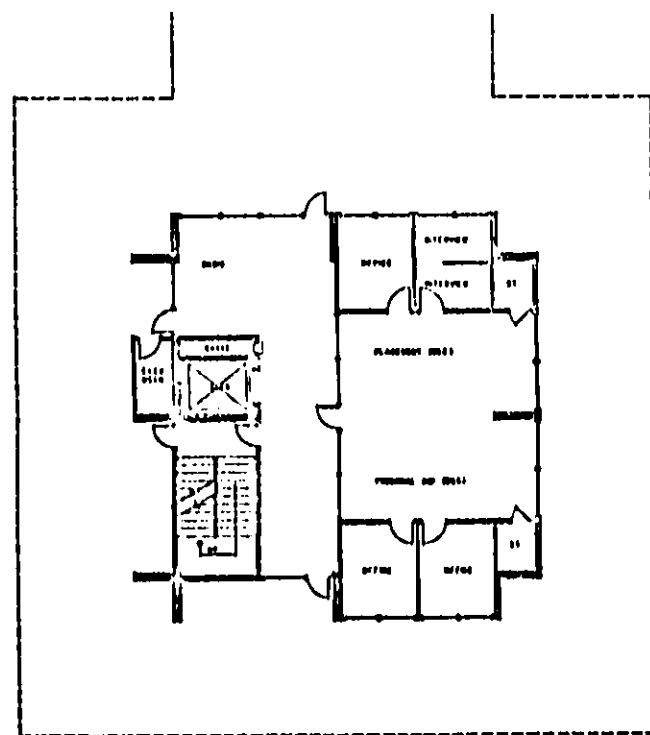
NORTH ELEVATION

be under construction in the same general area of the campus at one time with the Administrative-Classroom building being completed first. As of the moment, plans for the Student Center are not finalized and therefore the drawings shown on this page may only be considered tentative. It is safe to say however, that the major functions of the building will remain unchanged.



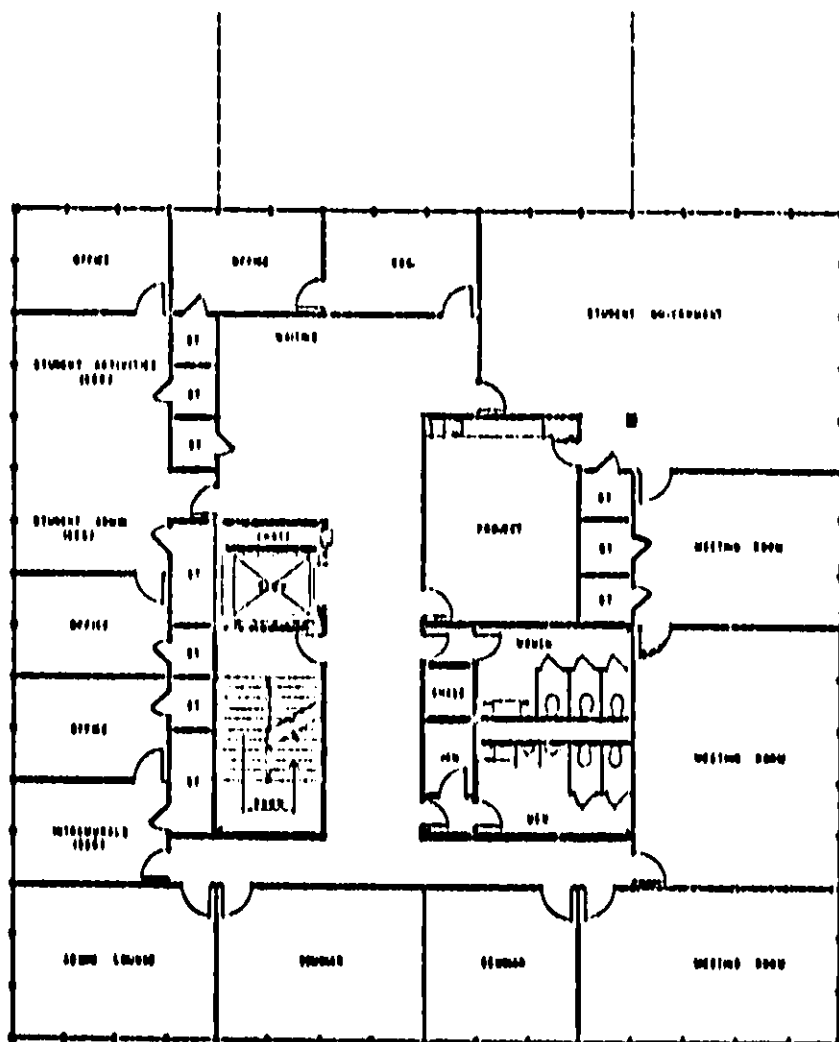
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GROUND FLOOR

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THIRD FLOOR

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View as it would be from the library.

GROUND FLOOR

Features office space for Financial Aid Office and the Placement Office.

SECOND FLOOR

Features lounge area and pool room.

THIRD FLOOR

Classrooms and seminar rooms are planned for this floor.

New Coach, Hopes For Highlanders

It is a tough tradition to live up to but James Haller feels he is equal to the task. He too has been described as a "winning coach". If you are not aware of what happened at the close of the spring semester and during the summer, here it is. James Burroughs resigned as basketball coach, Jerry Walsh resigned as Athletic Director and James Haller was hired to do both jobs. Both Burroughs and Walsh are still instructors at MCC.

But enough on the past, the future is what matters to Haller and MCC and MCC is definitely up-grading the basketball program.

The big question last year was over scholarships or the lack of full scholarships. As a result of Board action, full scholarships have been partially restored. Phase two of the reinstatement will eventually bring MCC to the level of 8 full scholarships and 4 tuition and books scholarships. This compares with Hill Junior College which gives 12 full and 3 part scholarships.

Is this a detriment to recruiting? "No, not at all,"

Haller said. "Our facilities are second to none in this state." Are you happy with the situation? "Yes, we are on the way up, but I could always hope for more."

In comparing the team of this year with last years Region V finalists, Haller indicated he thought that there might be more talent on this team, but they would not be working as well together as last years team did. He indicated that this years team will be young, only four players will return from last years squad, and inexperience will hurt.

Offensively for the Highlanders, Haller envisions a very mobile but deliberate offense. "I am a strong advocate of a strong running game, but we will not be a run and gun team," he said. "We will definitely work for the percentage shot."

Schedule wise, Haller has set



JAMES HALLER
MCC Coach

some tough competition for himself and his team. This year for the first time, the

Highlanders will play four SWC junior varsities. MCC will meet Texas Christian University once in Fort Worth and once at home. Cross town rivals the Baylor Cubs are scheduled twice, once for the Heart O' Texas Coliseum and once for the MCC gym. Single games on the road will be played against Southern Methodist and the University of Texas.

The first scheduled game for the Highlanders will come in the MCC Classic. The tournament will boast such teams as Hill Junior College, Temple Junior College and Navarro Junior College. This will tip-off MCC's season on Nov. 17.

While basketball will occupy a large part of Haller's day to day business, he also wears the hat of Athletic Director. In this capacity he is very interested in the new facilities which are being completed at MCC.

"We now have a first class

operation like everybody else," he indicated about the new Health and Physical Education Building. "We've got a new IM gym, and ball courts, 2 sauna baths and a big indoor pool." This is in addition to a modern dance studio, whirlpool baths, a lecture hall, classrooms and a conditioning room.

The pool is the important thing to Haller however. "It is not out of the realm of possibility that we could have a swimming team in the not too distant future," he said. To go along with the pool, hair dryers have been installed in the lockers so that the pool can be utilized in winter without the swimmers leaving the facility with damp hair.

In all, the outlook for the Highlanders this year is not really great but it is definitely hopeful and spectators should be rewarded by seeing some good competition. The Highlanders might not win but they are going to be exciting and we will just have to wait and see if the coaching transition can continue MCC's winning ways.

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MCC Basketball Schedule

Coach: Jim Haller 1972 - 1973 North Texas Junior College Athletic Conference

Month	Date	Opponent	Location
Nov.	17	MCC Basketball Classic	Here
	18	(Hill, Temple, Navarro, MCC)	
	27	Temple	Here
Nov.	30	Temple Tournament	There
	1		
	2		
	7	Weatherford	There
	9	TCU (Frosh)	Here
	11	Baylor (Frosh)	There
Jan.	5	MCC Holiday Basketball Classic	Here
	6		
	11	Ft. Worth Christian	There
	13	Cook County	There
	15	Southwest Christian	There
	18	Claco	There
	20	Hill	There
	22	Cook County	Here
	25	Baylor (Frosh)	Here
	27	Claco	Here
30	SMU (Frosh)	There	
Feb.	1	Ranger	There
	5	Temple	There
	8	Ft. Worth Christian	Here
	10	TCU (Frosh)	There
Feb.	12	Ranger	Here
	17	Weatherford	Here
	19	Southwest Christian	Here
	20	Univ. of Texas (Frosh)	There
	24	Hill County	Here

Intramurals Get Bigger '72 Budget

Organization of intramural sports teams is now open and will continue until October, according to Ray Murray, Director of Intramural Athletics. Competition will begin in both traditional and individual sports at that time.

Final plans are being made concerning the expansion of the intramural program and have been greatly facilitated by the almost complete expansion of the Health and Physical Education building. A budget increase for this years program will also greatly aid the expansion of the program.

Murray expressed great enthusiasm over the decision which has expanded the life time sports program at MCC. Added to this years program with the completion of the new PE facilities will be handball, squash, ping pong, swimming and diving.

Returning from last years successful competition program will be basketball, tennis and volleyball, all scheduled to start in October.

Murray said his greatest concern is the demand for a football and softball program. These activities depended on the completion of the lower tract of land near the proposed site for the outdoor classroom area. The football field was to have been completed this year but construction delays seemed to have delayed its completion until late next spring. Murray said he remained optimistic

however and stated that plans for these sports were proceeding.

One of the major problems facing the program at this time is the lack of qualified officials and referees. Many students complained last year that the officials and referees seemed to be ignorant of the rules. Any interested person who feels that they are qualified to be an official is urged to call or contact Ray Murray in the Faculty Office building or information can be obtained in the Student Center.

"Any student who meets the qualifications to referee any activity will have a good job until he graduates from MCC," Murray said.

Any prospective player may contact Ray Murray in the Faculty Office Building or may inquire in the Student Center.

Announcements will appear in the Student Bulletin and in the Campus Happenings column of THE HIGHLAND HERALD.

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Thumb
Is
Coming