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Skiers may get new boat, lake use

By SUE SCOTT
Reporter

The Texas A&M Water Ski Team is planning to buy a new boat and has arranged for the use of a lake only five minutes from campus.

An elderly College Station resident, Bert Wheeler, has tentatively agreed to let the team use his man-made lake, south of campus. In the agreement, which has not yet been finalized, the team has exclusive rights to use the lake, but will be held responsible for injuries that might occur on the property.

Melanie Jarrell, president of the water ski club, says the skiing skills of the team members will improve because the lake is

convenient to campus and will allow more practice time.

Since they will be practicing more often and for a longer period of time, the team anticipates putting more hours on a boat. They therefore decided to get a new boat, rather than a cheaper, used boat.

"The resale value of any club boat is usually lower than normal ski boats," Mark Armstrong, club vice president said. "Nobody would want to buy a used, club boat."

The club voted to raise the dues from \$35 to \$75 per semester, but it doesn't plan to finance the boat with dues money. Instead it will try to raise the \$13,000 for a new competition inboard boat through the University's Development Program, through which private donations to the club are matched by participating companies.

The club also hopes to get money from direct, private donations.

The additional \$40 in dues will pay for maintenance and repairs and compensate for de-

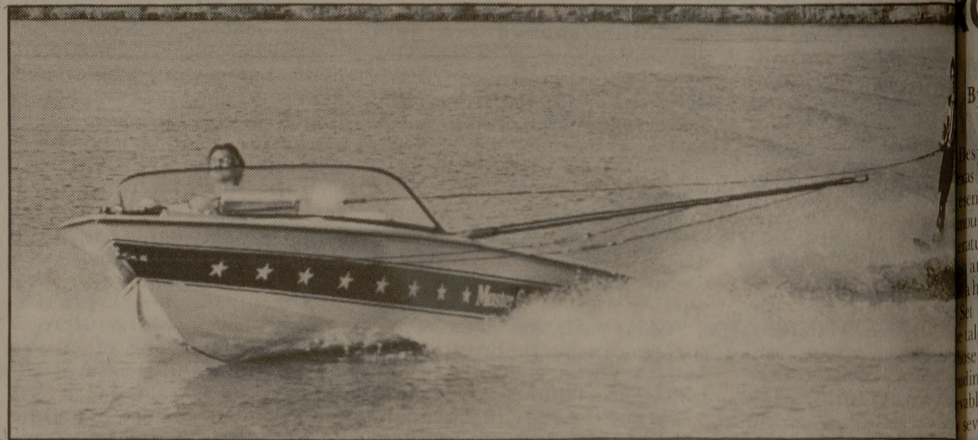


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Texas A&M water ski team members Chip Miles, and team captain Richard Ameen, driver, practice in Bert Wheeler's lake Monday afternoon.

preciation when the boat is traded a year later.

Armstrong does not expect the increase in dues to affect membership. The club now has 60 paid members, with 40 of those regularly practicing and competing.

The idea to buy a boat grew

mainly out of necessity. For the last three years the team got a new boat each year through a boat manufacturer's (Master Craft) Promotion Program. In this program, the team bought a new boat with money donated by member's parents, for 35 percent off the retail price. In return the team had to take the

boat to southwestern Texas and promote the manufacturer. Master Craft boats have a highly visible logo painted on the boat's side.

This year, Master Craft continued that program, giving the Texas A&M team out a boat. In order to

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MCC official says computers becoming more essential

By TAMMY KIRK
Reporter

The world of computers is as much a part of human contact as a part of technology, a top of-

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official from Microelectronics and Computer Technology Corp. said Tuesday.

William D. Stotesbery, director of government and public affairs for MCC, spoke at the Sterling C. Evans Library in recognition of National Library Week at Texas A&M. The theme for library week is "Knowledge is Real Power."

MCC is a joint research and development venture in microelectronics and computers. The 15 companies that own MCC are work together to maintain technological high standards in the United States and international competitiveness, especially in Japan and Western Europe.

The idea behind MCC is for the firm to pool finances and resources to develop technology. The founding and future

shareholders then will be able to derive products and services of their own to compete in any market.

"Everyone does not have to be a computer jockey," Stotesbery said. Although people will be affected in their jobs by microelectronics and computers, Stotesbery said he believes there will be a greater familiarity with the technology in the future.

"The key (to technology) is to be comfortable with it, not afraid of it," Stotesbery added.

Another challenge MCC is facing is the merging of technology with liberal arts, Stotesbery said. There can't be one without the other, he added.

"There have to be integrated efforts as well as integrated circuits," Stotesbery said. People

must know simple arithmetic as well as how to spell, he added.

The new generation of technology is something to look forward to, but with the need of adapting to new disciplines and change, Stotesbery said.

MCC's first four long-range advanced technology programs are expected to advance significantly within five to 10 years. These programs are Packard Software Technology, VLSI/Computer-Aided Design, and Advanced Computer Architecture.

MCC is as diverse as the library itself, Stotesbery said. In general, computers range from automatic skid control to pieces on the wrist.

School prayer debate tonight

By JILL GOLDEN
Reporter

Should prayer in public schools be allowed? The Texas A&M Debate Team will sponsor an open debate on the topic tonight at 7 in 701 Rudder. Admission is free.

Because of the timeliness of the school prayer issue, assistant debate coach Bruce Daniel expects a large crowd at what will

be the last hour-long debate this semester.

Timothy Riehle, a junior business analysis major from Los Angeles, will speak in favor of school prayer.

David Dick, a sophomore finance and accounting major from San Antonio, will speak against school prayer.

Both had to try out for their speaking positions. Tryouts are open to any Texas A&M under-

graduate interested in public speaking and debate.

Although both are in public speaking classes, neither are debate team members. Daniel says that is good because it will give both speakers a chance to show their speaking skills.

After both state their positions, the debate will be open to audience rebuttal.

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