



Mansfield Exhibit At MCC

Robert Mansfield, Stained Glass Designer and Craftsman at L.L. Sams Company of Waco, Manufacturer of Church Furniture, is currently having a one man exhibition in the Fine Arts Building of McLennan Community College.

The show consists of sketches, designs, and drawings for stained glass projects from many states and a display of four stained glass windows. There are over 100 works in the show ranging from small thumbnail sketches to large 8 foot "cartoons" which are working drawings. In addition to stained glass works, Mr. Mansfield is showing many paintings not connected with stained glass projects.

A reception for the artist was held Sunday, December 7 in the Fine Arts Building.

Robert Mansfield was born in London, England, where he studied at the St. Martin's

School of Art and the Central School of Arts and Crafts. He also studied at the College of Art in Canterbury, England, and later worked on the staff of Canterbury Cathedral restoring 12th and 13th century windows.

Before moving to the United States in 1954, Mr. Mansfield won first prize in England's "All Schools National Painting Competition," exhibited paintings in the Art Society of Kent County, and was a general craftsman to individual designers of stained glass windows as he studied throughout Europe.

In this country he has worked as a free lance designer in New York City, worked for stained glass studios on both the east and west coast, and had his own workshop in Arizona where he designed and fabricated both religious and secular stained glass windows.

Phoenix International Airport has 15 windows by Mr. Mansfield, each 25 feet high.

"The sketches for these windows and those for private homes are good examples of what a creative artist in the 20th century can do within the technical limitations of the stained glass media," says Robert Wade, Art Instructor at MCC.

In addition to traditional religious figure work, many pieces reflect Mr. Mansfield's concern for contemporary design.

The exhibit will continue through December 20. This is one in a series of exhibits scheduled at MCC, sponsored by the Fine Arts Department.



PRESENTING COLLECTION of Mayan relics to Los Serranos, Mrs. Margaret Graham points out facts about each item. The Spanish Club met December 10 for the program.

12 New Careers Students Continue Work-Study Program

Twelve New Careers students at McLennan Community College are beginning their second year in this work-study program. They are the first group of teacher aides in the Southwest to accomplish this.

New Careers, under the auspices of the Concentrated Employment Program, offers enrollees a chance to take classes and work at the same time. Enrollees in the education section of New Careers work in such schools as Viking Hills Elementary and University Junior and Senior High Schools.

Limited to health, education, and social work, New Careers helps the students enroll at MCC and find suitable jobs. The first year they are paid by the government, the next year they are paid half by the agency employing them, and the third year after completing their schooling and training—they may be hired full time by the agency for which they have worked.

The twelve now entering the

second year of the program have been employed by the Waco Independent School Districts for a year at elementary and junior and senior high schools. They have helped relieve the teacher load by assisting teachers and working with tutoring, the library, and visual aids.

The Waco schools was the first Waco employer to respond to the New Careers' efforts to raise educational and job levels of enrollees. Charles Moore, chairman of the New Careers department at MCC, and Earl P. Ford, educational coordinator, worked with School Superintendent Avery Downing in setting up the program. Bill Oliver, job developer, assisted in finalizing the second year program.

All New Careers enrollees are at least 22 years old and heads of a household. Each of the New Careersists working in the public schools has children and the group averages five children each.

Apperson Writes Book About West's History

The first and only history of West, Texas, is now off the press.

A History of West, Texas, 1830-1920, written by Henry Apperson and published by Texian Press, recently went on sale at the Press's offices and the Old Corner Drug Store in West.

Apperson, an instructor of history and geography at McLennan Community College, became interested in West while he was pastor of the First Baptist Church of West.

"The book is a descriptive narrative of the original Anglo-Protestant settlement and the influx of the Czechoslovakian immigrants and their subsequent rise to dominance in the life of the community," said Apperson.

"This is a local history,"

whole cultural patterns by looking at local histories."

He compiled his material by delving into local records and through interviews. One of the most interesting interviews he had was with a 94-year-old West resident, Frances Podsednik, who saw and remembers well many events, including the Galveston Flood of 1900.

"My professional career has been diversified," stated Apperson. He has pastored churches in California and Texas, done engineering work, and now teaches at MCC.

His engineering experience includes that of being flood control engineer in Santa Barbara County, California, and seismologist in offshore oil exploration for United Geophysical Corporation in California. In 1960 Waco benefited from Apperson's talents in this area, also, when he developed a road and bridge relocation program around Lake Waco as consultant to the County Engineer's Office.

Professional preparation included attaining his B.A. and M.A. degrees from Baylor.

Apperson began his teaching career at Mitchell High School. After a very happy year spent teaching there, he came to MCC in September, 1968.

Aside from being active in church activities, Apperson has served as president of the West Kiwanis Club.

The Appersons live at 4004 N. 27 in Waco. His wife LaTrelle and their children Shari, 14, Janelle, 10, and Scott, 8, share in the family hobby of hunting and fishing.

Texas Colleges Adopt Calendar

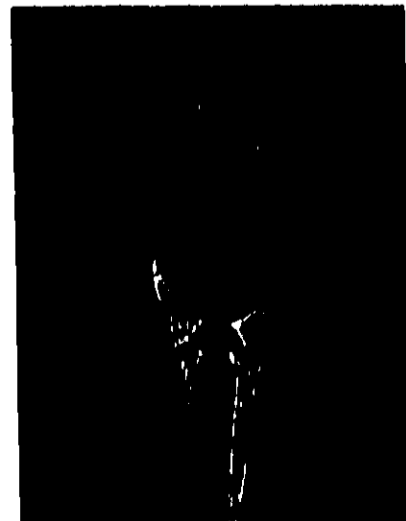
On July 21, the Coordinating Board of Texas Colleges and Universities adopted a common calendar for public junior and senior colleges in the state. This calendar will be mandatory for all colleges by the fall of 1973.

Much leeway is allowed the colleges in setting up their courses of study, but several problems can still arise from this type of common calendar.

If MCC went on the common calendar before 1973, then problems would need to be resolved concerning students transferring from colleges not yet on the calendar. Another problem which would require resolution is that there would be a maximum of only four days between the end of the summer session and the beginning of the fall semester.

Final exams for the fall semester would be before the Christmas holidays instead of after. That means that the holidays would last until the beginning of the spring semester, which would be approximately January 14.

Several campus organizations have been presented with the idea of this common calendar. So far, the response has been favorable. The administration is now making preparations for the change to the common calendar, but are uncertain as to when the change will be made.



HENRY APPERSON

he continued, "We are just now beginning to see emphasis on the importance of writing local history. I think that it is helpful to understanding



Draft Lottery Brings Woes To Eligible Men

By DAVID WALLINGSFORD

In a short, ninety-minute period, the Selective Service Bureau may have done more to promote interest in school grades than teachers have been able to do all year.

The Lottery! Sounds unimposing, doesn't it? This simple seven letter word has accomplished two major goals: It has eliminated the long stretch of fear of military service to one year, and it has eliminated the old system of picking inductees into the forces.

In regard to the first goal, the lottery has set it up so that young men between the ages of 19 and 26 will be subject to induction just one of those years. If he stays a year in the I-A classification and is not drafted, he is entirely free from military service. If he reaches the age of 26 without being called up, he doesn't have to serve.

The second thing that the lottery has established is the calling up of men by their birthday. All the days of the year are placed in a hopper and then drawn out. The order in which they are drawn out determines what order the men will be called. The first dates drawn go first.

Perhaps the only hindrance of this system (besides the fact that there is a system at all) is that a person who is not eligible for military service when the numbers are passed out (this means you, Mr. Average Student) gets a number anyway and keeps that number throughout his term of eligibility.

To put it in another way, those students who have a low number should start applying now for a foreign correspondent job that takes effect when they graduate. If you see me around say, "Chow."

Schwarz Has Better Things On His Mind Than The Moon

As other men pursue knowledge of the moon, James Schwarz, biology teacher at McLennan Community College, is studying an object much closer to home.

He is filming and analyzing the behavioral patterns of the *Sceloporus poinsettii* lizard. It huffs and puffs and bobs its head or does pushups to establish communication with other lizards and to protect its property.

The study is sponsored by a \$2,000 grant from the National Science Foundation and is an Academic Year Extension Support of a program begun this summer at the University of Oklahoma.

Schwarz observes the behavior of the male lizard as it controls its own territory and as it meets other lizards. The sign of recognition is the head bobbing or, sometimes, pushups just like those done by humans for exercise. The female seems to do little of these acrobatics.

After the lizard is filmed, the film is analyzed on a frame-by-frame basis to determine the lizard's movements. Such minute study is necessary to determine differences between closely related species.

Schwarz's research, along with that of other persons working with Dr. Carpenter, will be placed with bio-chemical, morphological, and anatomical evidence to determine the species and subspecies of the *Iguanid* lizards that live in Southwestern North America and Mexico.

Before a lizard can be studied, though, he must be caught. Few of them may be purchased; therefore, Schwarz and his cohorts must get their own specimens.

Some are caught by looping

nooses strung from fishing poles around the necks of lizards and yanking up quickly. Schwarz and other men studying the lizards shocked many travelers in New Mexico and Arizona in 1967 as they roamed over the deserts there with their fishing poles ready to capture not fish but lizards.

A Schwarz family activity is lizard hunting expeditions. The Schwarzes and their three children: Diane, 12, Duane, 9, and Dale, 5, watch for lizards on rocks and when one is spotted, the family aids in the capture. The species that Schwarz is working with now dwells in crevices; consequently, the fishing pole method does not work and he and the family chop away at the rocks with hatchets and crowbars until they can dislodge or get to the lizard.

MCC will benefit from Schwarz's grant for the study because he will purchase a 16 mm camera that will then belong to the school. He will also have constructed two lizard pens in which he will duplicate as much as possible the lizard's natural habitat and house them. Hours will be spent photographing the lizards.

"I really appreciate a Walt Disney nature movie," says Schwarz, "after doing studies like this, because I spend hours trying to get shots of the activities I want to study. It takes so much patience.

"If anyone had told me ten years ago that I would be interested in lizards, I would have laughed," he remarked. "I had even been raised with the idea that lizards are poison, but the only poisonous one in the United States is the Gila Monster that lives in New Mexico and Arizona." All common backyard varieties are harmless.



DR. AND MRS. WILBUR BALL (center), accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Hal Stringer, seem to enjoy themselves at the MCC drama department's production of *Oh Dad, Poor Dad, Mama's Hung You In The Closet And I'm Feeling So Sad*. In lower left of picture is Lonnie Baugh, biology instructor. The play ran four nights to capacity audiences and received excellent "notices."

Pick Pauses To Ponder

Lunch—The Headache

By DONNA PICK

When both hands on the clock meet at a designated point over the twelve, a state of equilibrium is reached within the system of the clock.

Oh yeah?

Well, really this is just a method device by Mickey Mouse to let the stomach know it's time for lunch. This sounds all nice and simple to most people but not to the hungry MCC student. His main problem is to decide where he can go to select all sorts of delectable "goodies" to kill (not literally) his insatiable hunger.

Of course, there is always that good old standby (and I do mean stand by, like forever it seems)—the Student Center lunch line. A student has his choice between a piping-hot, "home-cooked" meal just like Mom made (when she first experimented on Dad) and those irresistible concession-stand specials: hamburgers, hot dogs, and other such nutrients.

Now nobody ever made any promises that tuition to college guaranteed an epicurean delight of soufflés, baked potatoes, salad, and red wine, so most students just trudge on through and digest their food as they feed their minds with last-minute glances at notes for that big mid-term thing in biology and suffer the consequences (whatever they may be) at a later date.

I suppose the aroma of cafeteria food has always played a vital part on college campuses. In fact, it may have spurred William Shakespeare to write his most misquoted, yet applicable phrase: "What's in a name? A college is a college is a name, but without cafeteria aroma it just wouldn't smell the same." He always did have some rather pungent ideas.

Oh well, for those students who are too famished or too pressed for time to endure the tremendously long wait in the hot lunch lines, there is always that hidden urge to defy the standards of Shakespeare and to leave campus for lunch.

Once again, this may sound

very easy to the junior executive who hops into his '69 Olds, speeds to the Elite, receives immediate service, and returns to his office twenty minutes before the hour expires to make a good impression on Dad, I mean the boss. This however is not an open and shut case for the MCC student.

When the twelve o'clock hour finally arrives after divers lectures accompanied by several choruses of hunger pains and moans, all a student has to do is slide into his car, edge away from the parking lot, and attempt to beat the 20,000 other students who are leaving campus at that exact moment. If he is one of the lucky ones with a super RT Charger that can bully any car off the road, he can get out in a matter of moments.

But, if he happens to be unfortunate enough to be blessed with a small, meek thing of a car which performs a miracle every time it musters up enough combustion to sputter along at ten miles an hour, he will have to join that cavalcade of cars waiting to exit MCC.

Naturally, there is always the proverbial short-cut or "beat the crowd" technique of turning onto Mockingbird Lane. Surprisingly enough this is the world's only roller coaster that can be ridden (or driven) without purchasing a ticket. This little trail is only advisable for those certain people who enjoy dislocating their stomachs to their throats. After the second slope, the person has lost his stomach and his appetite, defeating his whole purpose.

The best solution for those students who frequent off-campus restaurants during the noon hour is just to be an activist. Join the parade down Powell Drive, fly the turtling from the aerial, and wait patiently while the car in front does a two-stop to the "Highland Fling."

Ah, but all hope is not lost. While you are enduring the long lunch line or idling in the Powell motorcade, muse your mind on this adage: "They also serve who only stand and wait."

MCC Singers Sing Songs of Christmas

"Carols of Many Lands" will be featured in the Christmas program to be presented by the McLennan Singers, under the direction of Mr. Kenneth Alford, Friday, December 19, at 10:00 a.m. in the Fine Arts Theater.

Included in the program of Christmas music will be the Negro spiritual "Rise Up Shepherd and Foller" sung by Alicia Kelly, a Spanish carol "Fum, Fum, Fum", a French hymn "Angels We Have Heard On High", a swing version of "Jingle Bells", and "What Child Is This".

An Indian version of the Christmas story, translated in the 17th Century from an Indian song, will be featured. The setting of "The Indian Carol" was a "... moon in winter-time in the land where the birds have fled". As the Christ child laid in a "lodge of broken bark" wrapped in "warm rabbit skin", the "chiefs from afar before him knelt with gifts of fox and beaver pelt". The "children of the forest free" flocked to the newborn babe.

The McLennan Singers performed a portion of this Christmas program on December 7 for the Kiwanis Ladies Night Christmas Program at Ridge-wood Country Club. The entire program was presented at the United Methodist Church on Sunday evening, December 14 and at the Rotary Club on Monday, December 15.

Businessmen Work With Management Training

An eight-man steering committee composed of local businessmen has been chosen to work with the development of the Management Development Training Program recently instituted at McLennan Community College.

Two from each of four kinds of businesses were appointed. They are Industrial: Jerry Winchell of Central Texas Iron Works and Jack Wilson of Owens-Illinois; Food: Gene Lawson of Safeway Stores, Inc. and Harry Segal of Segal Food Distributors.

Department Stores: C.B. Murgrove of Montgomery-Ward Stores and Bill Burke of F.W. Woolworth Co.; Service: George Brinegar of First National Bank and Douglas Pitts of Merrill, Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith.

Fred Eastland, Coordinator, and Cecil Reynolds, assistant dean of Technical Education, initiated the program at MCC.

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14 Recent MCC Graduates Receive Nursing Degrees

By DONNA PICK

Fourteen of the first 17 graduates of MCC's associate nursing degree program passed the licensing examination for state registration Oct. 1 and 2.

Those who passed the exam were the first students to enroll in the two-year nursing program when it began at MCC in 1967. "Being the first group of students in a new program is not easy. The fact that they had the daring and the faith in MCC to enter the program indicates that this is a very

special group of people," said Mrs. Sara B. Moore, Chairman of the Department of Nursing.

Berneice Abney, Kathy Buckler, Patricia Burwick, Erma Clark, Antonette Gonzales, Clarence Grunden, Sandra Holbrook, Janie McCoulskey, Marilyn Parker, Bettilu Rubin Charlton, Joyce Sims, Carolyn Townsend, Janice Vinson, and Blanche Willis were the members of the first graduating class of nursing students who passed the licensing examination and can now

become registered nurses.

The program is accredited by the Board of Nurse Examiners for the State of Texas, making the graduate eligible to write the licensing examination given by the board for the purpose of becoming a registered nurse in Texas.

"I think one advantage of taking a nursing program that is affiliated with a college is that the nursing student has all of the privileges of the other students on campus," said Mrs. Moore.

Students attend nursing and general classes at MCC and use the hospitals in the community for laboratory purposes to gain clinical experience in medical, surgical, pediatric, maternity, and psychiatric nursing.

"Another advantage of the associate degree nursing program is that we stress the quality rather than the quantity of learning experiences gained from the classroom and laboratory activities," explained Mrs. Moore.

The nursing program is open to both men and women who have a high school diploma or its equivalent and meet the general requirements for admission to MCC. In addition a personal interview with all applicants, a minimum ACT score, and a C plus high school average are required.

Instructors in the program are Mrs. Dorothy Saxon, Miss Dixie Wittington, Mrs. Gaynelle Freund, Mrs. Frances Thomas, and Mrs. Emily McUiney.

Students Employed At Local Hospital

Two students in the New Careers Program offered by McLennan Community College under the auspices of the Concentrated Employment Program have successfully completed a phase of the program and begun new careers.

Clara Ware works now at the Marlin Veterans Hospital and Bobby Touchstone is employed at the Veterans Hospital in Dallas. Both were trained at the Waco VA hospital while they studied at MCC.

Mrs. Ware will continue living in Waco where she is buying her home at 808 Earl, but Touchstone will move his family to Dallas.



BEVERLY NEAL AND MIKE BATES enact a scene from "Oh Dad, Poor Dad,..." This is a shot from one of the hallway exits next to the audience. The play recently closed a four-night run to capacity houses.



NEWLY INITIATED PLEDGES of Sigma Delta Phi designed and built the fraternity sign next to the Lecture Hall and the Library. Here the new members pose near their identifying sign.

MCC Extends English To Mexia State School

Meeting the unique needs of persons in this area has necessitated a McLennan Community College extension course at Mexia State School.

An English course, requested by personnel of the State School for the Mentally Retarded, is offered at that campus. Mrs. Dorothy Haskins of Mexia is teaching it. She formerly taught English at Sam Houston State College.

The course grew out of a request from Herbert Craft, assistant superintendent of the state school, for a program to provide professional growth studies for the employees of the school. About the time he asked, other local child care agencies asked MCC for much the same kind of aid.

A committee composed of agency officials decided upon common needs for preparation of child care workers, then upon areas of special interest, such as the mentally retarded or the pre-school child. Committee guidelines helped in es-

tablishing the Child Care curriculum, an accredited plan for two-year study leading to the Associate of Applied Sciences Degree from MCC.

Committee members included Craft; Dr. Ted Powers, chairman of the Department of Health and Physical Education at Baylor; Mrs. Ann Garrett, then director of the Economic Opportunities Advancement Corporation Child Development Program; Mrs. Frances White, Liaison Officer, Public Schools, of Waco State Home; Mrs. Lena Martin, Director of Children's Activities, and Jess Harrington, Director of Cottage Life, of the Methodist Home.

Projected classes for possible offering at Mexia State School are psychology, introduction to child care, and freshman English. About other classes there, Byron N. McClenney, dean of instruction at MCC, said, "When they have enough students to form a class at Mexia State School, we will attempt to teach the class there."



TWO NEW STATIONS WAGONS donated by Heart O' Texas Motors are now in use by the Athletic Department. The wagons are Rambler Ambassadors. Also donated was a Rambler Ambassador hardtop, used by President Ball. Each six months the car will be returned for three new ones! Thanks, H-O-T Motors!

MCC Represented At Knowledge Network

MCC was represented at the Texas Knowledge Network (TEKNET), which is in conjunction with the Central Texas Information Network at the University of Texas, Austin. TEKNET is an establishment of an Information Network Association, which will cover an area from McLennan County to the Rio Grande Valley.

TEKNET is in its primary stages, and planning for its future has already begun. This new system will be a tremendous advancement in higher education. For example, with this system it will be possible for a professor at the University of Texas to conduct a class at MCC, as the students would receive all of the lectures and tests through the system.

Accompanying this new method of study, there will be faster and more efficient means of communication among colleges. A system of this sort will evolve in approximately three years, if not sooner. MCC has already taken steps in preparation for this new evolution. The buildings on campus are connected by three inch cables, and MCC is ready for the new advancement.

Many public institutions of higher education have expressed a willingness to participate. They are Texas A&I University, Kingville; Southwest Texas State University, San Marcos; Bee County College, Beeville; Central Texas College, Killeen; Del Mar College, Corpus Christi; Laredo Junior College; San Antonio

Junior College, Uvalde; Texas Southmost College, Brownsville; Temple Junior College; McLennan Community College, Waco; and Victoria College.

Five private institutions of higher education which are members of the Texas Educational Microwave Project (TEMP) have expressed a desire to join the new network. These are Houston-Tillotson College, Saint Edward's University, Trinity University, Our Lady of Lake College, and Saint Mary's College.

Drama Department's Play Big Success

"Oh Dad, Poor Dad, Mama's Hung You In The Closet And I'm Feeling So Sad" ended its successful series of performances Saturday, December 6, after four shows.

The play, enacted by the Drama Department under direction of James Henderson, drew a full house every night. The entire production was put together by students of drama. The set was designed and built by students; the sound and light techniques of the production were devised and performed by students; and students portrayed the character of the production.

The stars of the play, Beverly Neal, Dicky Smith, Sandra Scharschwerdt, and Mike Bates, received sustained ovations every night as their fine performances and talents were recognized by the audience.

And Now We Have The More Scenic...

You come roaring into the campus knowing that class started five minutes ago and that you'll really have to hurry to get there on time.

As you joyfully glide over any pedestrians that you chance to meet, you suddenly notice a change. Kawhump! The road drops out from under you, and You Know, The mythical Dirt Road has been found.

You shift down into first (stripping seven gears) and head into the turn. And stop.

Your eyes grow large with horror as you realize the seriousness of the situation.

A vandal has struck? All of the strings dividing the parking spaces in the back lot have been cut and forty million cars have created a monster maze.

With hopeless futility you try to pick your way through the cars only to fall into a bottomless chockhole never to be seen again.

The situation isn't really that bad in the back parking lot but I, along with a few other students, feel that it could be better.

There are plans under way to replace the metal bars and string with more permanent home-grown cedar posts and cable. Also, the maintenance group hopes to be able to grade it regularly.

Although these are definite

improvements, more could be made. It can not be paved yet because the physical science building has not been placed. And, unless it is paved, there can be no painted dividers. Vicious circle, isn't it?

I can offer no solution to the problem. All I can do is suggest, if you plan to park there often, to get a Jeep and hope that no one will run wild with a pair of scissors, until the permanent posts are up. Courage!

Teachers Attend Health Conference

Three members of the Health and Physical Education Department at McLennan Community College attended the Texas Association of Health and Physical Education and Recreation Conference in Corpus Christi.

They are Vernon Cole, chairman of the Department of Health and Physical Education at MCC, and Ray Murray and Mrs. Kay Long, teachers.

At the conference Cole chaired the College Men's Section. Approximately 200 of the 1000 persons at the conference attended the section's programs on the training of teachers for handicapped and typical students.

Highlanders Open Conference With Win

The MCC Highlanders are off and running toward another fine conference season after taking their first conference win over Concordia Lutheran College. The Highlanders walloped Concordia 108-34 Saturday night in the MCC gym.

Harry Johnson, freshman from Teague led the MCC scoring with 28 points. Simpson Degrate had 22 points. Degrate was selected to the all-tournament team of the Temple Junior College Invitational Basketball Tournament.

The Highlanders had to come back in that tournament after losing to Wharton County Junior College to take the consolation trophy.

The Concordia game was hardly a contest as the Highlanders jumped to 51-18 first-half lead. Everyone played as the scoring was spread out among 10 players.

Rebounding and quickness was the key for the Highlanders as they prevented Concordia from executing their planned stall. Iveon Mitchell had 14 rebounds to lead in that department.

Burroughs' Highlanders are 8-5 for the year, and at press time, had only one game remaining before retiring for the holidays.

MCC was scheduled to play Blinn Junior College in Brenham Monday night. Play will continue for the team Jan. 5 after the Highlanders return.

Burroughs said last week that he felt that the team was starting a little slow, but that he felt they would come around.

After the Concordia game, he said "We played well."

The 74 point margin of victory was, needless to say, a Highlander record.

Patience, Understanding Is Life of Mrs. Burroughs

By DONNA PICK

Preparing a four-course meal at 11 p.m. after a basketball game is just one of the routine tasks required of Mrs. Shirley Burroughs as she fulfills the role of a coach's wife.

"Being the wife of a coach is really exciting and rewarding. It keeps us young because we work around young people," said Mrs. Burroughs concerning her husband's job of coaching the MCC basketball team.

There are many other interesting sidelines to being a coach's wife other than cooking meals at odd hours of the day. Mrs. Burroughs explained that she had to do this because her husband always ate a light meal before the game, waiting until after the game to have his supper.

"I think the only real disadvantage to the job is the time element involved. During basketball season, we see so little of him," said Mrs. Burroughs. "The boys on the team become his other family."

She explained that so much of his time is consumed with practices and games during season and recruiting for the next season. "Being patient and understanding about his never being at home is the important thing."

One thing that has helped Mrs. Burroughs is her long range interest in sports. She played basketball at Klein High School, near Houston.

"I didn't learn what all the X's and O's stood for on diagrams until I became a coach's wife, though," she explained.

"Also, I learned more about the statistics involved in basketball like had passed or assistance given. Right now I can figure the percentage on all types of statistics," she added.

Mrs. Burroughs admitted that she sometimes has the tendency to advise her husband about plays, "but I know that he will always do what he thinks is best regardless of my opinions."

She recalled that one of her more humorous duties as a coach's wife was to serve as a model basketball player so that her husband could determine if a certain play would be effective.

Mrs. Burroughs also assisted her husband other ways in his earlier career. "I can remember when he was coaching at Livingston High School, we would have supper for some of the boys who were having academic problems and then hold a study session after the meal," she said.

"I think one of the interesting things that develops with a coaching job are the little superstitions that evolve when the team is winning. I remember last year that everyone kidded my husband because he always wore the same pair of trousers to all of the games," she stated.

"This year I've noticed he always takes an old, beat-up ice chest with oranges in them to all of the games even though I've offered to buy a new one."

The whole family is actively involved in the basketball activities. Children Janna, 10, Kyle, 7, and Judson, 2, attend all of the games they can, as well as support the neighborhood basketball team.

"I can tell that even Judson, as young as he is, already knows quite a bit about the sport. Everytime he sees a goal he shouts, 'two points!'" said Mrs. Burroughs.

"I like being the daughter of the coach because we get to go to the games, and I get to yell with all the cheerleaders," said Janna.

Mrs. Burroughs summed up her basic philosophy about her husband's job as follows: "If we as a family do not support him, who will? We just take the disadvantage and the many advantages of the job and are happy because he is doing just what he really wants to do."

Santa's Helpers Decorate Tree For Dormitory

When the MCC basketball team returned to their dormitory after basketball practice Monday, December 8, they found a decorated Christmas tree in the living room, a red and green "Merry Christmas" sign in the hall, and twinkling Christmas lights adorning the stairway. Had Santa Claus been there? No it was Santa's helpers, Candy Collins, Patty Bolting, Diane Pope, Donna Dickey, Kathy Fulbright, and Janet Turner, the MCC cheerleaders.

"Everybody else will have a Christmas tree, and we wanted to give them something sort of like home," commented head cheerleader Patty Bolting. The six girls bought the tree and ornaments themselves. "We're going to take them homemade Christmas cookies, candy, brownies, and fudge too," Patty said.

It seems neither school spirit nor Christmas spirit is neglected by MCC's fine cheerleaders.

'Lighthouse' Plans Community Aid

Community interest is a major factor in the success of Waco's Lighthouse for the Blind, according to Jim Freeman, director.

"The Lighthouse has a special function in the community," he said and added that "students from area colleges and high schools can be of great help in that they might be able to generate community interest in our activities."

The Lighthouse for the Blind is a private organization. Its employees train blind people to work in an industrial situation. The organization provides a workshop in which blind people are given opportunities to learn new skills.

"The skills acquired by the blind," said Mr. Freeman, "help them get jobs." He added that the major goal of the Lighthouse was to increase employment of blind people by 100 percent.

"We can't help these people get jobs," he continued, "without the support of the community. If more employers hired blind people, there would be no need for the Lighthouse."

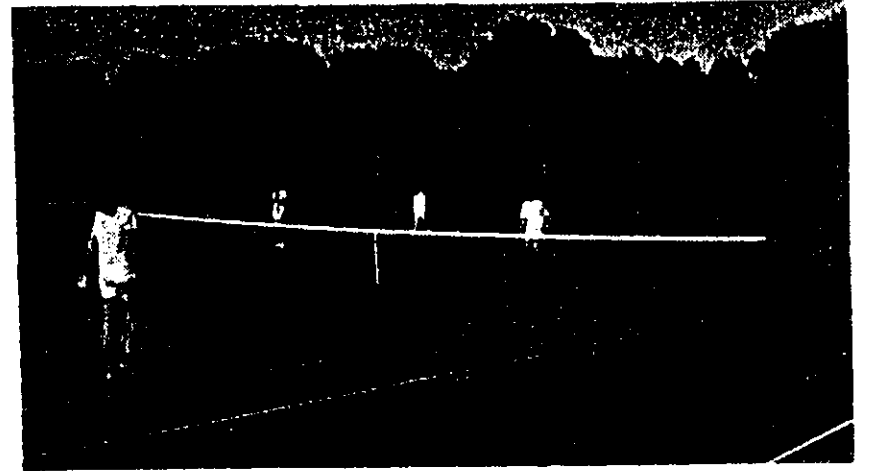
"Fortunately," he said, "the community is responsive to our program in many ways." Social clubs often sponsor parties for the blind.

Mr. Freeman added that "community awareness of the workshop is extremely important." Individual members of the community can refer a blind person to the Lighthouse, he explained.

Mrs. Sammie Rankin, retired director of the Lighthouse, stated that "blind people learn to communicate with the outside world through their activities at the workshop."

She founded the first Waco Lighthouse in 1944. "Since that time," she said, "Waco's many people have been very cooperative and very helpful."

Dr. Chester Hastings, academic vice-president, is now serving his third year on the Lighthouse' board of directors.



NEW FACILITIES are being added quickly to the MCC campus. The latest being the tennis courts located to the west of the gym. Here, girls of a tennis class make use of the new facility.

'Wild Bunch' Perfect Score Paces Basketball Intramurals

The Wild Bunch has taken the lead in the men's intramural basketball with a perfect 5-0 record. The Black Panthers and Ex LaVega are tied for second with a 4-1 record.

The intramural program has been going on for three weeks and will continue until Dec. 15. On December 19, a play-off will be held among the top two teams for the championship.

Vernon Cole, athletic director at MCC said the program has laced student participation.

Student 'Challenge' Program Offered

An advance-placement system is now available to MCC students who are interested in receiving course credit through examination.

"This system relates to credit by exam," said Dr. Byron N. McClenney, dean of instruction, "and it is quite workable for students who feel that they have sufficient background in a given course."

"This type of credit," he continued, "better meets the needs of the more advanced student. If a student has an exceptional amount of knowledge in a subject, there is no real need for his going through the course. He is merely receiving a repetition of what he already knows."

The system was begun at MCC in September. Since that time, seven students have received credit by exam. The exams are graded, and an acceptable grade will satisfy course requirements.

To challenge a course, a student must first review the content of the course, according to Dean McClenney. Then, if the student feels he has sufficient knowledge of the material, he may petition to take the exam.

An application for exam must be filed with the chairman of the department under which the course falls. If the application is approved, the petition will go through the offices of the dean of instruction. Upon approval of the dean, the student is notified, takes the test, and is informed of the grade.

To receive credit for a course, the exam grade must be "C" or above. The course grade is then given the same value as the exam grade. The grade is placed on the student's permanent record, and full credit for the course is given. The fact that the course was passed by exam is also placed on the permanent record.

"We've had a big problem with the teams forfeiting," said Cole. "There just doesn't seem to be enough interest in the program."

Cole went on to say that plans are being made for another program next semester which might include volleyball, tennis and archery. All of these would be for men and women.

The athletic department made an invitation for women to compete in volleyball for this semester, but there was no response.

"I would really like to see more enthusiasm," said Cole. "The success or failure of the program depends on the participation of the students, and so far it has not been good."

At press time, here are the records of the intramural teams:

Wild Bunch 5-0
Black Panthers 4-1
Ex La Vega 4-1
Playboys 3-2
Trojans 2-4
Tigers 1-5
Demolition Squad 0-6
Golden Boys 0-6

McLennan Girls Serve Waco USO

Girls from MCC are spending much of their spare time serving Waco's USO during the Christmas season.

"The many volunteers from MCC and other area schools," said Mrs. Joel Chance, director of volunteers, "are especially valuable to us at Christmas."

"There's so much talk against the military now," she continued, "and I feel that these girls help bolster the soldier's morale. The volunteers provide services which are very important, and the girls are included in almost all of the USO's functions."

The annual USO Christmas Dance was held on Saturday, December 13. The dance was semi-formal, and decorations included a large Christmas tree. A sight-seeing tour was conducted for the servicemen on December 14.

On Christmas Eve, many of the volunteers will aid the USO in its annual Christmas open house. The servicemen will sing Christmas carols and participated the various activities of the night. The men will also receive gifts, and a Christmas dinner is planned for Sunday, December 28.