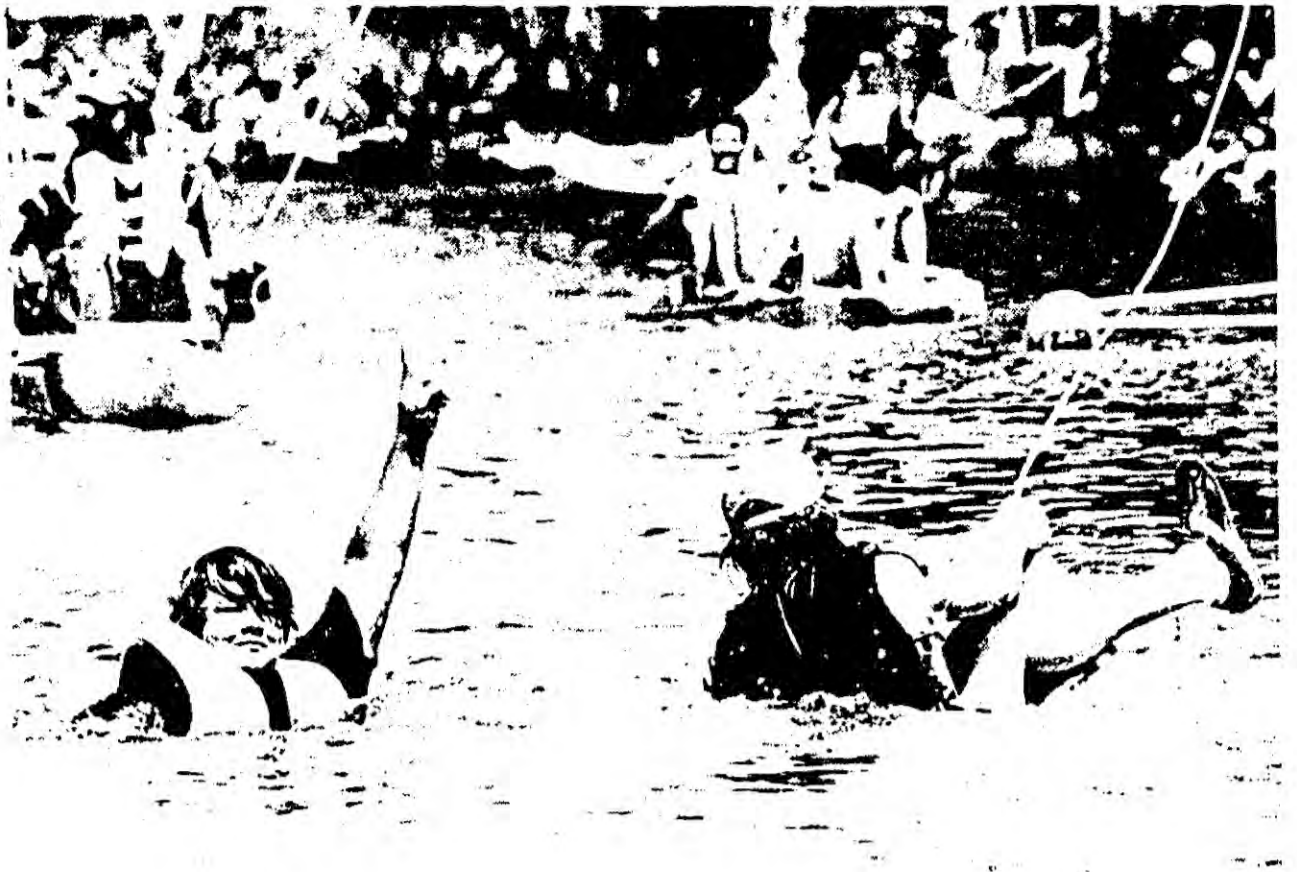


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Fall roll grows



The gang's all here...Some of the 3,702 students who enrolled this year battle their way through registration crowds.

Fall enrollment is slightly up compared to fall enrollment of 1977. 96 more students registered this semester than last fall.

Total enrollment is 3,702. Last fall enrollment totaled 3,606. The 1978 figures do not include the 128 registrants of cosmetology and nursing home administration who have not registered yet.

Registrar Willie Hobbs credited the increase to a greater community awareness of what the school has to offer.

"We try to communicate what the institution is all about and make students aware of what the school has to offer," he said. "I believe the community is more aware of the quality education at MCC."

Of the 3,574 students who have gone through the normal registration process, 2,496 are day students, 1,078 attend evening classes.

Full time registrants number 1,669, 1,905 are part time students.

Females outnumber males 2,116 to 1,458.

Referring to the school's retention rate, Hobbs said the problem of students not returning is true of all schools.

"MCC is an open-door school," he said, "and some students are not really ready for college. Some students don't complete a whole year and some transfer after one semester."

Financial aid still available

It's not too late to get financial aid.

Three scholarships are available for pre-dental students and one scholarship for tuition, fees, and books is available for an accounting major.

Seven scholarships are undesignated or open to any student. The Dr. Frank Forman and Carrie L. Forman Memorial Fund sponsors 5 scholarships of \$300 a piece to be given to deserving students regardless of race, creed or color.

Two of the scholarships, however, are specially designated

for the nursing program to be awarded to two students who are more than 30 years of age.

A scholarship committee will meet late this month. Submit applications by Sept. 22 to the financial aid office. Students must be full-time, have a G.P.A. of 2.5 and have at least a "B" in high school.

The largest and most long term source of grant money is the Basic Educational Opportunity Grant Program. BEOG is a federal aid program designed to provide education. Basic grants are intended to be the "floor" of

financial aid package and may be combined with other forms of aid.

Eligibility requirements are: (1) a financial need to attend school, (2) enrollment in an undergraduate course of study prior to receipt of a bachelor's degree from an institution, (3) at least half-time enrollment, (4) U.S. citizenship or intention to become a permanent resident, and (5) receipt of less than four full years of Basic Grant payment.

For those who are in exceptional financial need a

supplemental Education Opportunity Grant is available. SEOP funds are limited, however anyone who demonstrates exceptional need will be considered.

Students who anticipate financial need should apply for grant money at least four to six weeks before the next semester which starts in January.

College Work-Study Program

Several jobs are still open under the work-study program.

Kathy Dominguez, director of placement, said. Students must qualify through BEOG. There are jobs for secretaries or tellers, clerk cashiers, lab assistants, library assistants, darkroom technicians and others.

Listings of the jobs available are posted in every building and up-dated every Friday. Qualification takes four to six weeks to complete. Salary is \$2.50 an hour with a maximum of 15 hours a week. Students are paid once a month.

Pipeline

Tickets available

Discount movie tickets are available at the bookstore.

Tickets can be purchased at \$2 for movies at ABC Cinema Twin and the 25th Street Theater. General Cinema at Lake Air offers a discount at \$2.15.

The tickets are good for all movies except Walt Disney films at the ABC theaters.

Phones adjusted

Pay telephones have been lowered and adjustable receiver volume has been added for hearing-impaired

students as the result of a cooperative project between Southwestern Bell and the maintenance department. The changes are part of the transition plan required by Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

Need help?

If courses are already seeming harder than they have to be, the tutorial center is a good place to go for help.

A time schedule can be arranged by staff members on the second floor of the student center. The center is located in room 102 of the liberal arts building.

Tutors are students who have special ability in certain areas. Tutoring is available for almost any subject.

Band to perform

The Fifth Army Lab Band will present a concert Monday at 10 a.m. in the Student Center.

The 24-piece dance band is a part of the 40-piece Fifth Army Band from Fort Sam Houston.

Lab band leader Spec. 4 John Walker is an ex-MCC student who holds a bachelor's degree in music from Grambling College and a master's degree from the University of Massachusetts.

He has studied and performed with jazz notables Donald Byrd, Reggie Workman, Archie Shepp and Max Roach.



Rodriguez directs tutorial center

New director of the tutorial center is Omega Rodriguez.

Originally from Dallas, Rodriguez has lived in Waco the past ten years. She worked on the federally funded Alliance Project Emerge for four years, serving as counselor to students in grades 1-12.

Rodriguez has also worked with the Upward Bound program through Baylor University.

Having taught at Connally High School for two years, Rodriguez said she is pleasantly surprised to see former students on campus.

"I have a good idea of the tutoring situation, what it should be and what it can accomplish," said Rodriguez.

Williams takes first

Cosmetology student Brenda Williams added another trophy to the department's collection last month.

She and model Janet Hafer won first place in the hair-styling-fashion student contest at Nacogdoches August 23.

Williams won first place with her version of the Fall-Winter Metro Release for fall-winter 78-79. The release originates from the Official Hair-Fashion Committee two times a year. The committee designs hairstyles to go with current fashions.

To place in the contest is really an honor, said cosmetology instructor Jan Blackburn.

"A lot of professionals haven't even seen the release," said Blackburn.



Students awarded

Five nursing students were awarded health career scholarships last Friday, Sept. 1 by the National Foundation March of Dimes Heart of Texas Chapter.

The recipients are Terry Lynn Cummings and Sara Anne Sides of Robinson, Sharon Ann Klein of Waco, Carol Lynn Edwards of Midway and Julia Ann Pederson of Clifton.

BSU hosts party

The Baptist Student Union is hosting a party for all new members and interested persons Saturday, Sept. 9 at 7:30 p.m. at the BSU center on the TSTU campus.

Editorial

HH requests replies

Each week "The Highland Herald" is snatched up and sometimes put down almost as quickly.

If you are one of those dissatisfied readers, tell someone about it through a letter to the editor.

Letters to the editor represent the right of readers to have access to the media and the responsibility of readers to monitor media performance.

Through letters to the editor you can comment on politicians running in the next election or give your ideas about this year's scheduled activities. If you are interested in finding out how many of the faculty drive sports cars or you would like to see a story on students who ride skateboards, write to the editor.

Mail or bring by "The Highland Herald" office any ideas, questions, and comments.

All letters received are subject to editing. Please limit them to 200 words, sign your name and indicate your major and classification.

Remember responsible journalism comes from written feedback.

Dear Charlie...

Dear Charlie,

For the past few days I have spent double my allowance on gasoline and I still have the same problem. You see, the parking situation is so bad that I come to school at 8:45 a.m. and cannot get to class until my second class at 10 o'clock.

BROKE

Dear Broke,

This seems to be a very common, however unpopular, problem. I have some tricks you might want to try.

If you have enough authority around campus, try to acquire a faculty-staff parking sticker. Put it on your car and park in areas reserved for staff. This is a long shot, to say the least, so let me suggest some alternatives.

You might try coming around dawn. This will help you get the worm, but I don't know about a parking space. You can always try parking at Oakcrest apartments and walking to school. You might have your car towed away once in awhile but that might be cheaper than the gas.

If these ideas don't appeal to you, you can always take the bus.

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Blackburn encourages students to take advantage of the department's economical prices for haircuts. The department is open 10:00 to 2:30 Monday through Thursday and Friday from 8:30 to 2:30.

Disco's fire postpones dance

The dance planned by Student Government for Tuesday has been postponed as the result of the fire Sept. 1 at the Magic Music night club.

Owners of the club plan to be back in operation within 90 days. Within hours after the blaze had been doused a contractor had been hired to tear down the remaining structure and rebuild it.

The new structure will be similar to the old club.

The Sept. 1 fire was the second fire at the location. One week after the building opened in 1953 as a Safeway store, a fire broke out on the roof.

Magic Music took over in 1972.

The building was insured but contents were not. Co-owner Ron McDaniels estimates loss at \$150,000.

Deadline near for BEOG charges

Tomorrow is the last day for students on BEOG and scholarships to charge books at the bookstore.

Concert Band has new director

The new face behind the baton directing the concert band this year is Roger Rush.

Rush replaces Bill Haskett as director of concert band, Stage Band II and percussion ensemble. Haskett will continue to serve as department chairman while teaching private lessons and a music appreciation class.

Rush served as music supervisor at a private academy in Dallas and was band director at McMurray College in Abilene.

"We're just getting our feet on the ground," said Rush about concert band, but the instrumentation looks good.

Rush plans to give several band concerts this fall.

**watermelon, watermelon, watermelon rind
look on the scoreboard and see who's
behind !**



Class enrollment low in film appreciation

by Julie Richter

Every week members of James Henderson's Drama 300 class enter the dark theater of the Fine Arts building and do something many students do on a Saturday night.

They go to the movies.

The class is a film appreciation course and is a general study of the history and making of films, said Henderson.

Although the course has never been taught, the class is surprisingly small. 14 students registered for the class. 60 class cards were made for registration, but Henderson said 100 students could have taken the course.

Henderson said he is not really surprised at the small turnout because of limited publicity.

"Most students would not know about the class unless they just stumbled across it looking through the class schedule," said Henderson. "Most people didn't even know it existed."

The films Henderson plans to show include three Ingmar Bergman films, "Grand Illusion," "Monika," and "The Seventh Seal," "Gold Rush," a Charlie Chaplin film; "Duck Soup," a Marx brothers film; "Phantom of the Opera," "The Graduate," "Sweet Charity," "Grapes of Wrath," "Citizen Kane," "Slingshot in the Rain" and "Clockwork Orange."

Substitutes are sometimes made by the film distributors, Henderson said.

Henderson hopes his students will become more critical of films, after taking the class.

"Hopefully students will learn to interpret films and not just take them for their face value," he said. "They may learn to distinguish between a good and bad movie and learn what makes up a poor or good movie."

"If people go to see better movies maybe more good movies would be produced," said Henderson.

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Cinema is prominent in American life according to Henderson.

"It is a basic part of our lives," he said. "Movies reflect so much of modern society."

Concerning the battle between cinema and the theater, Henderson feels that both have a place in the world of art, but that they are "two different things."

"Film is really an extension of the theater," he said. "It comes to us through the technology of being able to reproduce on film."

Film seems to have an upper hand in the battle.

"Live theater has a difficult time existing," said Henderson. "Film is comparatively cheap to reproduce."

Henderson said the biggest percent of films are produced for entertainment. But others like "Coming Home" are more artistic and convey a particular message.

But no matter how different films are, all are somewhat alike. "All films communicate and record history," said Henderson. "They record the times and are so much like the people."

"Some people don't call cinema an art... I believe it is," he said.

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6. Entrants should keep a copy of all entries as they cannot be returned. Prize winners and all authors awarded free publication will be notified immediately after deadline. I.P. will retain first publication rights for accepted poems. Foreign language poems welcome.
7. There is an initial one dollar registration fee for the first entry and a fee of fifty cents for each additional poem. It is requested to submit no more than ten poems per entrant.
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The GREAT TEXAS RAFT RACE!

by Frank Fitzpatrick

When I first heard about the second Great Texas Raft Race, I thought about the last time I was in a canoe. It turned over.

With that in mind, I decided to see exactly what compels someone to set raft against nature on a hot Labor Day.

Upon arriving at the starting point, the MCC marina, I was greeted with war whoops, screams, laughter and more than 40,000 spectators.

Then the sun said, "Let there be sweat." And was there ever sweat. Spectators came in shorts, halter tops and swim suits. I, of course, dressed for a fall day in jeans and a short sleeve shirt. Boy, did I sweat.

The sight of approximately 230 rafts of different shapes and sizes and designs getting ready to race down the Brazos is a sight to remember.

Some entries used styrofoam, while others used wood. One raft had been made out of beer kegs. Many participants used inner tubes and some used life rafts.

One of the more graphic rafts was the "Orange Possum Special." This barge-like raft was adorned with hub caps hanging loosely from the "Orange Possum Special" banner. Sitting on the bow of the orange and white craft was a cage with a live possum inside.

One crew rowed a craft that looked more like a car than a raft. Four large inner tubes served as floats or tires. This particular raft was only one to have the start. After repairs the raft bounced down the Brazos like a buoy in a storm.

About the time I decided to take pictures the clouds said "Let there be rain." The shower was brief and did not dampen the spirits of racers or spectators.

After the rain, I noticed rust forming from the sweat and rain on the lense of the camera I had borrowed.

In order to see the finish I had to drive through Cameron Park to Ft. Fisher. I fought my way through the crowd and finally found a spot relatively close to the finish.

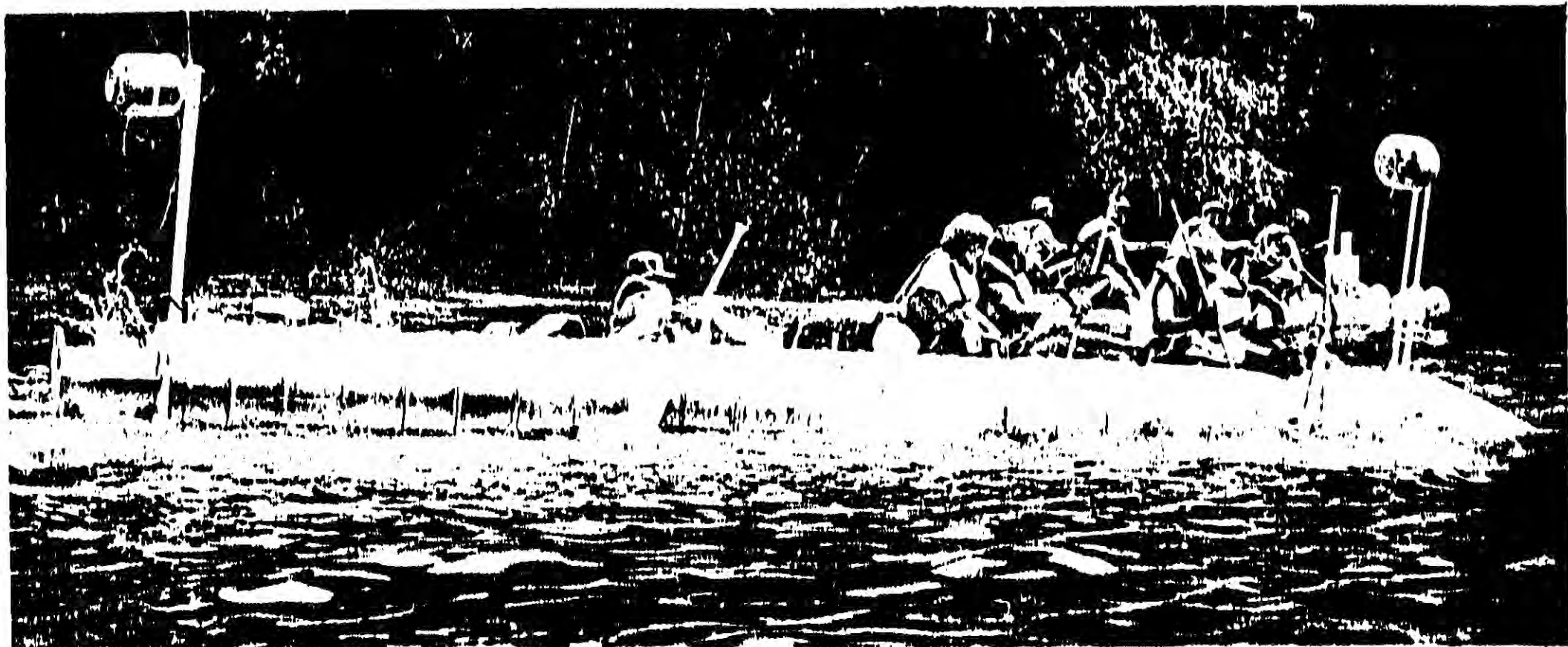
As the rafts arrived many participants jumped into the river to cool off, while others relaxed on their rafts.

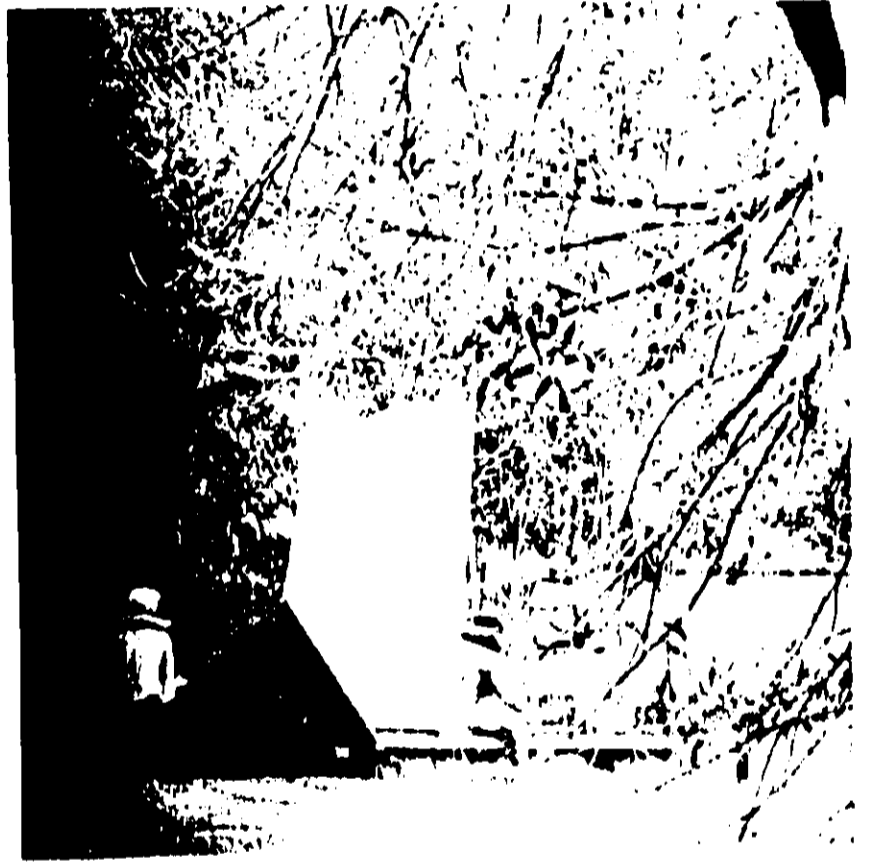
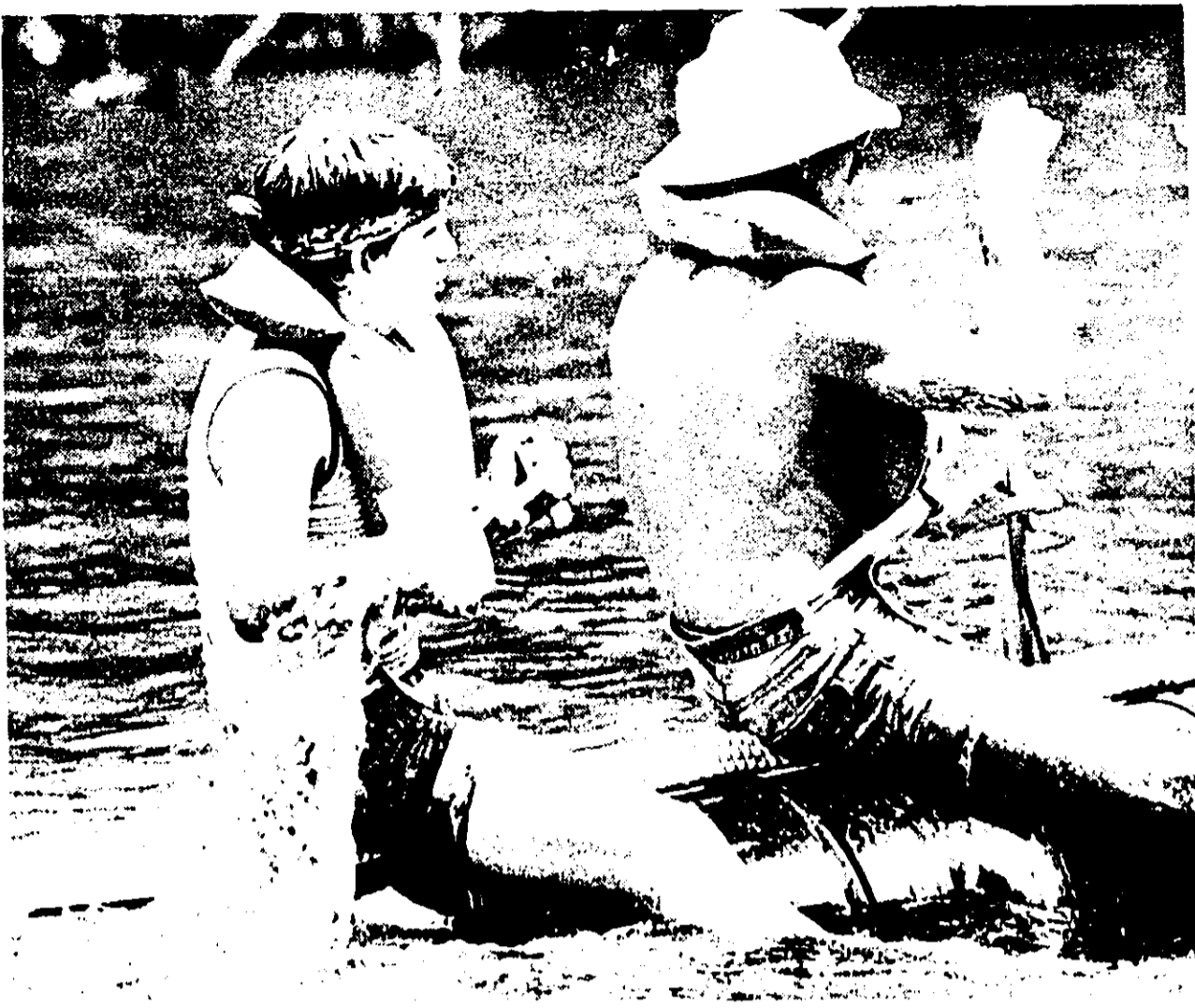
I, like the racers, was hot and tired, so I reached for a Dr. Pepper. When the ring broke off the can, I was ready to go home.

Everyone left with a smile on his face, except me. I left with one hot, unopened Dr. Pepper can and a rusted camera lens.



Photos by Marvin Clynech





Ernesto Calderon heads new office

Former student Ernesto Calderon has been named director of the new personnel office.

Calderon said the new office was created because most departments were previously overworked with doing their own recruiting and taking their own applications.

Besides recruitment, Calderon's office will serve as a central control for handling employee time sheets, fringe benefits, sick leave and job evaluation.

Calderon, who has also studied at TSTU, Baylor, San Antonio College and Tarleton State University, recently completed his master's degree at Juarez Lincoln University at Austin.

Looking back on the days he first attended the school, Calderon said, "MCC has always had a community oriented attitude. This hasn't changed, but the physical size has grown."

"I look forward to an enjoyable relationship with the school, not as a student for a change, but as an employee," said Calderon.



ID cards increase student activities

Students may not realize the clout they carry with a school identification card.

The card, received at registration, provides a number of freebies and privileges that come with being a student.

One of those privileges is the right to check out library materials. Without an I.D. card students are unable to take any material out of the library building.

Some classes require use of the card. Many health and physical classes require an I.D. to check out towels and tennis rackets.

"Students may check out equipment for off-hours as long as classes are not going on," said James Burroughs, chairman of health and physical education. Equipment for fencing, archery, fishing and golf are off-limits because such areas require supervision which is not always available, he said.

All other equipment can be checked out in the health and physical education building. A clerk will take the I.D. and return it when the equipment is returned. Basketballs, soccer balls, and racket balls and rackets require an I.D. card plus a \$5 deposit. Any student or faculty member may use basketball and racketball courts.

In the game room of the Student Center students can play billiards, dominoes, chess, checkers and monopoly with an identification card. They can also check out playing cards without a fee.

Ping pong tables located in the HPE building may possibly be available later this fall.

An I.D. card is used for free entry into all athletic events and other school-sponsored events such as band and choir concerts. Dances and drama productions sponsored by Student Government are also covered by I.D. cards.

In order to sell books back to the bookstore students must show an I.D. card.

Replacement cost for a lost card is \$5.

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CPR training starts Sept. 18

The guilty and helpless feeling most spectators suffer when they witness a cardiac arrest can be easily avoided by taking a short CPR class to be offered through Continuing Education this semester.

The basic life support course in cardiopulmonary resuscitation

(CPR) teaches the technique of combining mouth-to-mouth resuscitation and external heart compression to restore breathing and heartbeat in cardiac arrest and drowning victims. Classes are beginning Sept. 18 and Sept. 25.

Director of Health Services

Carolyn Rodabough, R.N. who has taken a position on the McLennan County CPR Task Force, recently presented a demonstration of CPR during a preschool faculty meeting in an effort to recruit trainees. The McLennan County CPR Task Force wants to recruit and train

as many persons as possible to be certified in CPR.

When properly administered CPR can save many lives each year, Rodabough says. She stresses proper administration because if improperly administered CPR could cause severe damage or death.

The classes will include four hours two nights a week for a total of eight hours. Meetings are Monday and Wednesday, 6 p.m.-10 p.m. A fee of \$8 will be charged. The course will include a demonstration and practice in performing both one-man and two-man CPR on a manikin. A cardiopulmonary print out from the dummy Recordi-Annie, will test for proper chest compression and ventilation of the lungs.

Certified instructors are also needed. Anyone interested in training to become an instructor should contact Dean of Continuing Education Ken Willis. The certified instructor will be John Cook, program director of fire protection technology, here.

Looper writes Byron guide

Most people won't read Dr. Travis Looper's recently published book, "Byron and the Bible," for entertainment. Ambitious students, however, will find it a valuable tool for study of the nineteenth century English poet Lord George Gordon Byron.

Looper's book is a compendium, or reference book that compiles in an organized manner the extreme amount of Bible usage in Byron's works.

"The book," said Looper, chairman of the department of language arts, "is designed for library use by scholars who are

interested in doing a rather detailed study of the influence of the Bible on Byron's poetry."

The book is arranged in two sections. The first and larger section alphabetizes and catalogues in sequence all Biblical references from Byron's works. Each reference is assigned its own number with the corresponding biblical equivalent succeeding it.

Every reference, excluding those with very long passages, quotes the pertinent material from both the Bible and Byron.

The second and smaller portion of the book is a cross index which lists materials according to the books of the Bible in their standard order. Every

separate entry contains a specific biblical passage followed by a numbered reference to Byron's poetic passage.

Looper wrote the book between the spring of 1974 and 1976 as a dissertation to receive his Ph.D. in English. The dissertation was published by the Arcrow Press, Inc. of New Jersey this past summer.

Drill team members chosen

Eighteen girls have recently been chosen for the MCC Dance Company, along with officers. Leading the Dance Company for the 78-79 year are Captain Beverly Hubbard, sophomore, Killeen, and freshman lieutenants Monica Loffert, Killeen; Donna Marsh, China Spring; and Suzanne Rogers, alternate lieutenant, Robinson.

New members are Alison Baskett, Kim Blase, Debora Bren, and Cynthia Schnizer, Robinson; Lisa Carter and Jackie Cullom, Richfield; Christine Cortez and Terri Hogan, La Vega.

Others include Stephanie Howell, Waxahachie; Laura Klein, Reicher; Karen Lewis and Dedra Maxwell, Jefferson-Moore; Helva McNamara, Temple; and Vicki McKinney, Whitney.

Old members are Leah Harriman, Waxahachie; Margie Kuehl, Houston; Becky Neuman, Crawford; Rene McWest, Marble Falls; Michelle Bourgault, China Spring; and Suanne Wleso, University. Diane Farrar, sophomore from La Vega, will be the manager.



Finale flourish...The Dance Company makes one final gesture during a performance at the back to school watermelon feast Friday.

Pirtle speaks Friday on American Cowboy

Caleb Pirtle, journalist and humorist, will be rustling around the Lecture Hall at 10 a.m. Friday, to speak on "The American Cowboy and Others."

Pirtle's talk will include history and legends about the American cowboy and unusual personalities throughout the South.

Pirtle has worked for the Texas Tourist Development Agency and spent eight years as travel editor of "Southern Living" magazine. He is a senior writer for travel for "Southern Outdoors" magazine.

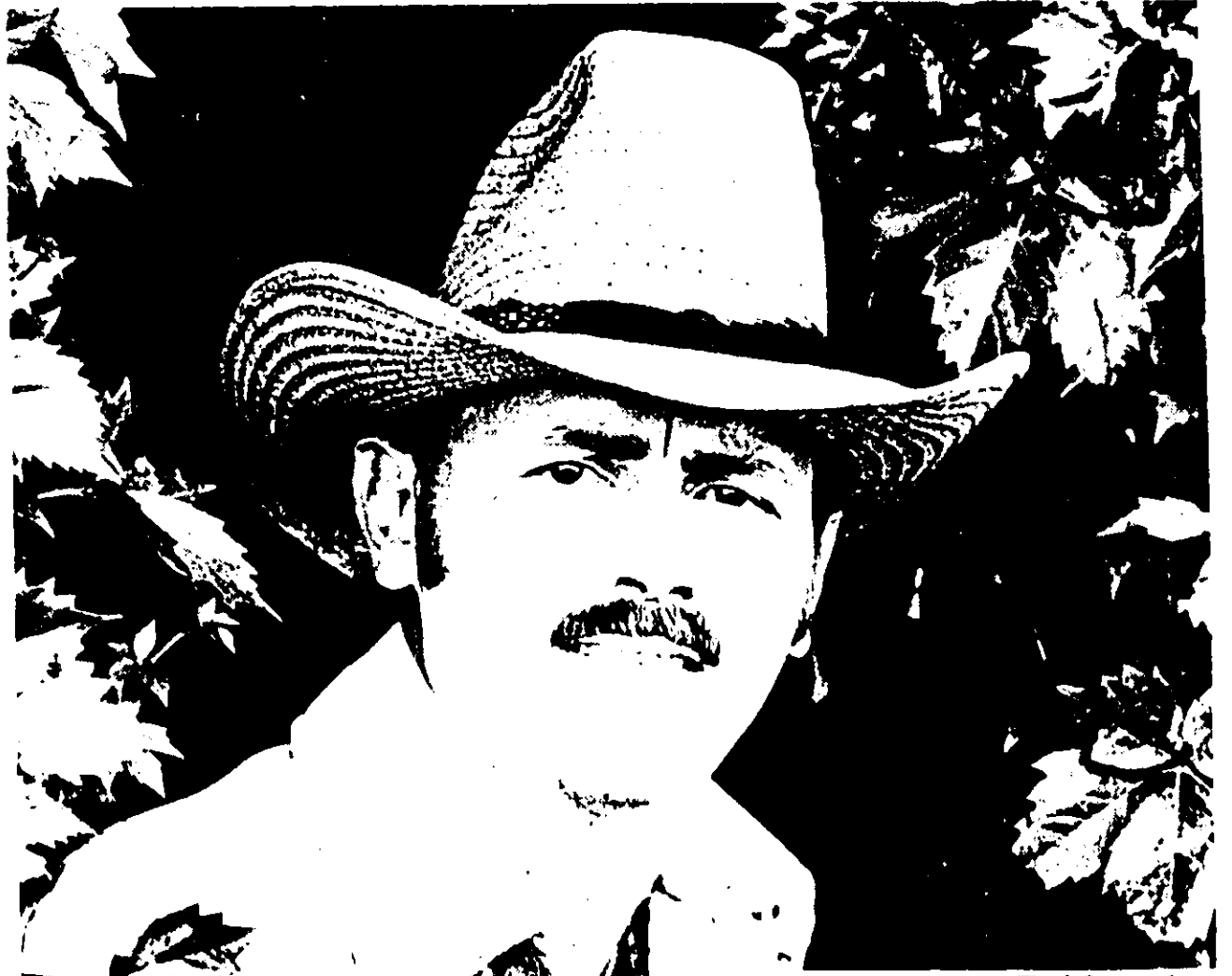
Currently, Pirtle is writing a script for a movie to be filmed in California this fall that will be directed by the Universal Studios which did the "Texas Chain Saw Massacre." He has written two books and a narrative for the movie "Jody" which will premier in San Antonio in late September.

Pirtle has spent much of his life collecting real stories about real people in real off-the-beaten track places of America. He doesn't write or tell jokes. But he knows the people who have lived the yarns he spins.

Pirtle has mingled with people who show up at such places as the National Hollerin' Contest in Spiveys Corner, North Carolina, the National Tobacco Spittin' contest in Raleigh, Mississippi or the Great Luckenbach World's Fair in Texas.

"It's their stories, their humor, their philosophies I'm trying to preserve before they all vanish with the passing of older generations," says Pirtle. "What they say is just too good to keep hidden and locked away beyond the mountains."

The lecture is approved for Freshman Orientation credit.



Country Boy...Caleb Pirtle will speak at 10 a.m. Friday in the Lecture Hall.

Sports

In long run

Jogging key to longer life

by Suanne Wiese

Concern over physical fitness has been sweeping the country, and jogging has become one of the most popular ways of keeping or getting in shape. Jogging can improve the quality and, some say, even the longevity of life.

Running can reduce the risk of developing coronary disease because it makes the heart stronger. In one hour of jogging 800-1000 calories are burned up.

Extra fat turns to muscle.

Before venturing out, find out a little about running. Warm-up exercises are important before you begin. Stretch the hamstring and calf muscles, do about 10-15 situps and a few jumping jacks.

Clothing is also a big question. In warm weather, nylon shorts with slit sides are suitable. Cotton shorts are good for cool weather. When it turns cold,

black leotard pants under a pair of shorts are not as heavy as sweat pants, making running easier.

Shoes are the most important item. Think of your feet before you buy a pair of cheap tennis shoes. A good pair of shoes costs from \$20 to \$40.

Finding a place to run is also important. Tracks are boring and make a short run seem like

miles. Instead, choose something with pretty scenery such as a park or country road.

Now that you are just about ready, take a few minutes to think about your physical condition. The person who gives up the first day is usually the one who tried to do too much. Start out jogging a few minutes, then walking a minute. Repeat this about seven or eight times and

gradually build up your pace and endurance.

Everyone knows how to run. It is not something you learn to do, so do not imitate someone else's style. Just run naturally and keep your body relaxed.

Just remember each foot should strike the ground at the heel and roll forward. Running on your toes can cause sore calf muscles and shin splints.



Don't Raise Your Foot...MCC Sailing Instructor Ray Murray shows a student the position to be assumed when sailing.

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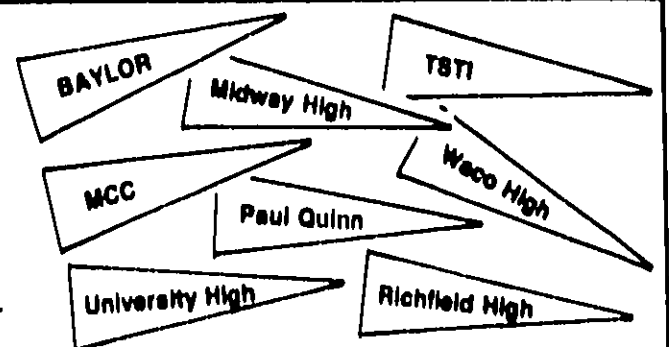
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Mark Sorrells, our high school supervisor, is record club manager at Word, Inc. It's his job to know what young people like and don't like, need and don't need.

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Sports at a Glance

by Tex Stidham

Intercollegiate Athletics begin this week and although it is too early to say anything about the personal or the upcoming season, can give a little information on each team.

Coach Jimmy Clayton's golf team began qualifying rounds this week to determine the top five players. Due to graduation a lot of positions are open and anyone could step in. Calyton plans to carry 11 players this year. Last year's team finished second in the nation and Clayton hopes for more of the same this year.

Coach Carmack Berryman's tennis team will be relatively young this year and he invites anyone interested in trying out to contact him at his office in the health-physical education building.

Fall workouts are under way for Coach Rick Butler's baseball team. A total of about 40 players are trying out. The team will work outside for six weeks before moving indoors for eight weeks of conditioning. Butler is assisted by Dub Kilgo.

Lassie coach Pam Davis began tryouts Wednesday with 18 women. Davis has three seasoned veterans returning and has brought in some highly regarded talent.

Highlander Coach Johnny Carter will not open practice for a couple of weeks. Carter has five veterans returning from last year's 24-9 team. Some talented freshmen will play a big part of this team and Carter will have some bench strength provided no injuries occur. Carter hopes injuries this year won't plague the team in the late going as they did last year.

If each team has the kind of season the coaches predict, then all in all MCC athletics could be something to talk about.

The Southwest Conference begins its season this weekend when the SMU Mustangs and the TCU Horned Frogs collide. It will be a game between the high powered SMU offense and a new revamped Horn Frog defense. If the Frogs can hold SMU to under twenty points then the Frogs might stand a chance to win. On the other hand, Ron Meyer's enthusiasm and spirit should keep SMU going all night.

My choice SMU by 14.

The Texas Aggies journey to Kansas to meet the Kansas Jayhawks this Saturday. The Aggies' offense is way ahead of their defense and should carry the Aggies to a convincing victory over the Hawks. If the Aggies can get their defense to jell, A&M will be tough to beat this year.

My choice is A&M by 21.

In a game that could embaress the SWC the Texas Tech Red Raiders travel to California to meet the University of Southern California Trojans. In a trip that should be beautiful, the game is likely to be the opposite. The Trojans are returning some offensive power to go along with their stubborn defense. Tech meanwhile is in a rebuilding year and is experimenting with a lot of young players. The Trojans should have no trouble.

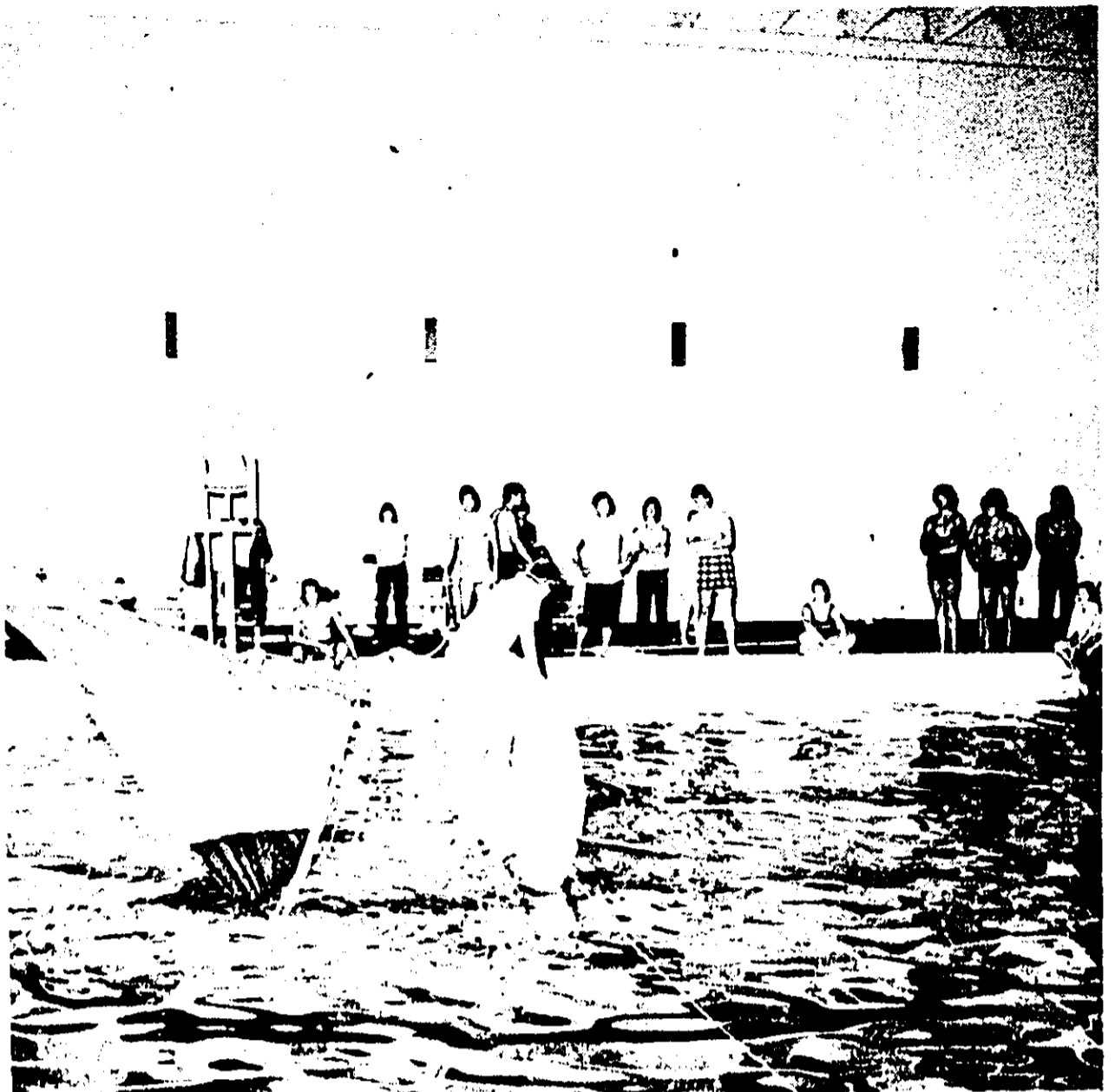
My pick is USC by 28.

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Just Don't Stand There... Students observe difficult techniques in handling a sailboat.

Sailing not easy

by Robert Gough

HPE 128.01 is the most difficult physical education course you can take at MCC. And if you do not believe it, just ask instructor Ray Murray.

Murray has been teaching sailing here for a number of years and his claim that it is the hardest of the PE courses is not without substance. The number of technicalities to be mastered is enormous.

For example, each student must learn a whole slew of sailing jargon and terms, ranging from tiller to centerboard to halyard line. They are also required to know the correct procedure in assembling and disassembling a boat, righting a capsized boat or performing the ultimate—sailing

a craft on the open lake.

"There is nothing general about sailing terminology," MCC's version of America's Cup Champion Ted Turner told his students last week. "Every line has a specific name as does each

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sail." Murray went on to explain to his crew of around 20 other facts about the sailboat, such as how to use a figure eight stopper knot, how the tiller and centerboard work together to control the boat, and that the rigging is defined as anything above the deck line.

This week the new sailors went out on Lake Waco where they experienced first-hand the harrowing hazards of being alone on the open seas. Or, as Murray chuckles, "The first day is the most interesting day on the lake."

Why would anyone want to take a PE course that involves so much when there are easier, not to mention safer, activities available? Murray explains, "They (the students) like the excitement, the interacting with the water. Sailing offers the romantic aspect, also. When you see an advertisement for TV sets, frequently you will see a picture of a sailboat."

He continues "Sailing is a structural device for having fun, like hunting, fishing or skiing. Students like the adventure and the challenge."

Freshman business major Jonathon Laubert explains simply his reasons for taking the sailing course. "I didn't know how to do it and it looked like fun." "Besides," he added, "I wanted a diversified education."

Murray has seen the popularity in sailing rise in Waco from the beginning. A charter member of the Waco Sailing Club, he is now affiliated with the Hobie Sailing Club and has seen the number of boats increase fourfold in the last five years.

What has caused the recent sailing boom? The arguments in favor of Murray's hobby fairly "sail" from his lips.

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"Sailing costs less than motorboating and after the initial cost factor, there is very little expense," said Murray. "Sailing is environmentally sound except for the large amount of oil required to construct the fiberglass hull."

"And," Murray concluded like Perry Mason resting his case, "It takes knowledge and skill to operate a sailboat. With a motorboat, all you need is a key!"

Intramurals underway

Intramural coed volleyball is underway.

A record of 30 teams have entered this year's competition. The tournament will be a double-elimination affair with two matches played on each court each day. Each best two-out-of-three match will have a thirty-minute time limit.

Rules for the tourney will have a few variations from the power volleyball set-up. No male player may jump over the net to spike a ball, the ball must be touched by at least one women participant before it goes back over, and no strict interpretation of the rules will be enforced, except for obvious violations.