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Texas City, Texas 77590

Jeremy Collins Portrays JFK For Great Issues Lectures

The Los Angeles TIMES called it a "mesmerizing performance." The New York TIMES noted "it was a unique glimpse of history," while PLAYBOY magazine declared it "good theatre."

JFK, the one-man stage portrait of the late President Kennedy, is all these things—and much more. Coming to La Marque High School on Monday, Feb. 4, at 7:30 p.m. as the second presentation of College of the Mainland's Great Issues Lecture Series, the 90-minute show recaptures the spirit of a recent segment of American History with stunning accuracy. Tickets are \$2, with students and senior citizens admitted for \$1.

Actor Jeremiah Collins' brilliant portrayal of JFK has played to standing-room only audiences from coast to coast. He not only looks remarkably like the late President but has mastered his inflections, gestures, accent and movements. Unlike Hal Holbrook's MARK TWAIN, Collins is impersonating a man everyone

saw and it is this remarkable challenge that he meets and overcomes.

"One doesn't have to be a Kennedy fan to enjoy this unique one-man recounting of history," commented Larry Smith, associate dean of continuing education and community services. "The show is educational and entertaining—Collins brilliantly handles the 90 minutes of chronologically-arranged excerpts from Kennedy's speeches and press conferences from his inaugural address to his last press conference," Smith added, pointing out that the show had received standing ovations at colleges, universities and theatres throughout the United States.

JFK was the result of a chance meeting between Collins and veteran actor Pat O'Brien, who noted Collins' uncanny resemblance to John F. Kennedy, as well as the success of the Hal Holbrook one-man show, MARK TWAIN TONIGHT. It took Collins two years of concentrated

study to produce his outstanding portrayal.

Tickets may be ordered by sending a check to: Great Issues Lecture Series, College of the Mainland, 8001 Palmer Highway, Texas City, Texas 77590.

Tickets may also be purchased at the following locations: COM Business Office; The Daily Sun, Texas City; King's Jewelry Store, Texas City; UTMB Bookstore, Galveston; Rosenberg Library, Galveston; Newsland, NASA 1, Clear Lake City; First State Bank, Hitchcock; Eiband's Galveston; Dr. M.W. Brantford's office, Texas City and Mapp's Pharmacy, Texas City.

"Of course, we always sell tickets at the door, but in order to insure a seat at this outstanding presentation, I would urge everyone to get their tickets as soon as possible," Smith commented.

Further information regarding the program may be obtained by calling 938-1211, Ext. 296.



JEREMY COLLINS

Theater Presents Taming Of The Shrew

TAMING OF THE SHREW, Shakespeare's witty battle of sexes, opened as College of the Mainland's next Community Theatre presentation.

Additional performances will be presented on February 8, 9, 15 and 16th in the Arena Theater at 8 p.m. Tickets, which are \$2 for adults and \$1 for students as well as senior citizens, may be reserved by calling 938-1211, Ext. 225.

A fast-paced and robust comedy, Shakespeare's classic tale of woman's role in a man's world has weathered the centuries to become even more relevant today. The Comedia Players presentation will be in modern dress, using the "play within a play" concept as a dramatic vehicle for the wit and wisdom of Shakespeare.

The production is under the direction of Jacque Browning

Perkowski, who has extensive acting and production experience. She earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in Drama-Dance from the University of Texas and has appeared in many plays at the Clear Creek County Theatre, Baylor University, Balinese Theatre and in summer stock in other parts of the country. Last

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LIGHT MOMENT — Cast members in COM's production of *The Taming of the Shrew* share a light moment during rehearsal. Left to right: Stephan Horgan as Tranio; Harry Booker who plays Lord Vincento and Steve Forgas as Lucentio. Opening night is February 1.

Journalism classes 132 & 236 are still open. No prior experience is necessary. Class time is every Wednesday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., in room 218 in the Student Center. For more information contact Bob Smith at the Student Center.

LRC Resumes Hours

College of the Mainland's Learning Resource Center will resume its regular services and operating hours, according to an announcement this week by Robert Slaney, director of print media.

The Center is open Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Citizens of the district are reminded that the use of the facility is open to all of senior high age and above.

"It is not necessary to be a student in order to use the LRC," Slaney pointed out. "All that is needed is a COM Identification Card which can be obtained in the Admissions Office."

Basic Education Classes Open

Adult Basic Education classes for people who have not finished high school are now in progress in the Adult Learning Lab room L 212. These classes are held four nights a week and are free.

Enrollment is open and on a continuing basis. Call 938-1211, Ext. 293 for more information.

He added that the I.D. card serves as a library card to check out books, tapes, films and other learning materials anytime during the hours the LRC is open.

ACT Testing Dates Set

ACT testing dates for this school year are Feb. 23, April 27 and June 15, 1974. The national ACT test may be taken at the testing center in the administration building.

All junior colleges and approximately one-third of the senior institutions in Texas require or accept ACT.

Athletes must take the ACT test on national testing dates to be eligible for NCAA competition. Locally administered tests are not acceptable.

For additional information regarding the ACT test or any other testing program, call 938-1211, Ext. 278.

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New Blood In Speech Department

Teacher Profile

By Gary D. Hall
Comet Staff

Some new blood has been added to the Speech department with the addition of Jakey D. Wood, a new part-time instructor at College of the Mainland.

Although Wood has only been with us a very short time he already seems to be vigorously involved in the Speech program. He voiced his first impressions of the college by stating he is highly impressed by both the students and the various faculty members he has come in contact with.

Wood resides in El Lago (near NASA), with his wife and youngest son who is a senior in high school. His eldest son is majoring in art at the University of Texas.

Wood earned his Bachelor of Arts degree at Southwest Texas University and has done graduate work at both University of Michigan and University of Houston. After having spent thirty years working for the government, the last thirteen of these as a member of management at NASA, Wood has retired from the space center and settled down to do the things he enjoys. Teaching part-time at College of the Mainland is certainly one manifestation of his enjoyment but also high on his list is Drama and his various dealings in theatrics. Our new addition to the faculty has been involved with the Little Theatre since 1947. Currently, he is one of the directors at the Clear Creek Little Theatre and aids in the direction of some of the fine plays that are to be seen there.



JAKEY D. WOOD
New Speech Instructor

Wood has taught school before, both in his younger years, and later in life when he taught night school. He has been an instructor in speech, Journalism, and English, thus giving us evidence of the many facets of his background. Wood has been involved with young people a good deal of his life and greatly enjoys working with them. As to the question of long hair and dress he feels that these have no bearing upon the student's ability to learn and should not be a factor in teaching.

In my opinion Wood has a very notable intellect and personality which will certainly contribute to his success at College of the Mainland and make him a welcome asset.

Recreation Room Offers Fun

The College Center's Recreation Room located upstairs in room 203 is equipped with three professional size billiard tables, one bumper pool table, table top tennis (Ping Pong) tables, and eight games tables for cards, TV set is available for viewing in the television Lounge located directly across from the recreation room.

Those who want to use recreation (game) room equipment should first present a valid ID card to the game room supervisor or attendant. This card will be retained while the student uses any of the tables, for a maximum of 60 minutes at a time. There should be no more than four people at a table at one time.

Basketball Tourney Is Scheduled

Intramurals will have a one on one (men) basketball tourney Feb. 13 at 12:30 p.m. On Feb 15 women's pool will begin at 12:00 p.m. and table tennis starts on Feb. 27 at 1:00 p.m.

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COM Recreation Program Offers Varied Facilities

The college's physical education facilities are now open all year except during Christmas and Easter vacations. This is part of its Community Recreation Program.

Until Feb. 11 the open hours for adult use are 7 to 10 p.m. Monday through Thursday. After this date the times will be 8 to 10 p.m. Monday through Thursday. Adults are anyone over sixteen years of age.

Facilities include the gymnasium, fitness lab., sauna bath and swimming pool. The whirlpool baths are open by appointment only.

Family groups can use the facilities, except the fitness lab., on Friday nights from 7 to 10 p.m. Supervised activities are conducted from 9 to 12 a.m. on Saturday mornings for children eight to fifteen years old. Sundays from 1 to 4 p.m. are reserved for senior citizens.

ID Cards Found

The following ID cards have been found on the COM campus. They may be picked up at the information desk in the College Center

- Joan Clingan
- Eddie Smith
- Clyde Damgwoop
- Glenda Zuckerman
- Pauline Hammett
- Freddie Holiday
- Linda Jones
- Lawrence Loston
- Judy Pattum
- Joseph Russo



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Varied Activities Involve Many At COM

The COM Intramural department reports that there were approximately 260 faculty, staff, and students participating in campus activities last semester. IM sponsored activities included pool, volleyball, table tennis, bowling, badminton, 3-on-3 basketball, poetry, racquetball, archery, art, and a photo contest.

The semester's top winners included—(Men's Division) James Gilmore, Carlton Wade, and Arnold Taylor, pool; Leon Jourbert, bowling; Tony Aguilar, badminton; Darrell Shelton, table tennis and pool; Ricky Vaughn, racquetball; David Freemont, archery; and Clarence Washington, Mark Smith, Rodney Thompson, and James Davis, basketball.

Women's Division winners included Pat Haire, Alesia Hurst, and Karen Atkinson, pool; Brenda Hardy, bowling; Jackie Smith,

badminton; Erin Applegate, table tennis; Judith Daraty, poetry; Gwen Jurca, archery; and Zenatte Burnett, photography.

On behalf of the Intramural department and the division of Student Life Leroy August would like to take this opportunity to congratulate, not only the winners, but all of the participants of the IM programs.

IM is continually a variety of interesting programs to bring more into the field of activities.

Leroy August's goal is 300-325 students a semester. He would like more women in activities. If there are reasons for the lack of women in activities contact Leroy August at the College Center. A simple phone call or note will let him know about your interest.

Intramurals Make Vital Contribution

By Leroy August

Intramural activities make an important contribution to the life of today's college student. They help young men and women to develop socially, emotionally, and physically as well as adding directly to their educational experience.

We at COM believe in this philosophy. And encourage all of the campus family to help in the carrying out of the forstated ideas.

The intramural program at COM, like many other institutions, is one which considers and provides for individual differences and interests. It is established to furnish facilities, activities and leadership for all students in a number of activities make available for student selection. It includes team sports, individual sports, creative activities and avocational activities. Its goals are strongly considered educational. Some are for immediate satisfaction, such as wholesome fun team work, improvement of skills and making friends, to name just a few; others are pointed to the future, such as improvement of health, development of personality, ability to meet effectively mental and emotional stresses, and the acquisition of life-long leisure-time skills.

A general overview of our intramural program includes physical educational activities, recreational activities, avocational activities and hopefully, some of the activities to satisfy the hobbyist.

THEATER

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summer, she directed for Children's Theatre-on-the-Bay in La Porte.

The cast is an equally talented and experienced one. Petruccio is played by Frank Myers, who is head of the English Department at Santa Fe High School and has acted and directed in semi-professional and community theaters from Houston to Galveston. His professional apprenticeship was completed at the Alley Theatre.

Marijo Pound, who portrays the fiery Katharine, teaches ballet in the Music Arts Center and has played major roles in *Sweet Charity*, *Guys and Dolls*, *Not In The Lobby You Don't*, and *Little Mary Sunshine*.

The role of Baptista is carried by Paul Lombard, a talented actor with a Masters degree in Drama. He is a former teacher with the Texas City School District and is now teaching a Stagecraft course at COM. Some of his major roles include *Pinafore*, *Arsenic and Old Lace*, *You Can't Take It With you*, *Carnival*, *1776*, and *Not In The Lobby You Don't*.

Alanna Clark, a student at COM and a member of its Drama Club, will be seen in her first acting role as Bianca, Kate's sister. Steven L. Forgas, as Lucentio, is employed at American National and has played major roles in *Harvey*, *Diary of Anne Frank*, *Hannibal*, *Curious Savage*, and *Mary, Mary*.

Sly will be played by John Towner, who directed COM's recent production of *The Odd Couple*. He will be remembered for his portrayal of Ben Franklin in COM's 1776 last summer.

Stephen P. Horgan, who recently appeared in *The Odd Couple*, is cast in the role of Tranio. His theater experience include *The Would Be Gentleman*, *Black Comedy* and *Inspection General*.

Hortensio is Lewis Parker, Jr., of La Marque, who graduated from COM in 1969 and is now a student at the University of Houston. He recently appeared in *The Odd Couple*. Rique Brister, as Biondello, attends COM and is a cheerleader and a member of the Drama Club. Donald Lamb plays Grumio and has appeared in major roles in *Dark of the Moon*, *Birdbath* and *Fiddler on the Roof*.

Gremio is played by Gus Babb, an Aerospace Engineer at the Johnson Space Center, who has played in *The Odd Couple*, *Guys and Dolls*, *Fantastics* and *Brigadoon*. Harry Booker, in the role of Lord Vincento, teaches photography at COM and has directed *1776*, *The Rainmaker*, *Yum Yum Tree* and *After The Rain*. He has appeared in *Never Too Late* and *Dark of the Moon*.

"I'm very excited about the way the play is shaping up," commented Mrs. Bea Weberlein, producer for COM's Community Theatre. It has a cast with in-depth talent and an experienced, creative director. I think I can safely predict it's going to be one of the Comedia Players' best presentations," she added.



PRINTER — Mrs. Gay Lansdon, instructor in printmaking at the University of Houston, demonstrated the techniques of printmaking at COM's Fine Arts Gallery. Mrs. Lansdon is shown at work in her studio.

Classified Ads

(There is no charge for Classified Ads — Give them to Information Desk. Resubmit if ad is to continue.)

FOR SALE—Rubber life raft; camouflage colored. Call 938-0587 after 5 p.m. * * *

SPECIAL OFFER—All college students can receive the Houston Chronicle at one-half the regular subscription price. Call 935-9118. * * *

NOTICE—Any person who was here in the Fall and who left clothing or other items of value in a locker in the gym should ask for it at the office between 9 and 5. * * *

FOR SALE—1 G-78-15, New blackwall tire, 6 ply truck tire with regular tread. Never before used. Replaces size 8.25-15. General Jumbo 780 Series Belted. Asking \$25.00. Call Roy Lundberg at 935-9153 in La Marque. * * *

OLD GUITARS—Want to buy, sell or trade. Please contact Robert at 337-2830. * * *

FREE—Membership in I.S.S.H B.N.P. For membership cards, please contact John Hubisz in the Physics Department, Room S-102, or Ext. 325. * * *

WANTED—Folk or classical type guitar in reasonable condition and at a reasonable price. Call 935-9259 after 9 p.m. * * *

FOR SALE OR TRADE—4-fourteen inch Plymouth Barracuda wheels. Will fit any Dart, Barracuda, or Challenger. Call 935-9259 after 9 p.m. * * *

This is available free space for **YOUR Classified Ad**. How about selling those used books, outgrown bicycles, extra car you don't need (or can't afford), clothing, or anything you don't want or can't use. This is the place—advertise.



CULTURE CORNER



Books

THE MATLOCK PAPERS By Robert Ludlum. The Dial Press. 1973. 312 pps.

James Matlock is an Associate Professor at Carlyle University, and the main character of the novel. He is hired by the Washington Data Bank to find the drug king pins and where they plan to hold their business meeting for the northeast region. A feeling of suspense pervades throughout the following days.

Agent Loring of the Attorney General's office contacts Matlock with three tips, the first of which is a ledger with the coordinates C-22°—59°. These geographically match those of the University so Loring goes to the College president and requests the help of Matlock because of his capability to blend into the student scene.

An FBI agent Jason Greenburg, enters the scene just before Loring is shot to death by the drug kings. Together Matlock and Greenburg plan the ensuing strategy.

The FBI and Washington Data Bank are not the only ones after the drug kings—Julian Dunois, a Caribbean and radical is after the kings in order to find a counter-clature for the drug scene. The Mafia also wants Nimrod, the code name for the kings.

Greenburg is pulled off the case and Matlock has to go it alone. Fred Houston, a member of the OSI, is sent in but is shot before he has a chance to brief Matlock. It is a narrow escape for the clever Matlock. He slips off to West Virginia and finds Greenburg.

Members of the Mafia and Dunois' followers confront each other and after a long battle, Adrean Sealfont, Carlyle University president, is unveiled as Nimrod.

Greenburg returns and closes the case so the world-wide dope travel rone is closed.

Matlock and Patricia Valentine leave for a Caribbean vacation which is interrupted by a call from the government with his next job.

Novelist Robert Ludlum has skillfully written a book that vividly depicts attempts to crack the drug ring. It is quite realistic and becomes a hard book to put down after one begins to read it.

—Regina List

Records

LOVE SONG By Love Song; 1973.

The contemporary music scene today has developed into a mature art form, a vehicle for the expression of talents, as well as a podium for presenting every type of thought, message, philosophy and even some purposely non-committal "non-philosophy" where the meaning, or lack of meaning, is completely in the mind of the listener.

The group Love Song is the simple gospel message of the truth of God: the love of the real Jesus Christ, God's son. The album starts with a love song which reflects their experience with God and simply radiates love from the beginning to the end with a harmony out of this world. The second cut changes which was inspired by the scripture II Cor. 5:17, captures a group effort of the most flowing harmony you have heard since America.

One finds some very good electric guitar work, orchestration, and vocals on the rest of the side with master pieces by the titles Two Hands, Little Country Church, Freedom and Welcome Back. Side two of this album starts with country rock done with a very fine taste of harmony and is simply flawless. Let us be one, is another example of perfection in all ways, musically and vocally. The rest of the album is done in the same taste as the first two songs and holds you spellbound from beginning to end. If you truly love music done with a touch and feeling that changes lives, this should be in your album collection.

—Wayne Hamilton

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Special books on sale — limited amount — tax deleted; prices ranging from \$2.56 to \$7.00!

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Memory Course Offered At COM

It's not too late to take the memory course on "Indexing the Mind" being offered at College of the Mainland, according to Larry Smith, director of continuing education and community services.

Even though the first of the three class meetings has already been held, Smith said that a make-up class would be held prior to the second meeting for those who were unable to attend the first meeting. The make-up session will begin promptly at 5 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 24, and persons desiring to enroll in the course may do so at this time, he said. The make-up session will last approximately an hour and a half, with a short break prior to the regular class meeting at 7 p.m. The class is held in COM's Teaching Auditorium.

More than 40 students enrolled in the class at its first meeting on Jan. 17, but Smith said that there is room for many more students. He further commented that this tremendously interesting course

was being taken by many area business persons as well as students from local high schools and colleges. The class is being taught by Harvey Drake, nationally known memory expert of Oklahoma City. The tuition, which includes fee and material cost, is \$10.

For further information, please call 938-1211, Ext. 296.

COLLEGE OF THE
MAINLAND CALENDAR
SHOW

Every Thursday at 6:00 P.M.
KILE (1400)

Your host, Michael Augustus



DONATIONS — Richard McCord, (right) plant manager of Marathon Oil Company, presents a check for \$1,000 to Dr. Fred A. Taylor, president of College of the Mainland. The money will be used either for a Technical-Vocational scholarship or to purchase needed equipment.

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Decision Program Aims At Public Awareness

College of the Mainland's **GREAT DECISIONS** study-discussion program is an eight week program sponsored by the Foreign Policy Association, a national non-partisan, educational organization committed to helping the American public become aware of vital foreign policy issues.

Started Sunday, February 10th, and for each Sunday thru

April 7, KUHT-TV, Channel 8 will air nationally televised Great Decisions Discussion Programs. The program is being aired each week at 4:30 p.m. and will feature nationally prominent foreign policy experts. In addition, the Galveston Daily News is carrying United Press International's series of articles relating each week to that week's Great Decisions topic.

The on-campus program consists of four morning groups meeting once a week, Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m. to noon and three evening groups meeting once a week, Tuesday through Thursday, 7 to 9 p.m. A trained discussion leader is provided for each session during the eight week period.

The eight topics being discussed are: (1) WESTERN EUROPE AND THE U.S.: What Future for the Atlantic Community?, (2) PRESIDENT vs. CONGRESS: How should Foreign Policy Powers Be Shared?, (3) SOVIET-AMERICAN DETENTE: Where Do We Go From Here?, (4) CUBA AND THE PANAMA CANAL ZONE: Time for a Change in U.S. Policies?, (5) THE ENERGY "CRISIS": What Impact? What Solutions?, (6) ISRAEL AND THE MIDDLE EAST CONFLICT: Will Peace Ever Prevail?, (7) THE PEOPLES REPUBLIC OF CHINA: Toward a New Society?, (8) PEOPLE! PEOPLE!: How Many

Student Assembly Slated For Feb. 27

There will be an important general student body assembly presented by Student Government, Entertainment, Publicity, Lecture and Lyceum Committees Wednesday, February 27 at 12:30 p.m. in Room 223 in the Student Center. All students are invited to come.

The discussion will consist of what these organizations can and will do for the students and what the students expect and want from these organizations.

KUHT-TV Begins Spanish News

Por la cortesia del Canal 13, comenzando el dos de Febrero, por KUHT-TV se presentara NOTICIAS EN ESPANOL CON ELMA BARRERA todos los sabados a las 6 y 15 de la tarde.

El proposito de este programa es comunicar a la comunidad de habla espanol los ultimos acontecimientos sucedidos durante la semana, con enfasis en noticias locales y actividades de servicio publico. Aunque miembros de la comunidad de habla espanola han avanzado economica y politicamente en los ultimos anos, en la primera vez que una estacion local ofrece esta clase de servicio publico.

Through the courtesy of Channel 13, beginning February 2, 1974, KUHT-TV, Channel 8, will present fifteen minutes of news in Spanish, NOTICIAS EN ESPANOL CON ELMA BARRERA each Saturday evening at 6:15 p.m.

The purpose of the show is to inform the large Spanish-speaking population living in and around Houston. While the Spanish-speaking people have made in-roads economically and politically with the past few years, local television stations

Can the Earth Support?

"The topics selected by the Foreign Policy Association are not only current and critical, but also involve a great deal of pro and con viewpoint," declared Bob Handy, Director of Adult and Community Services. "These divergent viewpoints are presented in the **GREAT DECISIONS**

materials in such a way as to stimulate constructive discussion and debate among citizens, which is essential to the democratic process and to the development of a better informed citizenry," he added.

For further information regarding the program, please call Handy, 938-1211, Ext. 225.

Council Sets Criteria For H.K. Eckert Award

The special committee of College of the Mainland's Citizens' Advisory Council met to establish criteria for selecting the recipient for the H.K. "Griz" Eckert Award.

Nominees for the award may be initiated by any student, employee, or faculty and staff member at College of the Mainland. Each nominator must write an explanation of why his nominee deserves the award and will submit his nomination request to the following bodies:

A. Students—to the Student Senate.

B. Faculty and Staff—to Faculty Division of COMEA.

C. Secretaries—to Secretarial Division of COMEA.

D. Maintenance—to Maintenance Division of COMEA.

An ad hoc committee derived from the Student Senate, and all the divisions of COMEA will be formed and will make the final decision.

The criteria for the award involves a number of things. Some of the characteristics and attributes to be manifested by nominees, but do not preclude

any other positive attributes which may foster "Humanhood Through Brotherhood" are:

A. Involvement in activities that promote "Humanhood Through Brotherhood".

B. An active interest in College of the Mainland exemplifying the ideals of the College.

C. Leadership in bringing varied groups together in mutual understanding.

D. Humanistic, other-centeredness, and openminded.

The award will be given at graduation exercises.

All students faculty-staff members and employees are invited to actively participate in nominating for this award.

Graphic Arts Exhibit Held At Fine Arts

An exhibit of original graphic art by contemporary and old master artists is being held in the Fine Arts Building of COM through February 22nd. The hours are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. every weekday except Tuesday, when the hours are 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

The exhibit is arranged by the Ferdinand Roten Galleries of Baltimore, which has one of the largest collections of graphic art in the country. The exhibit is free and open to the general public.

Student Government Holds Flag Contest

Members of the COM Student Government are holding a flag contest. It is open to all students with the only directions being to draw a flag and turn it in by the first week in March. The winner of the contest will receive a miniature copy of the flag!

Peanut Push Challenge By Program Council

A second challenge has been made by the members of the Student Center program council. "We challenge all student organizations, staff and divisions to a peanut push 'cause we'll beat you!!"

The event is slated for Feb. 20 at 12:30 p.m. Teams are to be composed of three people. The winners will receive ribbons and free hamburgers.

Entries are to be returned to Karen Atkinson at the Center.

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Susan Smeltzer Plays At COM Fine Arts Arena



PIANIST—Susan Smeltzer takes a bow in Brahms Hall Debut in the Musikervein, Vienna, Austria, after the audience hails Chopin group.

Susan Smeltzer, prize-winning pianist, has returned from a triumphant European debut in Vienna, Austria where she appeared in the world famous Brahms Hall in the Musikervein, on Jan. 16. Coming on Feb. 22, she will perform in the Fine Arts Arena at COM.

She received curtain call after curtain call for a highly-demanding program. The audience hailed a Chopin group with an unusually warm and spontaneous ovation.

"Playing in that magnificent hall was the greatest moment in my career," Susan observed. "It was both touching and thrilling to reach that level of communication with the Viennese," she stated in an after-the-performance conversation with Dr. Anton Prohansl, executive director of the Austrian-American Fulbright commission.

The artist was born in Sapulpa, Oklahoma and is a graduate of Oklahoma City University, studying four years with Robert Laughlin, Ernestine Scott and Dr. Clarence Burg.

Later, she received her Masters of Music degree from the University of Southern California, where she studied from 1963 to 1969 with Lillian Steuber.

Susan Smeltzer has received outstanding critical acclaim in major newspapers throughout the Midwest, South and Los Angeles areas. In 1969, the pianist received a Fulbright Grant to study in Vienna under Prof. Dr. Josephy Dichler at the Akademie fur Musik. She holds many national and international honors, has appeared with numerous American Symphony orchestras, has given extensive solo and chamber music recitals, as well as winning over 20 competitions.

For the past year, she has served as artist-in-residence at College of the Mainland in Texas City, Texas. A career which began with a solo concert at nine years of age in her hometown, Sapulpa, Oklahoma, has now carried her to a successful debut in the renowned Brahms Hall in Vienna.

Stagestruck Director

Teacher Profile

Jacque Browning Perkowski, director of College of the Mainland's forthcoming production of **THE TAMING OF THE SHREW** was 'stagestruck' at six when she appeared in a second grade play.

Some 28 productions and a drama degree later, she is still in love with the theater and very involved with it.

To those around Jacque, the drift and direction of her life is not surprising. When one starts dancing lessons at two-and-a-half years and then spends one's school years in a succession of school plays, the outcome is almost predictable.

As Jacque looks back, she feels the critical turning points were the 10th grade, when she became very involved with the Clear Creek County Theatre, and her senior year, when a play in which she participated placed second in a state-wide competition.

"Things jelled for me then — I really felt I was on the right track," she observed.

Born in Texas City, she spent ten years in San Leon and another decade in Dickinson, where she graduated from high school. She attended Baylor University for two years and then transferred to the University of Texas, Austin, where she graduated last May with a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Drama-Dance degree.

While attending UT, she spent summers learning her craft in summer stock in Iowa. The experience was rewarding if slightly grueling—the stock company produced eight different plays in nine weeks.

Jacque looks forward to what will be a new experience for her: directing a play in COM's Theatre-in-the-Round.

"I think in-the-round productions offer endless possibilities for exciting Theater. The intimate setting eliminates all barriers between the actors and the audience," she commented.

Jacque also has strong feelings about Shakespeare, who she



JACQUE PERKOWSKI
Director

thinks may have been "short-changed" in many high school English classes. "Shakespeare wrote his plays primarily to be performed, and while they make excellent literature, they do not really come to life until they are presented before an audience," she declared. "**TAMING OF THE SHREW** is one of the best examples of this fact. It's a robust, fast-paced, fun play which can be enjoyed by all ages and all interests for it combines music, song and dance with the wit and wisdom of Shakespeare."

Performances for COM's production are scheduled for February 1, 2, 8, 9, 15 and 16 8 p.m. in the Arena Theatre.

The cast is an unusually talented one—the two major roles are being played by people with extensive acting experience. Marijo Pound, who plays Katherine, has her own dance studio in the Clear Lake area and has appeared in countless productions in the Clear Creek County Theatre and Balinese Theatre in Galveston. Frank Myers, Petruccio, is chairman of the English Department in the Santa Fe High School; he received

ed his professional apprenticeship from the Alley Theatre and also has an impressive listing of acting credits.

"The production is shaping up beautifully," Jacque observed. "It's great to work with 'pros', but it's just as exciting to see the less experienced cast members grow in their roles," she declared, adding that perhaps it was the satisfaction of contributing to this growth that attracted her to directing.

Jacque's theater background is unusual for its balance of acting, dancing, directing and production experience.

Some of the plays in which she has appeared include: **The Lion in Winter, Private Lives**, (summer stock in Iowa); **Romeo and Juliet, Cabaret, Rags to Riches**, (UT); **Twelfth Night and Fumed Oak**, (Baylor University); **Once upon a Mattress** (Theatre Under the Stars); **The Boyfriend, Music Man, Finian's Rainbow** (Clear Creek County Theatre); and **The Odd Couple** (COM). Last summer, she divided her time between acting in **Little Mary Sunshine** at the Balinese Theatre and directing for the Children's Theatre-on-the Bay in La Porte.

After graduating from UT, life took on a new dimension for Jacque. First, she was married last summer to Ken Perkowski (also a talented actor who recently appeared as Felix Unger in COM's **The Odd Couple**) and second, she went far afield from her major interest for her first full-time position. She is now working in the Bill Adjustment Department at Foley's and enjoying the opportunity to work with people.

"I need an interlude to gain my perspective, to assess where I'm going and why," she observed. "Of course, I know eventually I'll go back to the theatre in some capacity on a more full-time basis," she added.

Which, in the light of Jacque's past, is a very safe prediction for the future.



SPORTS

AT COM

Community Uninformed About COM Athletics

"Apparently just living in the community and reading the local newspapers has not guaranteed that high school students are well informed about our endeavors."

This is just one of the thoughts offered by Dan Travaille, athletic director at College of the Mainland, when commenting on the problems of getting local athletes to attend the college.

"The athletes in the five area high schools have a tendency to look right past us at other schools, either because of lack of information or misinformation," added Travaille, "We feel that our athletic program has a great deal to offer these students if they would only investigate."

To help the students become better informed about the college and its programs, the athletic department recently invited each of the high school basketball teams from Texas City, La

Marque, Dickinson, Hitchcock and Santa Fe to visit the campus and watch a basketball game.

"We are extremely proud of the work Coach Bryant has done with our basketball program and want to publicize it whenever we can," Travaille commented.

In addition to the basketball team, the college also fields a golf team, which celebrated its' first season last spring by going undefeated.

Tentative plans are to try and expand the program for next year with consideration being given to women's volleyball, tennis, swimming and baseball as possibilities. "As is the case with everything, we are limited by financial considerations as to what we may add," said Travaille. "But we must also consider how much interest there is for a particular activity because without the interested students we can't possibly field a team, no matter what the sport."

Comets First In Conference

BY BILLY BRUNER
Staff Writer

The Mainland Comets' basketball team now holds first place in their conference games with the

recent defeat over the Gators 95-62.

Ed Benson broke the old scoring mark for the Comets with 42 points. This defeated James Turner's 37 point score achieved in 1971.

Table Tennis Intramurals Set

Table Tennis intramurals will begin on Feb. 27 at 1 p.m. with pool mixed doubles beginning March 8 at 12 noon.

Letters

To The Editor

Dear Editor,

I was talking with a friend awhile back about the energy situation and what was being done to remedy it, when he told me about an idea he had concerning a unique source of fuel. Maybe it's worth passing on.

He advocated a switchover from gasoline products to human urine. Of course, this calls for some explanation. We should consider the numerous advantages. For one thing, we would not have to worry about any serious fuel shortage in the near future. Also, there would be no price escalation to worry about, since each family could be it's own source of fuel. Likewise, there would be no cause for alarm if a traveler ran out of fuel miles from anywhere.

Of course, this plan like any other would have it's drawbacks. The water bill might go up.

In view of the advantages it seems almost practice, the only problem being how to make human urine combustible.

G.O.B.

Kaiser, Trupiano Discuss Aeros



KAISER



TRUPIANO

Houston can boast of at least one winning team—the Houston Aeros hockey team. However, many do not understand the game. To compensate for this fact and help more students enjoy this sport, COM is hosting Kemper Kaiser, a key member of the Aeros front office staff and a sales and radio producer, and Jerry Trupiano, the voice of the Aeros.

Films, a seminar, and rules will be discussed at 2:30 p.m. on Feb. 22 in the College Center.

Highlighting the discussion will be door prize—four free tickets to Aeros games.

There is no charge and everyone is invited.

Care Opens Food Crusade To Continue Vital Aid

Some 7,000,000 children across the world have had to be dropped from CARE's child-nutrition programs, because of reductions in U.S. Food for Peace commodities allocated to private American agencies for humanitarian use overseas.

"Painful decisions have had to be made to drop large groups of preschool- and school-children in countries where hunger and

malnutrition are the biggest killers of the young, and cause permanent physical and mental damage in millions who survive," Goffio said.

"CARE is hopeful Food for Peace cuts may be restored in the months ahead. Meanwhile, we must appeal to the public to respond generously, so that our most crucial programs can be maintained."

While U.S. agricultural donations are the mainstay of the programs, CARE also buys other foods to match local needs. Host governments help too, by contributing distribution costs according to their abilities. Public contributions cover the remaining delivery and purchase costs. Checks may be sent to: CARE Food Crusade, 109 North Akard, Room 917, Dallas, Texas 75201.

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JAZZ AND ROCK—Gerald Blakeman offered an informal lecture-concert on the guitar at COM's Arena Theater recently. Blakeman, an instructor at Rice University, lectured briefly and then performed selections by Bach, Weiss, Villa-Lobos, and Azeniz. A question and answer period followed the performance.

Classified Ads

NEED ROOMMATE-2 bedroom-2 bath apt. at Loch Haven Apts. \$80.00/mo. 938-0568 after 5:00 p.m.

WANTED-old bicycles for parts. Phone 925-2649, Alta Loma.

FOR SALE-289 Hypo-Ford-Cam. Brand new, make offer. Jean Simmons 945-2930.

FOR SALE-Ford 325 Ring and Pinion gears. 8 inch, brand new, make offer. 945-2930.

FOR SALE-1965 Pontiac Lemans. Needs work on valves. Good work or school car. Call 948-7869, James Nagel.

WANTED-For reasonable price - 10 speed bike. Call 938-0587 after 3:00 p.m.

SPECIAL OFFER—All college students can receive the Houston Chronicle at one-half the regular subscription price. Call 935-9118.

FOR SALE-Electric guitar, \$35. Call 938-4765.

FOR SALE-1969 Pontiac Bonneville, fully equipped and clean. Phone 945-3885.

FOUND-A watch found in a classroom last semester. Claimant must identify.

WANTED—Folk or classical type guitar in reasonable condition and at a reasonable price. Call 935-9259 after 9 p.m.

NOTICE—Any person who was here in the Fall and who left clothing or other items of value in a locker in the gym should ask for it at the office between 9 and 5.

This is available free space for **YOUR Classified Ad**. How about selling those used books, outgrown bicycles, extra car you don't need (or can't afford), clothing, or anything you don't want or can't use. This is the place—advertise.



CULTURE CORNER



Books

To give a detailed review of every book worth reading that is now coming out of the major publishing houses is, of course, impossible. However, it is important to make readers aware of as many books as space allows.

For unusual adventure **FOUR SEASONS NORTH** by Billie Wright, published by Harper and Row, easily heads the top of the list. Have you ever given thought to returning to the primitive life in the Alaskan wilderness. Well, before you take off, you had better read **FOUR SEASONS NORTH**.

Billie and Sam Wright spent a year one hundred miles north of the Arctic Circle in the Brooks Mountain range of Alaska - living like the Eskimo did before civilization came their way. Their lives become one with the past as they hunt their winter meat, outwit the wolves and bears, discover sourdough bread, and absorb the beauty of the land.

Another Arctic chronicle is **RAGE UNDER THE ARTIC** by Basil Jackson, published by W.W. Norton & Co., Inc., but the time is the future, not the past. For all ecology minded readers (and we had all better be soon) Jackson presents the disaster of an oil spill under the Northwest Passage below the huge icebergs. Of special interest today is the possibilities of such a catastrophic accident since the Alaskan oil fields are to be opened look for realism when you pick up this book.

Doubleday & Company, Inc., publishes a variety of books; however, they are always on target when it comes to what is happening - or might happen. **THE COMING DARK AGE** by Roberto Vacca is for people who are concerned about such things

as energy crisis, and the downhill spiral of civilization which this book says will get much worse - take a good look at a possible future through the scientific analysis of Vacca, an Italian computer wizard, who predicts in his book and describes **THE COMING DARK AGE**, which he estimates could begin by 1985.

All books are not so heavy, and for recreational reading, you might want to try **BEULAH LAND** by Lonnie Coleman, a novel about the Old South; **THERE'S A RHINO IN THE ROSE BED, MOTHER!**, by Betty and Jock Leslie-Melville, a rollicking group of stories of exploring Africa and the "crazies" of life at home in Kenya; or treat yourself to any of Doubleday's following publications for pleasure, instruction, or just plain good reading; **TENNIS FOR WOMEN**, ed. by Ford Hovis; **HEY, GOD, WHAT SHOULD I DO NOW**, by Jess Lair, Ph.D. and Jacqueline Carey Lair; **MUSIC IS MY MISTRESS** by Duke Ellington; **THE HEART LISTENS**, by Helen Van Slyke; **OKTOBERFEST**, by Frank De Felitta; and one of the greatest books in the music world, **MAHLER** by Henry-Louis de La Grange, a monumental work which is complete in every way in revealing the composer, Gustav Mahler.

Take a look at the following list of publications by ARCO PUBLISHING CO., INC. and chances are you will find one that you have been needing or wanting for some time: **YOUR DOG: HIS HEALTH AND HAPPINESS**; **THE ALL BREED DOG GROOMING GUIDE**; **THE ABC OF POTTED PLANTS**; **BORN TO RUN: THE MAKING OF A RACE HORSE**; **INSTANT BEAUTY**; **COLLECTING MECHANICAL ANTIQUES**; **WARSHIPS 1860-1970**; **FIRST A-CROSS**; **THE U.S. NAVY'S TRANSATLANTIC FLIGHT OF 1919**; **THE BOOK OF AMERICAN INDIANS**; and **THE WORLD'S VANISHING BIRDS**.

By JUNE ANGERSTEIN

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Records

BRAIN SALAD SURGERY
By Emerson, Lake, and Palmer

Emerson, Lake and Palmer's new album, **BRAIN SALAD SURGERY**, consists of five songs. Four of them are relatively short, but the fifth, "Karen Evil 9", starts on side one and takes up all of side two. The song is divided into three impressions. The First Impression is about a dismal future world where people are "suffering in silence". The best music on the album is on part two of the 1st Impression. It's about a weird future show which includes a "real blade of grass," Jesus being pulled out of a hat and seven virgins on a stool (I'm sure all of this has some deep inner meaning but I haven't the faintest idea what it is.)

The Second Impression hasn't any lyrics, its mostly Keith Emerson playing around on his piano. The Third Impression is about man versus machine. It has a very nifty ending with Emerson's Moog flashing from speaker to speaker and then suddenly stopping.

The rest of the songs are "Jurusalem", "Toccata", "Still . . . You Turn Me On" and "Benny the Bouncer". "Jurusalem" asks the musical question, "was the Holy Lamb of God on England's pleasant pastures seen?" "Toccata" is Keith Emerson again showing off on his Moog. It's an adaptation of Ginastera's 1st Piano Concerto, 4th movement and it sounds like a recital. "Still . . . You Turn Me On" is different from the rest of the album in that Emerson is in the background. Greg Lake wrote it, and his guitar and vocal carry the tune.

All Emerson, Lake and Palmer albums seem to have a honky tonk tune, and on this album it's "Benny the Bouncer". It's about a bad bouncer named Benny who gets hit in the head with a hatchet by Savage Sid.

The trouble with this album, and with most of ELP's albums, is that Keith Emerson dominates the sound too much. A Moog doesn't sound bad, but a whole album of it can be tiring. The group would have a better sound if Lake's guitar could be heard a little more and Emerson's Moog a little less.

By BILL MC GARVEY



NEW CENTER—On hand at the official ribbon-cutting ceremonies for the COM Senior Citizens Center were, left to right: Ollie Patrick, Mrs. Alice Bishop, Dr. Fred Taylor, Herb Preiser, Ed Temple, Perry Simmons, Willard Walker, Mrs. Sadie Poole, Mrs. Polly Harrington. The Center occupies the former Lincoln High School Library providing plenty of space to prosper.

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PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT - Thurman L. Aldridge and Peggy Armstrong rehearse a scene from MY SWEET CHARLIE, opening March 8 at the COM Arena Theater.

Production Is Slated At Arena Theatre

By KAREN REX
Staff Reporter

MY SWEET CHARLIE, one of four upcoming plays to be performed by the Community Theatre, will be presented on Fridays & Saturdays, March 8 - 9, 15 - 16, and 22 - 23, at the Arena Theatre of College of the Mainland.

The production is being directed by J.H. Swain of Galveston and stars Thurman L. Aldridge as Charlie and Peggy Armstrong as Marlene.

Swain, who is employed by Monsanto, has been a member of the Texas City Community Theatre for about 12 years. He has directed TWELVE ANGRY MEN, WHO'S AFRAID OF VIRGINIA WOLFE and YUM, YUM TREE as well as appearing in MR. ROBERTS, GASLIGHT, LIFE WITH FATHER and ARSENIC AND OLD LACE.

Aldridge, who lived in La Marque as a young boy, has recently returned from New York where he studied drama at the American Academy of Dramatic Arts. He also studied at Texas Southern University and the Alley Theatre. His production credits include TOYS IN THE ATTIC, CURIOUS SAVAGE, JULIUS CAESAR, AN-TIGONE and BLACK MACBETH.

Peggy Armstrong graduated from

The Pentagon

The Pentagon is a large building in Washington, D.C. that has five sides - on almost every issue.

50's Dance
College Center

MAR 7 8-12 p.m.

LaMarque High and attended Alvin Junior College and Stephen F. Austin. She has performed in YOU CAN'T TAKE IT WITH YOU, YUM YUM TREE, ROARING TWENTIES and SUSAN SLEPT HERE, as well as directing THE IMPOSSIBLE YEARS.

Others appearing in the play are Mike Armstrong, Mike Satterwhite, Virginia Ober and Gary Kramis.

A cooperative arrangement with the Clear Creek Country Theatre in League City has been entered into by COM after a successful initial year of plays at its new Arena Theatre, hoping to bring to Mainland residents a broad range of theatre productions. For the remainder of the '73-'74 season, three other plays are scheduled. They are GAZEBO, at COM, May 10, 11, 17, 18, 24, and 25; SHE STOOPS TO CONQUER, at Clear Creek, March 14 thru May 18, and a play to be announced for May 2 through May 18.

It is hoped that this expanded pro-

gram will be strongly supported by the area residents. All productions are seasonably priced in order to bring them to a broad audience. Ticket prices at COM are \$2 for adults and \$1 for students and senior citizens. Clear Creek is the same with the exception of adults, which are \$2.50.

Any residents who wish to help in the productions, such as acting, lighting or scenery, are asked to contact Robert Handy, 938-1211, Ext. 225.

Concentrated Program Begins For Future GED Examination

A concentrated program geared to help students prepare for the General Education Development examination, as well as to acquire work skills and attitudes, is in progress at College of the Mainland.

The classes which meet Monday thru Friday, 12 noon to 3 p.m., will be conducted for 12 weeks. At the end of the sessions, students will be ready for GED class and also be either qualified to enter the job market or have the necessary qualifications for job training.

The new program which is being funded by newly-created state funds, requires that a student be able to read on at least a seventh-grade level. Those below this level are encouraged to enter the Adult Basic Education Division's GED classes, conducted each morning and evening.

"The classes will consist of extensive GED preparation as well as group guidance activities designed to help students acquire the necessary skills and attitudes to find jobs and hold them," explained Bill Spillar, director of Adult Basic Education.

WELCOME!

The Mainland Comet Staff members welcome readers throughout the College of the Mainland district in our expansion to eight pages after only one semester of publication.

Active participation is invited including Letters to the Editor, free classified ads, and news items. Mail contributions and ads to Mainland Comet, College of the Mainland, Texas City, Tex. 77590.

COM President Heads Goodwill

Dr. Fred A. Taylor, president of College of the Mainland, has been elected chairman of the Advisory Board Goodwill Industries, Inc., in Galveston.

In commenting on his appointment, Dr. Taylor expressed pleasure in the honor afforded him by his colleagues on the Advisory Board. "My association with Goodwill has meant a great deal to me for I have a very warm place in my heart for the work this fine organization is doing," Dr. Taylor declared.

Dr. Taylor joined College of the Mainland in 1967 at its inception as dean of instruction and subsequently became president in September of 1971.

He has been in the field of public education for 22 years, 14 of which have in junior college administration.

In 1957, he became assistant registrar at Del Mar College in Corpus Christi and later assumed the position of director of adult education. In 1965, Dr. Taylor accepted a Kellogg Fellowship in the Junior College Leadership Training Program at the University of Texas, receiving his Ph.D. in 1967.

A native of Ohio, Dr. Taylor received his Bachelor of Science from the College of the Ozarks in 1951 and his Master of Science from Texas A & I in 1956.



DR. FRED A. TAYLOR
COM President

He is a member of the Texas Junior College Instructional Administration, Phi Delta Kappa, The American Association of Higher Education and serves as a consultant on educational systems for The American Association of Junior Colleges.

Galveston Barbershop Quartet Meets In Fine Arts Choir Room

Do you like to sing in the shower, or sing along to the radio. Then put these talents to good use in the recently reformed barbershop quartet. The Galveston Chapter of the international organization is now meeting in room F-110, the Fine Arts Choir

room, every Tuesday night at 8:00 p.m. at College of the Mainland.

The only pre-requisite is that one like to sing. In fact you do not even have to be able to read music, members will teach you.

First In A Series

It's Your Future

By BRUCE ROBBIE
Staff Reporter

(Editor's Note: This is the first in a series of articles on job opportunities for COM graduates.)

One of the benefits of College of

the Mainland is the availability of a degree for students who are seeking employment upon completion of two years of study in their chosen field. This degree, known as an Associate in Applied Sciences degree, or A.A.S., is earned in many fields including accounting, general business, secretarial work, management and marketing, air conditioning, refrigeration, automotive, data processing, drafting and design, welding, and electronics.

But where do you go after you earn your degree? Tom Watson, head of personnel at Amoco Chemicals in Texas City, said that Amoco often has secretarial and clerical positions available for people with degrees. He also added that the degree sometimes carries more weight than experience. Watson added that if a person is planning on receiving his degree at the end of this spring semester, now would be the most opportune time to start contacting prospective employers. Your degree will never be worth more.

For further information on opportunities at Amoco Chemicals contact Watson's office at Amoco Chemicals, 2800 F.M. 519 East.

There are still some openings in the new program and in the regular GED classes. For further information, call Spillar, 938-1211, Ext. 293.



Coming Events

See Page 3

Editor's Quote Book

He knows not his own strength who has not met necessity.

-Ben Johnson



NORTH TEXAS STATE UNIVERSITY ONE O'CLOCK LAB BAND TO PERFORM
The Band Will Be At College of the Mainland March 17 For Concert And Clinic

COM Musicians Host Lab Band

By REGINA LIST
Managing Editor

A musical doubleheader is in store for College of the Mainland on Sunday, March 17. The North Texas State University One O'Clock Lab Band will present both a clinic for student musicians from 4 to 6 p.m., and a concert from 8 to 10 p.m. Both events will be held in the gymnasium.

High school band directors will handle student registration with Carol Veth handling it for all other interested persons. The cost is \$2 for the clinic, or \$3 for both the clinic and concert, with a \$1.50 charge for the concert.

The North Texas State University One O'Clock Lab Band is a household word in the world of jazz. They have achieved international fame as well as a total of 38 awards from various festivals throughout the country.

Duke Ellington best summed up the

Fuel Shortages?

I just read in a magazine how one company is doing research to help us in our Energy Crisis. They feel that in a couple of years they'll be able to heat an entire apartment building with only one lump of coal. I've got news for them - that's what my landlord is trying to do now!

Imitation?

I just saw an advertisement from a sugar substitute manufacturer that went something like this: "Beware of imitations!"

Lab Band in a five-word quote, "I wish they were mine!" Berry Muligan concluded "It's the best big band I've ever heard."

The first academic jazz program in the nation was established 25 years ago with the birth of the Lab Band.

Since its early beginnings they have gathered many honors. Included are a performance by invitation at the White House, a tour of Mexico for the department of State, a joint appearance in concert with the Los Angeles Neophonic Orchestra with

Stan Kenton as conductor, a performance at the Venezuelan embassy by request, and a recent concert tour with Tony Bennett.

At the recent 25th anniversary celebration a weeklong series of events was planned. It attracted some of the top performers, writers, and critics of the jazz scene.

Among the performers were Marian McPartland of New York, considered the most outstanding woman jazz pianist in the country, and Terry Clark, the 'mumbles' man from the Tonight Show, who has given the lab band program a \$500 scholarship to be

awarded to a young drummer who shows noteworthy potential.

Ms. Veth, responsible for arranging exhibits and cultural events, commented, "We are very fortunate to have been able to book this outstanding band out of the eight in NTSU's Lab Band Program. Here is a chance for students to get personalized instruction on their instrument from a top-rated musician, as well as to hear the total sound of a great jazz band." She added that Leon Breeder, professor of music and director of the Lab Bands, will participate in the program.

Special Display Of Paperbacks Offers Varied Reading Materials

By KAREN REX
Staff Reporter

The Learning Resources Center of COM offers a wide variety of materials to students, faculty, and interested citizens of the community. One of the more popular features of the LRC is the Paperback Library. The collection, which consists of over 1500 books, is composed of best sellers, popular paperbacks, current novels, and mass market paperbacks. As needs change, so do the books.

New books are added by gifts or as purchases. Students and faculty are encouraged to suggest titles for new books. Worn out paperbacks are either discarded if in too poor condition or sent to the reading lab if in good shape. As the paperbacks are less expensive, the school is able to buy about ten paperbacks to each hard-bound book.

A few of the more popular titles,

according to Robert Slaney, director of print media, are "Future Shock" by Alvin Toffler, a book which vividly describes the emerging superindustrial world-tomorrow's family life, the rise of new businesses, subcultures, life styles and human relationships- all of them temporary; "The Teachings of Don Juan: A Yaqui Way of Knowledge" by Carlos Castaneda, the story of the five years in which don Juan, a Yaqui Indian and Carlos Castaneda, a graduate student in anthropology at UCLA, spent together as master and pupil in Castaneda's gathering of information on the Yaqui use of hallucinogens in opening doors of perception; "Why Am I Afraid to Tell You Who I Am?" by Rev. John Powell; and books by Robert Remmer such as "Proposition 31." Overall, the paperback library is well worth checking into.

Club News

By GARY D. HALL
Staff Writer

PHI THETA KAPPA

March 6 at the student center; will have a panel discussion featuring instructors Alan Ginsberg, Alexander Pratt and James Finley as the speakers. This discussion is open to the whole student body and there will be a question and answer period.

ECOLOGY CLUB

The Ecology Club is presently planning a field trip which is to take place sometime in the near future. This club has also requested an announcement be made that there are separate barrels in front of the Administration Building which one may use to deposit any quantity of steel cans, aluminum cans, paper, and

glass materials. (glass is put into separate barrels; one for colored glass and one for clear. Please remove any labels to be found on cans or bottles before depositing them in the barrels.)

BAPTIST STUDENT UNION

The G.S.U. has just recently returned from a weekend convention at Fort Worth. There were some two thousand present at the convention.

Drafting Day Scheduled

By WAYNE HAMILTON
Staff Reporter

On March 14, 1974 College of the Mainland will be presenting a "Careers in Drafting Day" for all area high school drafting students, their teachers and counselors. Many of the students currently enrolled in College of the Mainland drafting courses will be present, too. The program will be conducted from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. with registration beginning at 9:30 a.m. on March 14.

All high school and college students are invited to hear representatives from M.W. Kellogg, S.I.P. Inc., Flour Engineers, Designers and Planners, Brown and Root and other industries.

This may be a deciding factor of your future. Don't miss it!

Short Hair?

Shaved heads are the fashion for many men living in Afghanistan villages. The men, who believe a bare skull is healthful, cover their shaved heads with deftly wound turbans.

Long Hair?

A comet's tail, pushed by electrically charged solar wind, always points away from the sun. It is the tail that gives comets their name: "kometes," a Greek word meaning "long-haired." ...

LAFF OF THE WEEK



"Too darn automatic if you ask me!"

ELECT

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Cancer Unit Headquarters Open Five Days A Week

According to Marvin Williams, public education chairman for the Galveston County Unit of the American Cancer Society (ACS), the Unit headquarters office at 1814 45th Street in Galveston is now open five days a week, Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. until noon.

Staffed by volunteers, the office

provides county residents with information, materials and other services designed to broaden the public's knowledge about cancer and its cures and to assist cancer patients in obtaining miscellaneous equipment and supplies as well as transportation to and from local cancer treatment centers, Williams explained.

The ACS services available free through the Galveston office include: 1) public education materials (posters, pamphlets and other literature) about cancer; 2) equipment for cancer patients, such as hospital beds complete with mattresses and covers, wheelchairs, walkers, crutches and bedside commodes; 3) supplies for cancer patients, including dressings, rolled bandages, bed pans, nylon pillows, tapes, rubbing compounds, baby oil, petroleum jelly, powder, hospital gowns, colostomy appliances, etc.; 4) transportation for cancer patients to and from treatment centers at John Sealy and the University of Texas Medical Branch (UTMB).

"Before equipment or supplies may be loaned out, a written request must be obtained from the patient's physician," Williams said, "but our pamphlets, posters, films and other materials are there for the asking."

Educational films and guest speakers for clubs or schools can also be arranged through the Galveston ACS office, Williams said. Referrals to local social agencies and information about area laryngectomy and mastectomy clubs are still other services provided through the facility.

"Incredible as it sounds, almost 335,000 will die of cancer this year—about 920 persons per day or more than one every two minutes," Williams revealed. "Thus, next to heart disease, cancer is the leading cause of death in this country today."

"Many of these people could be saved," he continued, "if only they'd schedule annual physical checkups and seek prompt medical attention at the first sign of a cancer warning signal, which is why we should educate ourselves and our families about the need to be 'cancer cautious.' This is where the ACS office can be a tremendous help."

The Galveston County American Cancer Society office is in need of volunteers to supplement the present staff. Anyone interested in working as an ACS volunteer should call 765-9698.

Painting Tip

If you're painting a room, remember that paint generally dries to a slightly different color or shade. For a fast preview of the final color, brush a sample swatch of paint on a piece of clean, white blotting paper. The paper will immediately absorb the wet gloss and the color on the paper will be about the color of the paint when it dries on the wall.

Las Vegas

My friend just got back from three weeks in Las Vegas where he underwent a rather strange operation. He had his wallet removed!



COM's FIRST WEDDING
Hincock Weds Shifflett

Wedding Held At College Center

By ED BROWN
Assistant Managing Editor

On Feb. 12, 1974, at approximately 7:30 p.m. the Student Center at College of the Mainland was used for the first time in a very special manner. The first wedding ceremony ever to be held on this campus was performed in Meeting Room 120 in the Student Center building.

Miss Cathy Shifflett was united in matrimony to Bob Hincock. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Ronald Eldred of Algoa. The young couple came to this area from New Orleans, La.

The Mainland Comet staff wishes the Hincocks the best of luck in the future.

Letters To The Editor

Criticisms and comments through Letters to the Editor are welcomed. All letters must be signed and limited to 250 words. Initials will be used upon request.

Space Age?

This may be the space age, but if you've ever tried parking downtown, you know how ridiculous that title really is.

Coming Events

March 6 - COM Intramural Tournament Entries open.

March 7 - Intramural Spades Tournament Entries Closed.

March 7 - Intramural Softball Tournament Entries Closed.

March 8 - Intramural Mixed Double Pool Competition.

March 12 - Intramural Bowling Entries Closed.

March 13 - Student Nursing Association presents - CASINO NIGHT at 7:30 p.m. - 50 cents with I.D. and \$1 general admission.

March 15 - Houston Baptist Chorus.

March 18 - Intramural Pool Entries Open.

March 18 - Intramural Raquetball Entries Open.

March 19 - College of the Mainland - "Fine Arts Faculty Show" in the Gallery.

March 21 - BIRDS OF PREY -- with Chuck Bindner, adventurer-naturalist-explorer.

March 25 - Gulf Coast Junior College Intercollegiate Conference Traveling Exhibition of Student Art Works in the Gallery.

April 30 - COM Singers and Stage Band (joint concert)

May 6 - 17 - Traveling Exhibition of Art Instructors of the GCJIC.

May 10 - Mainland Choral (concert).

Senior Citizens Schedule Play

College of the Mainland's Senior Citizens are at it again. Opening on June 7 will be their dramatic presentation of BREATH OF SPRING. The play will reappear on June 8, 14 and 15.

Try-outs are slated to be held on May 5 to 2 p.m. and again on May 6 at 7:30 p.m. Rehearsals will begin immediately following casting.

The production is intended to promote the entire Senior Citizen program at COM; "You are never too old to be a productive human being."

The play will be open to the general public. Tickets are \$2 for adults, and \$1 for students and senior citizens.

New Thriller

I've got a wonderful idea for a great new horror picture. Film a person walking through Central Park in New York City after dark.

Student Life Assistant Staff Personality

By ALANNA CLARK
Staff Reporter

Karen Atkinson is the program advisor and secretary to Bob Smith, director of student life at College of the Mainland. The purpose of Mrs. Atkinson's position is important and helpful to all student life activities.

Mrs. Atkinson, better known as Karen, is in charge of such operations as master calendar, purchasing, accounting and financial management generally. She provides assistance to student groups in the development of activities which are consistent with College Center philosophy and politics, and encourages innovative program development. She assists in completing contract negotiations with performers and service agencies. Karen maintains the programming calendar for all College Center operations.

Karen moved from Connecticut to El Paso when she was ten years old. She married James Atkinson, who is an electrical engineer at Monsanto and they have a ten year old daughter, Melissa. The Atkinsons moved here from El Paso in August, 1969, and Karen started her work at College of the Mainland in September, 1970.

Karen likes working with college level students. She enjoyed working with them at the Placement Office at New Mexico State as a placement assistant, while she was a student there. Karen went to college for two and half years at Texas Western, which is now University of Texas at El Paso.



KAREN ATKINSON
Program Advisor

To those around the College Center, Karen is a helpful and understanding person when things go wrong. Patience and personality are Karen's greatest traits. In the light of her achievements of the past and present, it is safe to say that Karen will always have a place in the hearts of College of the Mainland students.

Automobile Service Tips

STARTER DRIVE - A MOVABLE GEAR CONNECTING STARTER MOTOR AND CAR ENGINE. IF THE STARTER WHINES BUT THE ENGINE DOESN'T TURN OVER, CHANCES ARE THE STARTER DRIVE NEEDS REPLACEMENT.



Student Faces On Campus



Left to right: Aurora Pend; Chip Kuhn, Dickinson; Stacy Mulanax, Nassau Bay; Marty Hoss, Kemah; Kathy Mackrell, Hitchcock

Editorials . . .

Redress - Right of the People?

"In every stage of these oppressions we have petitioned for redress in the most humble terms. Our repeated petitions have been answered only by repeated injury. A prince, whose character is thus marked every act which may define a tyrant, is unfit to be ruler of a free people."

These words, from the Declaration of Independence can freely be applied to our "present ruler" Richard Nixon. It's sad to think how the American people have been taken in by the two-faced man they elected as their leader. Nixon has abused the leadership entrusted to him, by his involvement in such things as accepting illegal campaign "contributions" from certain corporations, his involvement in Watergate, and the questions arising from the "accidental" gaps in some White House tapes, which no one in the White House staff seems to know anything about.

The people elected Nixon into office. The people can also remove him. Now is the time to get involved. Let the Congressmen on Capitol Hill know how you and your friends feel about such issues as Nixon's refusal to grant amnesty to draft resisters, Watergate, and particularly your thoughts regarding the removal of Nixon from office.

The NATIONAL CAMPAIGN TO IMPEACH NIXON is an organization working toward the goal of removing the corruption in the United States Government. The impeachment of Nixon could be the first step.



PONY POWER . . . Richard F. Johnston of North Reading, Mass., does his part to ease the energy crisis as he gives Betty Conner (L) and Doris Lafond of Wakefield, a pony cart ride to the Lynnfield restaurant where all three are employed. Johnston keeps about a dozen horses and ponies — this one by the name of Jill — uses the cart when weather permits. The ride to the restaurant takes about a half-hour.

Cancer In Children

Bright, lively Kathy was only 13 months old when her mother noticed a swelling in her abdomen - Kathy was eating well and gaining weight, but still, her mother decided to take her for a checkup.

"It was a wise idea," Dr. E.A. Dillard, president of the Galveston County Unit of the American Cancer Society (ACS) explained. "The child was found to have a cancer of the kidney, called, a Wilm's tumor, one of the more common forms of cancer in children - and curable when diagnosed and treated early."

Cancer in children? If that question is in your mind, you'll be surprised to learn that next to accidents, cancer is a leading cause of death among youngsters - this year cancer will take the lives of approximately 4,000 American children under the age of 15 - half of them victims of acute leukemia.

For that reason, the American Cancer Society, which will soon be conducting its annual educational and fund-raising Crusade across the nation, supports \$2 million worth of leukemia-related research alone each year. Today, in some specialized

centers, medical scientists working in teams are achieving long-term survival from a disease that used to kill in a matter of weeks. One of the most outstanding volunteers for the American Cancer Society is a young man from New Jersey whose leukemia was diagnosed when he was 13 and last fall he celebrated his 22nd birthday!

The word cure still can't be applied to leukemia but for some other forms of childhood cancer it can.

"Take little Kathy" Dr. Dillard said. "Her Wilm's tumor was found in an early stage before the disease had a chance to spread beyond the kidney. She had surgery and then radiation to prevent a return of the cancer - she's now going about the business of growing up with a life expectancy of any other child. She is a person cured of cancer."

Fortunately, cancer in children is rare - in any given year, only one child in 7,000 is likely to develop the disease. But for that one child, an alert adult can make the difference between life and death.

"The last thing the American Cancer Society wants to do is alarm

parents," Dr. Dillard declared, "but we think that a bit of advice can only help."

The advice is simple: "regular examinations and prompt investigations by a physician of any suspicious conditions."

What's suspicious?
*Swellings, lumps or masses in any part of the body;

*Any change in moles or birthmarks;

*Unexplained nausea and vomiting;
*A marked change in bowel or bladder habits;

*Any kind of bloody discharge; heavy spontaneous nosebleeds; failure of blood to clot;

*Unexplained stumbling by a child who has been walking well;

*A general "run down" condition.

If a parent notices any of the above and the condition doesn't subside in two weeks, a visit to a physician is a must. The ACS spokesman said, "Remember the overwhelming odds are that it won't be cancer, but you have to know - it's what you don't know about cancer that can hurt."

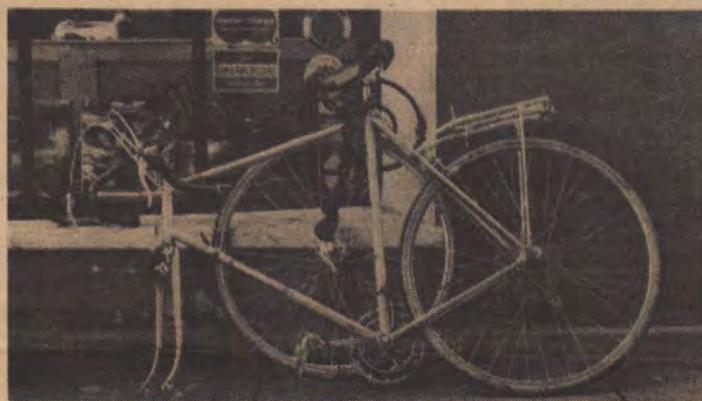
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TIED DOWN . . . Bike owners take great pains to protect their bicycles in crime-ridden Manhattan. This owner has removed front wheel, padlocked wheel and frame together with heavy chain encircling an iron window ornament fixed in concrete.

DOUBLE CROSS-UP

By Lora W. Asdorian

No.3

Consider the clues from all angles; they may CROSS you UP! The clue may be a pun on the word wanted, or an anagram of the word itself. Usually, the clue contains a definition (synonym) as well as a cryptic representation of the word. Certain words may stand for letters in an anagram, e.g., NOTHING, TEA, SEE, WHY, YOU, and BE may represent O, T, C, Y, U, and B. The word could also be hidden in the letters of the clue, e.g., the phrase "human being rated as unthankful" contains the answer INGRATE. The word might be defined in two parts, e.g., a clue for FORESTER is "ranger in favor of organic compound" (FOR ESTER).

Write the words over the numbered dashes and then transfer each letter to the correspondingly numbered square in the diagram. Black squares indicate word endings. The completed diagram will contain a quotation reading from left to right. The first letter of the answered words will give you the author's name and title of the work from which the quote comes.

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CLUES

- A. Big boat with fine form is really neat! 155 38 108 119 131 158 18 177 53
- B. Day with sun called Pentecost 74 71 187 33 173 149 113 57 80 118
- C. Main fraction of those committing a violation 180 68 60 74 42 183 96 171 51 165
- D. Weatherman has soft career 163 65 124 103 28 61 175 81 88 52
- E. Fed up after any idea that's considerate 141 151 7 9 21 34 150 50 67 63
- F. On his joking I'm choking! 132 75 109 189 72 130 169
- G. I pour a sour mash for boisterous drinker 184 46 29 6 127 22 75 58 176 147
- H. Work with a British Conservative in a place for research 5 168 148 84 120 101 73 133 138 157
- I. Regretted me dental bills 56 159 128 39 12 86 95 44
- J. Met reaping farmers planning to fertilize 30 140 70 102 23 94 43 117 156 49
- K. Stage show with mixed up value about the devil 125 24 76 135 178 145 62 91 111 76
- L. They called the re-entry off; such impudence! 144 83 137 179 134 161 76 32 48 4

WORDS

- M. Fake gem from German rock 27 142 69 36 3 19 64 139 186 115
- N. Hank dashes forward to offer greeting (2 wds.) 136 97 104 8 121 87 112 172 78 54
- O. He'd see that straw roof 25 2 129 99 166 77 47 106
- P. Appraised trade 85 170 41 126 17
- Q. Superior shade of color for a solvent 90 100 154 45 11 188 55
- R. Word often said with blinds, glass, and red 107 26 153 164 37 143 98 185
- S. Suits me fine; fate made me womanly 167 13 40 93 116 110 105 35 174 123
- T. Why he clamors and is tearful 92 20 114 82 182 89 59 162 122 146
- U. Unwrinkles woolens so moths depart 160 31 152 181 1 46 70



LARRY STANLEY, MUSIC INSTRUCTOR AT COM, DIRECTS CHORALE
The Mainland Chorale Performs Frequently For The Community

Nursing Major

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

By JO LYNN SMITH
Staff Writer

Shirley Keith is a quiet, thoughtful brunette who is new at College of the Mainland. In fact, this is her first semester in college anywhere.

She is from Galveston originally. Later she moved to Alta Loma and graduated from Santa Fe High School in 1972. She still lives in Alta Loma with her family.

Nursing is Shirley's major. She plans on completing the two year course at College of the Mainland and then working for a few years before she goes back to school for her masters degree.

Why nursing? She wants a profession that helps people. Not just administering to their physical and medical needs but helping the whole person in any way she can. She had dreams of being in psychiatry but did not feel she had that many years for study.

For recreation she enjoys reading and swimming. She also likes to get out of doors and back to nature by walking and hiking.

Shirley likes College of the Mainland and meeting new people but she finds the studying and work a lot different from high school. She is carrying 15 hours and also caring for her year-old son.

Now that she feels she can leave her baby to someone else's care part of the time she is ready to get involved. Involved in anything that is relevant to her future profession especially. She also is interested in



SHIRLEY KEITH
Nursing Major

current and community events and activities and would like to help where she can.

Shirley is a warm understanding person whom people enjoy meeting. And more than ever we need someone like Shirley who looks for an opportunity to help. Welcome to College of the Mainland, Shirley.

Teaching Is A Challenge

Teacher Profile

By SPACE WASHINGTON
Staff Reporter

Jessie Symms is a native of Bryant, Texas, raised in Jasper and Houston.

His family moved to Houston in 1936, where he entered Milby Junior High School. He later completed his high school years in Jasper. Upon graduation he entered the United States Air Force for four years. After discharge he attended the University of Houston for one year, then transferred to Lamar University for the next three years, majoring in geology.

After leaving college Symms worked for an oil welding company for a number of years, then returned to the University of Houston to complete his bachelor's degree in electronics. He worked for Dresser Electronics for a few years, and for six years at Locked Electronics. He left Locked and signed up with the COM staff where he is today.

When asked about COM social affairs, he commented, "The social affairs are fairly reasonable considering this is a junior college."

Then there were a few questions asked about his classes and why he chose to come to College of the Mainland - -

QUESTION: Mr. Symms, did money encourage you to teach at the Mainland?

SYMMS: I really did not start in the teaching profession for money, it was the challenge it presented. You see, in the industry field you wait as long as two to three years for results while in teaching you see the results in as little as three months.

QUESTION: Students say that you teach class a little too good, so that they really don't understand.

SYMMS: I try to teach where everyone understands. Also I point out to every student that he is not going to learn anything unless he goes over it more than once.

QUESTION: How do you feel about dropping students?

SYMMS: Well, I don't like to drop students, but I know everyone is not cut out for electronics, so the drop system gives them a way to get out when they are failing. It gives them time to take something else. A student who isn't good in electronics is probably good in accounting, whereas I would fall flat on my face in accounting. So what is lost by dropping-a little time and that's all, and the W's won't hurt his average that much.



JESSIE SYMMS
Electronics Instructor

Symms likes the idea of student versus teachers in intramurals. He thinks it helps teachers know students

Courthouse Squares



better. Knowing a little about students helps the teacher understand the problems a student faces in his everyday life.

Symms also plays a good game of badminton and issues out a challenge to you hot shots who play a little.

Oh! and one more thing - - wouldn't 'Cuddly' be a good nice name for Mr. Jessie Symms?

Figs As Wealth?

The Tifalmin people of New Guinea consider pigs as wealth in themselves. The donor of a pig acquires not only prestige but credit, and expects a pig in return on some future occasion.

Designed For Blockade

To blockade southern ports in the Civil War, the Federal Government asked shipbuilders to design a warship with shallow draft that could enter rivers, fire in any direction without having to come about, and would be armored against artillery fire from the shore. The result was John Ericsson's "Monitor," whose revolving gun turret was copied by the world's navies.

Beyond Our Solar System!

The Pioneer 10 spacecraft, launched on March 2, 1972, was the first to fly beyond Mars' orbit and to cross the asteroid belt. It will become the first man-made object to escape the solar system.

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COM Student Government To Attend Convention

College of the Mainland Student Government will be traveling to Waco, Texas, on March 28, 29, and 30, for the annual Texas Jr. College Student Government Association Convention.

Students attending will be Gwen Jurca, Karen Fundling, Alanna Clark, Ricque Brister, Dick Egner, Jim For-

sythe, Kristy Morten, Cynthia Bell, Steve Bierman, Chuck Berry, James Nagel, Rick Stevens, Henry Westmoreland, and Sam Stone.

The adviser for the Student Government is Ken Johnson who will also be attending the Convention.



WINNING ARTIST - Odette Rubin, winning artist and art instructor at College of the Mainland, works on her favorite subject--old Galveston homes. She was recently awarded \$300 in the 25th Anniversary Exhibit of the Texas Watercolor Society.



PEANUT PUSH

Candid shots from
the first College
of the Mainland
Peanut Push.

Photos By:
Zanetta Burnett

**SOLUTION TO
DOUBLE CROSS-UP No. 3**

AUTHOR: (Johnathan) Swift
TITLE: Gulliver's Travels
QUOTATION:
They look upon fraud as a greater crime than theft, and therefore seldom fail to punish it with death; for they allege, that care and vigilance may preserve a man's goods from thieves, but honesty has no fence against superior cunning;.....

- A. Shipshape
- S. Whitsunday
- C. Infraction
- D. Forecaster
- E. Thoughtful
- F. Gagging
- G. Uproarious
- H. Laboratory

- I. Lamented
- J. Impregnate
- K. Vaudeville
- L. Effrontery
- M. Rhinestone
- N. Shake hands
- O. Thatchec
- P. Rated

- Q. Acetone
- R. Venetian
- S. Effeminate
- T. Lachrymose
- U. Smooths

COM Basketball Team Enjoys Record Season

By SPACE WASHINGTON
Sports Reporter

This year the COM basketball team had a record season. The first record breaking game was against Southern Bible College, 136-64. All conference player, Ed Benson, shot it out at high noon at the Southern Bible College game where he scored a blazing 43 points, which beats the record set by James Turner of 37 points. The Comets also has a six game winning streak going for the first time in their history. Also there was a 22 game win this year as compared to the 20 game win last year. This makes the Comets the CONFERENCE CHAMPIONS.

A bit of confusion was caused by Alvin Junior College referees when they showed favoritism toward Alvin due to previous experience of COM vs Alvin. Alvin won the game, fairly or unfairly.

Even the statistics showed that more players fouled out this game for undue cause than in any previous one. Dotson was kicked out of a game for the first time in his career. The reason for this was the referee penalized him for unspots penalized him for unsportsman like conduct. The truth was if he had stayed in the game Alvin would have lost.

Neutral referees were called in and COM won fair and square. Alvin forfeited the last game knowing that their chances for a conference championship or tie were lost.

College of the Mainland's basketball team got off to a bad start this season but ended up first in conference. COM is 12-0 in conference for the first time since the Comets have been in existence. History says that this has never happened, and it

seems that a repeat of the same events might take place next season.

In regular season games, the Comets were shooting 80 points per game as compared to 66.7 for its opposition.

In conference play COM had a 80.9 point average as compared to 59.9 for opposition. The conference play far exceeded the play in regular season. As quoted from Coach Bryant, "I really didn't care how many games we lost as long as we won the conference games." Coach Bryant also said that their rebounding was better mostly because of Weinfred Butler and the shooting of the other outstanding players like E. Anderson, Arthur Jackson, Ed Benson, and Effrem Griffin. Butler said, "Coach Bryant really helped spart our rebounding. His help underneath got things off to a good start. As far as defense is concerned the whole team played bet-

ter than any other COM team before."

Coach Bryant and the players claim that there was a lack of support from their fans and this has been proven to be true. More people attended the Peanut Push than the college games.

Lack of funds hampered the team but despite non-attendance of the fans Coach Bryant and the team taped and pieced together a Conference Championship. The question is "Why doesn't the College Fund Committee help the basketball team?"

Talk is underway of a fund raising game between La Marque district champs and COM conference champs to be held here if the rules allow it.

If you would like to see this happen, write the paper or contact Coach Bryant or Bob Smith and see what can be arranged to support our team. They need your support - both spiritually and financially.



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AT COM

Bowling

There will be a bowling tournament March 14 from 1 to 5 p.m. The winner will be determined by a three game series of total pins. The tourney is open for students and senior citizens. Sign up now at the information desk in the Student Center.

Spades

If you enjoy playing Spades, then sign up for the Dobules Tournament to be held March 13 at 1 p.m. There is an entry sheet on the information desk in the Student Center.

Billiards

Coming out on top in the semester's first woman's billiards tournament was Beverly Douglas. Beverly is a secretary for the division of continuing education/community services. Giving strong competition and placing second was Laura Garcia, central publication clerk. Jackie Davison finished third. Other competitors included Eva White, Daphne Clark, Erin Applegate, Regina Joseph, and Jorce Durgas.

The tournament was double elimination and lasted one hour and 20 minutes. Trophies were awarded to the first, second, and third place winners.

PUNCH LINE OF THE WEEK



Four-fifths For Home

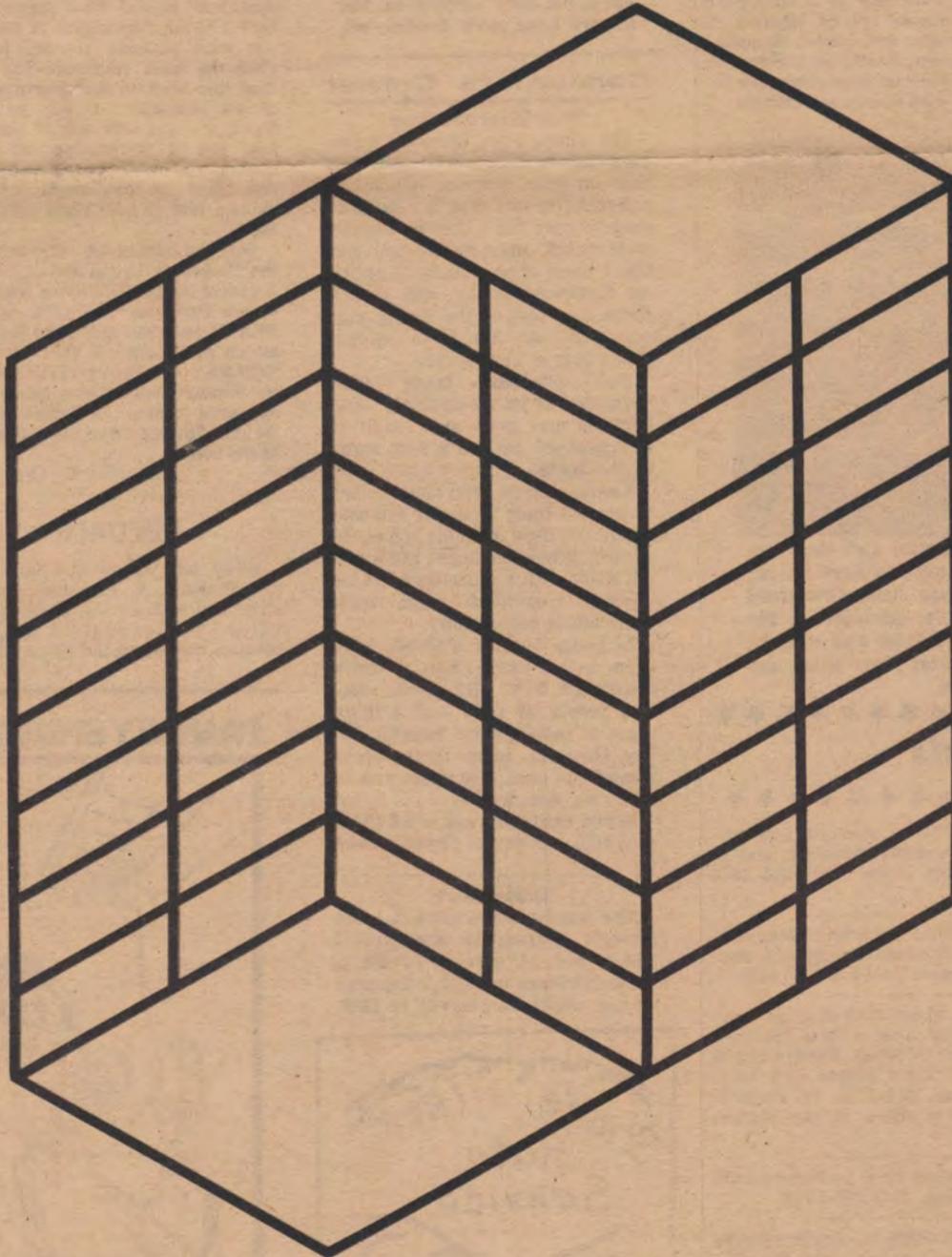
In the U.S. approximately four-fifths of the total spent for food represents purchases to be used in the home; meals away from home accounted for the other one-fifth of food expenditure.

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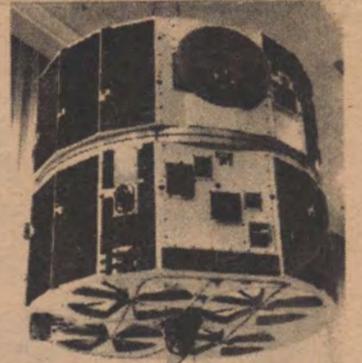
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Monday 8:30 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
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Wednesday 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Thursday 8:30 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Friday 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

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THIERY'S FIGURE



OBSERVATORY ... Atmosphere Explorer-C — a new NASA spacecraft — will carry 14 scientific experiments to investigate the "no-man's land" of space. Flying an extremely egg-shaped orbit, the scientific observatory will approach within 75 miles of Earth to acquire data on the atmosphere. Only scanty scientific information provided by sounding rockets currently exists dealing with this region of the upper atmosphere.

Enriched Flour

In 1970, sixty-five percent of the white flour was enriched, as compared to sixty percent in 1961.



FRED ZIMMERMAN
Leaving COM Staff

March Astrology Aspects

By JAN HELPENSTILL

♈ ARIES - the ram. Fire, cardinal. (March 21-April 20) Advancement in all ways happen this month. Money won't be much hassle, but hang on to some of it. Give and accept advice from others. Examine your own thoughts and use your imagination.

♉ TAURUS - the bull. Earth, fixed. (April 21-May 21) Changing opinions and old business deals can cause hassles and confusion among friends and associates. Stay easy-going and let everything work itself out.

♊ GEMINI - the twins. Air, mutable. (May 22-June 22) March should be great for getting things together. Listen closely to ideas and deals friends have thought of. Try to get around arguments and disregard affronts. They aren't worth your time.

♋ CANCER - the crab. Water, cardinal. (June 22-July 23) Challenges come up in areas you least expect. Heed friends suggestions; try not to ignore them. It's good for both your interests. Good spirits should prevail thru March.

♌ LEO - the lion. Fire, fixed. (July 23-August 23) New friends, scenes, and ideas happen through March. Stay self-reliant and reserve judgement on any propoganda going around. Elude discussions about touchy situations; they could make things worse.

♍ VIRGO - the virgin. Earth, mutable. (August 24-September 23) Have thoughts about what you really want out of life and the best way of achieving it. Try not to let unplanned events hinder your ideas during this month.

♎ LIBRA - the scales. Air, cardinal. (September 23-October 23) Try to get yourself together during March. Travel, business deals and ideas are good to get into. Take care about what you say and how you act toward certain people.

♏ SCORPIO - the scorpion; eagle. Water, fixed. (October 24-November 22) Prior business deals could start to pay off. Watch for new job opportunities. Try keeping your temper in control. Think positive.

♐ SAGITTARIUS - the archer. Fire, mutable. (November 22-December 21) Chances for success in what you attempt are good. Try to take jaunts out-of-town for some new scenes. Get involved in out-door activities.

♑ CAPRICORN - the sea goat. Earth, cardinal. (December 22-January 20) You might find that you've run into some financial hassles. Try to find solutions to them without help. Things should start looking up, but use discretion in talking about your decisions.

♒ AQUARIUS - the water bearer. Air, fixed. (January 21-February 19) March should be great for bringing out the changes you've been going through. You have some good basic ideas to work with, but stay receptive to friends' thoughts.

♓ PISCES - the fishes. Water, mutable. (February 20 - March 20) Cultural events are of interest in March. Music, art, travel; do something different. Really get involved, in anything. Work on improving your relationship with family and friends.



BACK HOME . . . One of the Army's largest and most unusual vessels, the Lt. Col. John U.D. Page returns to Fort Eustis, Va., after more than seven years in Southeast Asia. Conceived by the Navy, but turned over to the Army for completion, the 4,100 ton Page is termed a Beach discharge lighter and was designed for stern to stern marriages with special Navy ships and to transport cargo to unimproved beach sites.

Classified Ads

NEED ROOMMATE-2 bedroom-2 bath apt. at Loch Haven Apts. \$80.00/mo. 938-0568 after 5:00 p.m.

WANTED-old bicycles for parts. Ph. 925-2649, Alta Loma.

FOR SALE - 289 Hypo-Ford-Cam. Brand new, make offer. Jean Simmons 945-2930.

FOR SALE-Ford 325 Ring and Pinion gears. 8 inch, brand new, make offer. 945-2930.

FOR SALE-1965 Pontiac Lemans. Needs work on valves. Good work or school car. Call 948-7869, James Nagel.

WANTED-For reasonable price-10 speed bike. Call 938-0587 after 3 p.m.

SPECIAL OFFER-All college students can receive the Houston Chronicle at one-half the regular subscription price. Call 935-9118.

FOR SALE-Electric guitar, \$35. Call 938-4765.

FOR SALE-1969 Pontiac Bonneville, fully equipped and clean. Phone 945-3885.

FOUND-A watch found in a classroom last semester. Claimant must identify.

WANTED-Folk or classical type guitar in reasonable condition and at a reasonable price. Call 935-9259 after 9 p.m.

WANTED-Bass guitarist to play jazz, rock, and original. Experience preferred. Contact Bobby at 935-6108.

LOST-Two rings, both of great sentimental value. Lost in the ladies room of Tech-Voc building. Reward of \$15 or \$20. If found please call Mrs. C.M. James, 554-2976 or leave at Bob Smith's office in the Student Center.

WANTED-Need three bedroom sets in good condition. Call 935-3041.

PART TIME JOBS-as carriers for the Houston Post are now available. For more information call 945-3364.

NOTICE-Any person who was here in the Fall and who left clothing or other items of value in a locker in the gym should ask for it at the office between 9 and 5.

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CULTURE CORNER

BOOKS

TROUT FISHING IN AMERICA is not a book about the techniques of trout fishing. It is not a book about where to go trout fishing. I'm not even sure it has anything to do with



MAN'S MARKS . . . Vandalism and Graffiti are gradually destroying many New York City statues and monuments. This monument at Central Park entrance at Columbus Circle is not only written on, but fingers have been broken off.

Consumers' Corner

Boot Wear-and-Tear

On winter days, knowing a few easy-care facts can save wear and tear on your favorite boots.

Synthetic footwear is relatively easy to care for - they're usually waterproof, may be washed and don't need shoe polish. A spray-on furniture polish will spruce them up. And, if the lining gets wet, you can dry them upside-down over a heat source.

But synthetic boots can't "breathe" or let air circulate. And bacteria may grow as a result of perspiration. So use a foot spray in the boots.

Leather boots need special care to protect them from the salt and chemicals used on some streets in winter. When boots are new, polish them with a paste wax and/or silicone treatment. Then treat them again periodically.

If boots become stained, wipe them with a damp cloth. If badly discolored, wash with saddle soap. Use plenty of suds and a minimum of water. After rinsing, air-dry them at room temperature away from heat. Use paste wax to lubricate the leather.

When boots are wet, stuff them with tissue paper or paper towels.

Rising Share

The number of women holding driver's licenses in the United States was 44 percent of all licensed drivers in 1972, compared to just under 25 percent in 1940.

trout fishing at all.

Just what is **TROUT FISHING IN AMERICA** about then? This book is a deliciously amusing excursion into the mind, talent and wit of Richard Brautigan. The short essays in this book cover a whole range of things, from Brautigan's exploits as a trout fishing in America terrorist in elementary school to Kool-aid wines and conversations with abandoned out-houses.

Brautigan's style is a fresh, crisp, graphic style like no one else's. His power to put words on paper is refreshing. Perhaps his greatest asset comes from his fantastic ability to relate two seemingly unrelated things. For instance, have you ever associated a birthmark with a car? Brautigan has. "He was bald with a red birthmark on his head. The birthmark looked just like an old car parked on his head. ...I reached into my pocket and gave the nickel to the grocer. He nodded and the old car wobbled back and forth on the road as if the driver were having an epileptic seizure." Brautigan said about the book: "Expressing a human need, I always wanted to write a book ending with the word mayonaisse." He did.

Just what does "trout fishing in America" mean? What does it stand for? I haven't untangled it yet, so if you want to know you will have to read the book yourself. You won't find this book in the sports section of the bookstore. If you go into a bookstore and ask for it and they lead you to the hunting and fishing section and don't find it, thank them and leave. It isn't worth trying to explain that it isn't about trout fishing.

Dell Publishing Co. also publishes the Delacorte Press and Dell Books. A recent suspense thriller from Delacorte Press is **THE GIRL ON THE BEACH** and Dell has given the reader an eye-opener in the **WASHINGTON PAY-OFF** by ex-lobbyist Robert N. Winter-Berger who has already appeared before the Senate investigation with regard to his accusations in the book.

By Greg Burns

RECORDS

Jerry Jeff Walker has finally gotten off that L.A. Freeway, and he's alive and well on his latest album, "Viva Terlingua." I say alive, because that's how the album was re-

corded... live. and maybe well isn't the right word to use. Outstanding is probably better. But no matter how you want to describe J.J.W., his music says it best of all.

Song #1 on side #1 (in the business they call it cut 1 on plug side A) is entitled "Gettin' By," a tune that's making it big on the charts of Top 40 and The Underground as fast as it is on your good old Country and Western. But, there are nine other reasons why this album is a must; eight of them are the other songs, some Jerry Jeff Walker originals, and some written by other artists, like Guy Clark and Michael Murphy. The ninth reason is that the charts of Top 40 and The Underground as fast as it is on your good old Country and Western. But, there are nine other reasons why this album is a must; eight of them are the other songs, some Jerry Jeff Walker originals, and some written by other artists, like Guy Clark and Michael Murphy. The ninth reason is that the charts of Top 40 and The Underground as fast as it is on your good old Country and Western. 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Alcohol Becomes COM Issue

By ED BROWN
Assistant Managing Editor

A new controversy has arisen among the students at College of the Mainland. At a great many of the social functions held at the college, students have wondered why it should be improper to allow those students in attendance to bring alcoholic beverages to the function. Many people feel that this is a major issue and feel that this school policy needs to be amended. Since the law has been changed, most of the students are legally able to drink and feel that this policy against alcohol on campus is obsolete and should be done away with.

The issue of alcohol being allowed at school functions was brought to attention when a group of students were told that the school could not sanction a party where alcoholic beverages were going to be served. Approximately a week later a bulletin was sent out to all the faculty and staff members announcing a party for all those interested which said that they could bring their own bottle. Many students felt that this was rather unfair since they could not hold a party of the same kind and announce to the student body that they could bring a bottle if they so desired. There is most definitely a state law against the sale of alcohol on or near a school campus. The Student Government at College of the Mainland is not advocating the sale of alcoholic beverages here on campus. What they would hope to gain is amendment of the school policy that states: No intoxicating beverages will be allowed on campus premises at any time. Persons under the influence of intoxicating beverages will be asked to leave the premises. Several steps have been taken by members of the Student Government to obtain information concerning state and local

laws controlling alcohol on the campus. Just recently a group of students along with a staff member paid a visit to the local Liquor Control Board in Galveston, Texas. Ken Johnson, a staff member, along with James Nagel, Kristi Morten, and Dick Egner went to see this commission to find out exactly what the state says about colleges allowing alcoholic beverages on the campus. Here again the state law prohibits sale of alcohol within a certain number of feet of establishment including colleges but is rather hazy on allowing alcohol on the campus. This issue is predominantly covered by the school's policies and apparently by some community law. The major issue is that the Student Government feels that this particular school policy is rather obsolete and they would like to see it

amended. According to them this policy change would be advantageous in several ways. These advantages include:

- (a) A much better turnout for the functions on campus
- (b) Provide a closer place for people to go thus cutting down on the danger involved in travelling from town to town
- (c) Would allow for more students

as well as faculty and staff functions on the campus itself thus using the building more advantageously

It should be made quite clear that the Student Government is not advocating opening the sale and distribution of alcoholic beverages at College of the Mainland. What they do want to see is the school policy concerning this issue changed to where the school would allow alcoholic bev-

erages to be brought to certain functions which are held on the campus. This group of students plans to continue gathering information until sufficient information is available to enable the Student Government to bring a proposal before the Board asking that this school policy be amended. The Student Government body feels that this is an important issue and hope that a resolution can be found.



GWEN JURCA
Discusses Alcohol On Campus

Pre-Summer Session Starts At COM March 25

A new concentrated six week pre-summer session is to be offered by College of the Mainland. This program starts March 25 and runs through May 15 with spring vacation set for April 8 through 17. Classes will meet daily.

This offers an opportunity to high school seniors who complete their studies by March 1 under the new state quarter plan. The classes are also open to those persons not already enrolled in college.

Applications are available from high school offices, public libraries and COM's Admissions Office. These applications can be filled out and mailed to College of the Mainland. Registration is scheduled for March 20, 1974.

Courses being offered in this session are History 135.51, Political Science 235.51, English 131.51 and Physical Education 111.51. According to George E. Thomas, Dean of Academic Programs, these are all required freshman courses at any college or university in Texas and the credits are transferable to senior institutions.

"Our new program, one of the first in Texas, offers a great opportunity for high school seniors to get a head start on their college careers," commented Thomas. "Why wait until fall or even summer to begin college when a student can take his first semester courses here in the shortest possible time and at the lowest possible cost." COM's tuition is the lowest allowed by state law.

This opportunity is also open to those high school students who will graduate in May. They can take COM courses concurrently with high school programs if the subjects are not duplicated.

"This compact, concentrated program should also be of interest to adults who work at night and also those who never previously thought of going to college but might take the plunge on a short term basis," Thomas said.

High school students should contact their guidance counselors for more details. Also anyone can call College of the Mainland's Admissions office, 938-1211, ext. 264 for further information. The free toll number for

Dickinson and the bay area is 337-1631.

There are two developmental courses offered too. They are Communications 134.51, reading improvement, and Communications 133.51, writing improvement. These are for those students who feel they need extra help in communication skills before taking college level courses. Credits for these two courses, however, are not transferable to all institutions.

This new program allows students a good opportunity to get some required courses out of the way before they have to go off for education or to get help where they need it.



Area Counselors Meet At College Center

College of the Mainland's academic staff and the programs offered were presented at a recent luncheon meeting of the Galveston Bay Area Counselors Association in COM's College Center. It was an audio-visual presentation.

The COM staff members involved in the program were introduced by George A. Goodwin, President of the association. Mr. Goodwin is also a

counselor at Levi Fry Junior High School in Texas City.

A slide introduction to the 26 instructors on the teaching staff of College of the Mainland was narrated by George E. Thomas, Associate Dean for Academic Programs.

Thomas noted that all instructors here have a Masters Degree. Forty three percent have at least one year of advanced study besides their M.A.

Three of the staff members are now nearing completion of a doctorate. Degrees by the faculty members are from 16 different Texas colleges and universities and 19 are from out of the state institutions.

Six staff members have been listed in Outstanding Educators of America in recent years. Ten of the faculty members have received grants for advanced study and 11 have served as consultants to publishers, colleges, schools and government agencies.

"We're very proud of the fact that two of our instructors were awarded grants for graduate study from the National Endowment for the Humanities," Thomas stated. "These are highly selective grants for which there is nation wide, stiff competition," he further commented.

It was also emphasized that all of the courses in the Associate in Arts Degree program are transferable to senior institutions.

The extensive testing and counseling programs at COM which are aimed toward upgrading the basic skills of those students who need remedial programs was outlined by Beau Bobbitt, Chairman of the Counseling and Human Development Studies Program.

"College of the Mainland is a comprehensive community college, and as such, has programs to meet the needs of all students from an advanced to a remedial level," Bobbitt stated.

Mrs. Althea Choates, a counselor,

explained the available and vocational programs emphasizing how good are the facilities at College of the Mainland.

After the presentation there was a question and answer period where counselors from area schools asked questions about COM's faculty, programs and facilities.



ACUPUNCTURE . . . Dr. M. J. Cain watches for a reaction from Teddy as he inserts an acupuncture needle into the poodle at his clinic here. Dr. Cain, of Mt. Healthy, Ohio, the first American veterinarian to study under the Chinese Academy of Acupuncture, has performed the ancient art on more than 100 dogs and horses in the last six months.



CONFERRING before a meeting of the Bay Area Counselors Association are, left to right: George Thomas, Associate Dean for Academic Programs at COM; Stanton C. Calvert, Dean of Student Personnel Services; George A. Goodwin, President of the Association and a Counselor at Levi Fry Junior High School in Texas City and Beau Bobbitt, COM's Chairman of Counseling and Human Development Studies.

Coming Events

March 18 - Intramural Pool Entries Open. Intramural Racketball Entries Open.

March 19 - College of the Mainland - "Fine Arts Faculty Show" in the Gallery.

March 21 - Bird of Prey - with Chuck Bindner, adventurer, naturalist, explorer.

March 25 - Gulf Coast Junior College Intercollegiate Conference Traveling Exhibition of Student Art Works in the Gallery.

April 8 - Caribbean Travel Show, Houston Post, host National Airlines Kodak Multi-media Presentation.

April 19 - Entry deadline, Post Spring Art Festival.

April 20 - Spring Art Festival District Judging.

April 21 - Spring Art Festival District Judging.

April 22 - Spring Art Festival Regional Judging.

April 20 - Science Engineering, Fair's Winners Weekend.

April 21 - Science Engineering, Fair's Winners Weekend.

April 24 - Holiday on Ice, Post family night.

Beauty Course Now Available To Senior Citizens At COM

Avocados, corn and bananas are meant to be eaten, not worn. But to an adventurous group of senior citizens in a self-improvement course at College of the Mainland, they are the stuff of which beauty is made.

The course is aptly called "The Art of Looking Better" and these consumable items are ingredients in an imaginatively-mixed facial which promises a better complexion to the user.

The class, which evolved from a traditional Physical Fitness course, is the brainchild of two attractive Bay Area models who decided a personal improvement course specifically for senior citizens was an idea

whose time has definitely come.

Mea Gillis, who models for Battlesteins, Foley's, as well as others in the Houston area; and Betty Bakos, a model who appeared in television commercials in the East, both agree the course meets a long-existing need.

"For the greater part of their lives, most senior citizens' attention is focused on their families," Ms. Gillis observed. "Then when it's time to think of themselves, many women decide they are too old to be concerned about their appearance."

"Our course stresses that it's never too late to care about one's appearance and that maturity can be beautiful," Ms. Bakos quickly added. "The course has only been underway three weeks and we've already noticed definite improvements as well as a general uplift in attitude and morale," she commented.

The 12-week course is free to residents over 55 and is still open for enrollment. Students meet on Wednesday, 10:00 a.m. to noon in Room P-119 of COM's Physical Education Building. On Monday and Friday, they attend physical fitness activities in a modern, dome-shaped Physical Education Building on campus, taught by Miss Susan Storey, Physical Education instructor.

"It's great to see the improvement not only in appearance but in self-image," Ms. Gillis declared. "And what's more, the class is great

fun."

Both instructors are putting their faith in the course on the line: a photograph is taken of each student on the first day of class and one will be taken when the course is completed.

It's sometimes difficult to see the week-to-week changes, but I think the "after" photograph will be able to show the overall improvement," Ms. Bakos commented.

Each week is devoted to a specific area of personal care. Two sessions have been spent on skin care and posture, and a future class will include hair care.

"We've invited Marc Ashley, the hair stylist at The Camelot Beauty

Salon in the Bay Area, to come to our class. He'll not only lecture to the class but also offer a personal consultation to each student," Mrs. Gillis said.

For those interested in enrolling now, Ms. Bakos emphasized that they would have a chance to make up the missed lectures.

"We have opening for about six more students," she explained. "Anyone interested in joining us should call 938-1211, Ext. 242."

The road to beauty may be strewn with banana peels and avocado pits, but the "Art of Looking Better" course promises more than a passing grade to the senior citizens who have enrolled as "charter" students.

Applications Taken For Basic Grants

Any fulltime student presently enrolled who did not attend an institution of higher learning prior to July 1, 1973 is still eligible to apply for Basic Educational Opportunity Grant for the 1973-74 school year. The deadline for application is April 1, 1974. The amount of the grant is based on the financial need of the student. Awards for this year range from a minimum of \$59.00 to \$452.00 per year.

Students not yet enrolled, who plan to enroll fulltime for the 1974-75 school year may apply for a Basic Educational Opportunity Grant on new forms available after April 1, 1974. The average award next year is expected to be approximately \$500 and the maximum about \$700.

Applications are available in the Financial Aid Office room A150.

TURN ONS



Houston Post Sponsors Events

The Houston Post has announced the upcoming activities for Spring. All of these events are open to the public.

SNOOPY COLORING CONTEST, March 26, 1974--Kinds, draw and color your favorite skating star, Snoopy? In conjunction with Post Family Night at Holiday on Ice, The Post is sponsoring a coloring contest for children ages 4-12. March 26 at 12 midnight marks entry deadline. Entries of an 8' 1/2" x 11" maximum size should be sent with child's name, age and address to: Snoopy Coloring Contest, The Houston Post, 4747 Southwest Freeway, Houston, 77001. First place winners will appear in The Houston Post on Sunday, April 21. Fifty winners will receive two free tickets each to Post Family Night at Holiday on Ice.

SCIENCE ENGINEERING FAIR OF HOUSTON, March 28-30, 1974--These dates mark the final judging and exhibition of junior and senior high school students' experiments in the world of science. The students will be competing for over 190 special awards. Two Grand Award Winners will be selected to compete in the International Science Engineering Fair at Notre Dame, Indiana. The Fair will be open to the public on March 29, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m., and on March 30, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. The public is also invited to attend the Awards Ceremony on March 29, 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. (The original Sunday,

March 31, scheduling has been cancelled due to Sunday gas rationing problems for out-of-town students.) The Science Engineering Fair of Houston is sponsored by The Houston Post and the Engineers Council of Houston.

POST TRAVEL SHOW, April 8, 1974--There's an undeniable beauty and charm about the Caribbean and its islands. This Travel Show, hosted by National Airlines, takes you to this area of lush foliage, bountiful islands and the brilliant sea. A multi-media presentation by Kodak brings you the sights and sounds of such famed islands as Jamaica, Martinique, Puerto Rico, Barbados and Antigua. There'll be fashions by Sakowitz, door prizes and free travel information, including cruise lines. Admission will be by free tickets only. Watch The Post for the Travel Show ad with coupon or pick up your tickets at The Post Want Ads Counter. (Limit of four tickets per request.) Show is at the Music Hall, downtown, 8 p.m.

SPRING ART FESTIVAL, April 19, 1974--Months of preparation culminate as junior and senior high school art students meet this deadline date. Students from a 30-county area in and around Houston are eligible to enter in 11 media categories (graduating seniors may enter a 12th media category--portfolio). Students compete for prizes, cash awards, scholarships, and the honor of display. On April 22, 215 regional finalists' entries will come to Houston for final judging and display at the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, April 27 - May 19. The public is invited to this free exhibit.

SCIENCE FAIR WINNERS WEEK-END, April 20-21--A special tribute to the top winners in the regional Science Fair! The Grand Awards Senior Division, Post Excellence Award, Junior Division and Museum of Natural Science Special Award winners will display their projects at the Museum of Natural Science for viewing by the public.

Meat Most Important

Meat quality is the most important consideration of food shoppers as a reason for selecting a particular grocery store, according to a research report involving Chicago area women. Among the other various factors looked for, in order of importance, are: produce quality, store appearance, efficient checkout and meat variety.



BAND CONCERT - Members of the La Marque High School Stage Band recently played in the College of the Mainland Student Center.

Library Offer Made To High School Grads

Have you heard of College of the Mainland's offer of free books for new students? It's true, everything is going on at the College--our interest in you as a student is not a sometime thing, but rather begins before you even get here.

Here's the opportunity: the first 100 1974 high school graduates who apply for admittance to COM by June 1, 1974 with the declared intention of registering for the Fall term as a full-time student for a course of study leading to an Associates Degree from COM, and who plan to

later transfer to a senior college, will be given 10 paperback books of their choice to be selected from a list of 100 different titles. That's it. They're yours, free. To read. Over the summer, and then in the Fall you will have the option of participating in some discussion sessions over the ideas in the books. No obligation, but keep in mind that taking

part may be worth some college credit. Whether or not you make the sessions the books are yours to keep, to trade, to give away.

Oh, you're wondering about our motives? The best, really. We'd like to have you here in the Fall, that's all, and reading of course is about as necessary as loving, so what better way to get up for college? Conditions are only those as described in the offer.

Sign below and return this letter to me; I will send you a voucher which you take to the College Bookstore for the paperbacks. Hurry, they must be picked up by June 15, 1974.

"Hey, hope I'm one of the first hundred. Send me a voucher. I understand that I may begin my studies this summer if I wish, but I must be here in the Fall to qualify for the free books. Furthermore, I agree to return the books given me to the Bookstore on or before September 1, 1974 if: 1) fail to register for the Fall term by August 26, 1974; 2) register for less than 12 semester hours; 3) do not enroll in courses leading to a degree."

Signed _____
Address _____

Food Bill

Of more than \$116 billion spent, for food last year, 70 cents out of every dollar was for food served at home.

Frozen Foods

Frozen foods account for 5 to 7 percent of supermarket sales.

Big Business

Diet and low calorie foods, once sold only in drug and specialty stores, now account for \$330 million in soft drinks and another \$250 million in food items.



Image VI Photography Concert Set At Sam Houston University

The Photography Club at Sam Houston State would like to announce the approaching date of IMAGE VI, the sixth annual photography salon, to interested students attending College of the Mainland.

IMAGE salons, sponsored by the Photography Club, are directed at full-time students of colleges and universities within the five state area of Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, New Mexico and Texas.

IMAGE VI will begin on March 22 with a program presented by Al Studebaker, vice-president and general manager of Harper Leiper Studios, entitled, "For a Little Extra Effort." Also, twenty prints by Morley Baer, a Californian Photographer, will be shown on March 23.

Prejudging is open to the public and at this time judges will make appropriate critiques on the good and bad points of each print. In this manner each contestant achieves the benefit of print critique first hand.

Final judging and awarding of ribbons to entries will be made in a closed session. Upon completion the winners will be announced.

Students looking for a place to stay (sleeping bag on the floor) should call this phone number when they get to Huntsville: 295-4496

The contest entry fee is \$2.00, which includes the first print and 50 cents for each additional print. Make checks or money orders to: SHSU PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB. Unless sufficient postage is used prints will be returned.

All entries must be received no

later than 5 p.m., Wednesday, March 20, 1974. Entries sent by mail should be addressed to: IMAGE VI, P.O. Box 2266, Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, Texas 77340, Attn: John G. Gay, Jr., IMAGE VI Chairman.

All winning photographs will be exhibited from March 23 until April

8, 1974, in the lobby of the Lowman Student Center on the Sam Houston campus.

Further information, along with IMAGE VI entry blanks, may be obtained at the information desk in the College of the Mainland Student Center.

Letters To The Editor

EDITOR:

First of all, let me congratulate you on the fine work you have apparently been doing in developing the Mainland Comet. We have sorely needed such a publication for our institution and I commend you on getting it this far.

However, I am deeply concerned about one aspect of the paper and that is the coverage of our intercollegiate athletic program. The articles printed so far, mostly basketball, have been the worst I have ever seen, including some junior high newspapers. The information has been erroneous, misleading and so poorly written that it is a detriment to our program and your publication.

Please understand that I do not place the blame with anyone but the writers themselves. Their attempts at gathering information have been pitiful, even embarrassing to us. To know that this material is possibly being read by students and adults in the community makes me cringe.

Personal experience makes me well aware of the problems involved in just getting enough students to help put out a newspaper without having someone like me be so critical. Nevertheless, I can't help but feel that everyone involved, the newspaper, the athletic program, and the college as a whole, stands more to lose than to gain if articles of similar "quality" continue to be printed.

As a possible solution I will gladly volunteer to either write future articles myself or at least serve as a "ghostwriter" for some student. Most importantly, I would welcome the opportunity to proofread all articles prior to publication.

Editor's Quote Book

It seldom happens that a man errs through an excess of moderation.

—Confucius

Perhaps we could arrange some time to personally discuss this matter. Please drop me a note regarding your feelings.

Thank You,
Dan Travaille

Dear Mr. Travaille:

On several occasions staff members have been sent to your department. They have returned unable to have necessary records released.

If they could be released in the future, the stories would improve.

Your cooperation will be appreciated.

Thank You,
Editor

To the Editor:

In response to the editorial of March 4, I believe the situation of the government was only presented from one side. It is true Nixon has made mistakes, but no one is perfect. His accomplishments far out weigh his detriments to his office. Who opened up relations with Red China, bettered the feelings between Russia and the U.S. and got our troops out of Veitnam honorably? No one has heard these Watergate tapes, which could well prove Nixon's innocence. In this country a man is suppose to be innocent until proven guilty. Nixon's stand on amensty embodies the feelings of the American people, not just his personal views. Impeachment itself means only to bring charges against the President. Removal from office is an irrevockable serios step. In veiw of the charges against the President, I believe impeachment would do more harm than good. We must support our President until his term is over. Whether or not in agreement with his policies or not, the position of keeping the U.S. first in the world is more important than a few radicals wantig to "overthrow" the President.

K.A.R.



EDWARD BROWN
Dean of Administration Services

Added Spirit

Staff Personality

Staff Reporter

Ed Brown, Dean of Administrative Services, has been at College of the Mainland since its inception in July 1967. His work includes being the college's business manager, doing the budget, and generally running operations.

Mr. Brown, originally from Illinois, came to Texas during World War Two and never wanted to leave. He attended the University of Texas and began his career at the Texas Education Agency. The Alvin Independent School District and Alvin Junior College were his next employers until he came to COM. Mr. Brown is married and has three children, as he says, "All grown, Thank God!" and two grandchildren.

A great sense of humor is one of Ed Brown's traits that shows when he talks. In discussing his favorite past time when not working, fishing, he says he'll give lessons to any one that wants to wade in lakes and bayous with him.

Overall, Mr. Brown's presence adds to the spirit of the college. His friendliness and humor make him a welcome member of the staff.

For The Royal Family

In Inca days, use of coca - a pain-killer and stimulant - was restricted mainly to the royal family. Today Bolivian highlanders chew it to relieve fatigue. Little work gets done without it.

Consumers' Corner

Soybeans - New Snack Foods

A new snack food that's good, nutritious and gaining in popularity is the salted soybean.

Here are directions for "doing your own thing," if you have soybeans growing at home.

Soybeans may be cooked and salted to serve like salted nuts. There are two methods for preparing the beans - either is acceptable.

For the first method: Soak dry soybeans overnight or until completely swollen. Dry the surface of the beans between towels and fry in deep fat. Fry a few beans at a time for five to eight minutes depending upon the size.

When the soybeans are slightly brown and crisp, drain, salt and use as salted peanuts would be used.

For the second method: Soak washed beans overnight. Boil for one hour in salted water, spread in a shallow pan and roast in a moderate oven until browned. Sprinkle with salt while still warm.

The temperature of the fat or the oven should be set at 350 degrees.

Jumbo Jet

I just flew in from New York on a jumbo jet. Everyone was wonderful - the stewardess, the pilot. We averaged over 600 miles per hour at 35,000 feet. But I was disappointed in the plane. This brand new plane cost millions and millions of dollars - you think that at least you could open a window.

Art Exhibit Set

TEXAS CITY - A "house" exhibit of the work of College of the Mainland staff members will open in the Gallery of the Fine Arts Building on Friday, March 8th and continue through March 23rd.

The "Fine Arts Faculty and Staff Exhibition" will include the work of such well-known local artists as Odette Rubin, Marilyn Heath, Berry Polifka, Don Thornton and Carol Veth.

The gallery will be open on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and Tuesday, 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. In addition, the special evening hours have been scheduled for March 8, 9, 15, 16, 22 and 23rd, when the exhibit will be open 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

The exhibit is open to the general public.

Student Faces On Campus



Left to Right: MARILYN SCOTT, Dickinson; CHARLES FISHER, Friendswood; DIANE McCULLUM, La Marque; BOB FAUST, La Marque; PATRICIA HOLT, Hitchcock.



BOOK CHECK - A student at COM has her books checked before leaving the library.

Exciting Young Student

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

By GARY D. HALL
Staff Reporter

For those of you out there with names like Smith, Jones, Brown and so on, you may consider Elizabeth ten Haaf to be an unusual or rare name. And right you are! But Elizabeth is rare, sensitive, and quite a charming person. For those who would like an explanation of her name; gather round. Elizabeth's last name is of Dutch descent coming from the fact that her father was born in Holland. He came over to the United States when he was fourteen years old and now is employed at Amoco.

Elizabeth has resided in La Marque all of her life and she graduated from La Marque high school in 1972. She lives with her parents, two brothers, (one older and one younger), and a beagle named Stanly.

Elizabeth enjoys many activities and hobbies, two of these being bicycling and tennis. I can attest to the fact that she enjoys tennis for she and I were enrolled in a tennis course together last year. If there is any doubt whether or not we are good tennis players just go and ask Coach Bryant. Maybe he will lie for us! Possibly another factor in her fondness for that particular tennis class is the fact that it was in this class she met her boyfriend, Larry Martin. Many of you may remember Larry as a former student of COM who did some fantastic art work while he was here. He is now majoring in art at the University of Texas. When I was questioning Elizabeth about her hobbies she also said that she likes to eat. She has certainly picked my favorite hobby here; and probably the pastime of various others at College of the Mainland!

Elizabeth is interested in Communications and plans to make this her major. She proposes to take courses and further her knowledge of this subject when she attend University of Texas in Austin text fall. Elizabeth works at the COM library at night attending to the non-print media.

Also among Elizabeth's interests is traveling. She says she would someday like to travel to Europe and possibly Mexico. If she goes to Mex-



ELIZABETH TEN HAAF
Unique Name

ico she doesn't want to visit the border towns but instead would like to go into the interior; perhaps Mexico City. Elizabeth also enjoys music a great deal and tends to favor Jose Feliciano, Elton John, and Judy Collins as three of her favorites.

Elizabeth greatly enjoys College of the Mainland, it's instructors, and the students that she has met and made friends with. Well, all you Smiths, Browns and Jones, eat your hearts out; cause ten Haaf is quite a name. And quite a girl!

"In The Groove?"

The breadth of one's view is the chief difference between being "in the groove" and being "in a rut."

Gardening Fans

There's a new gardening magazine that's just out and it will be printed in several different foreign languages. The name of the magazine is "Weeder's Digest."

\$5000 To Be Awarded Students In Writing Competition

College and university students can win up to \$1000 plus an expense paid, round trip to Hollywood, Calif.

Both graduate and undergraduate students between the ages of 18 and 25 are invited to enter the national DRUG ENLIGHTENMENT PROGRAM College and University Script Writing Competition for "The New Radio".

The competition consists in writing a half-hour, educational, entertaining, dramatic, radio script on the drug problem.

The DRUG ENLIGHTENMENT PROGRAM will use 13 winning scripts to produce a new, national radio series for public service broadcast.

Thirteen cash prizes will be awarded: ranging from FIRST PRIZE of \$1000 (plus a one week, expense paid, round trip from home or school to Hollywood, Calif.) to THIRTEENTH PRIZE of \$200.

There is no entry fee. Deadline for the competition is midnight, May 31, 1974.

The competition is being sponsored by F.I.C.U., a nonprofit, educational, public service corporation in Los Angeles, and is open to every college and university student in the United States and Canada.

Students interested in entering the competition should write to F.I.C.U., Los Angeles, Calif. 90035 and ask for the Information, Rules, and Official Entry Form brochure.

Graphic Arts Day To Be Held

A special Careers in Graphic Arts Day will be held for area High School seniors and College of the Mainland students on Friday, March 24 in the College of the Mainland LRC Auditorium from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m.

Several Manufacturing firms as well as other firms employing graphics people, will make a presentation at the meeting. Helpful backgrounds that fit well into the graphic arts field include accurate typing, artistic appreciation, mechanical, photographic, and creative writing.

For further information, please contact Sandra Shoup, instructor in the Industrial Education Division, Ext. 255.

Career Start With COM

Teacher Profile

By JOLYNN SMITH
Staff Reporter

Mr. Manuel Urbina is an instructor in the History Department here at College of the Mainland. But his interests are not restricted just to history.

Born in Mexico at Rodriguez, Nuevo Leon, a small town close to Monterrey, he and his family immigrated to the United States when he was seven. He grew up in Brazoria County and attended high school in Angleton.

He got his BA degree in history from Howard Payne college in Brownwood, Texas. Then he studied for 18 months in Mexico City. There his subject was Hispanic Languages and Literature.

In 1967 he attended the University of Texas for his masters in Latin American studies.

College of the Mainland and Mr. Urbina started their careers together in 1967. It was his first teaching



MANUEL URBINA
History Instructor

When Mr. Urbina came to College of the Mainland the college needed both a history instructor and a Spanish teacher so he took both positions. Teaching each part of his time.

His teaching was interrupted for two years, with a leave of absence, while he did resident work for his Ph D in history at the University of Texas. He received a fellowship from the National Endowment for the Humanities with which to pursue his doctorate.

Now he is busy writing his dissertation, the topic being "The Impact of the Texas Revolution on the Government and Politics of Mexico."

While researching in Mexico City he had an office in the National Palace which, he says, is equivalent to being given an office in the White House in which to study. The office was complete with a secretary.

He is author of a monograph entitled "El Viate de Mulas de Salta a Peru" published by the University of Rosario in Argentina in 1967.

For recreation he enjoys photography, music and travel. Mainly travel which has been extensive in Europe. Also he has traveled to Argentina and five South American countries. His office is studded with interesting souvenirs from his many foreign visits.

This man with a ready smile and a many faceted personality likes it here at College of the Mainland and plans on staying, as he says, "an appropriate length of time." We hope you do Mr. Urbina.

position and the birth of a college.

His previous working experience that he put on his application form was cotton picker, janitor, ditch digger, grocery clerk and dishwasher. Quite a varied background for a history instructor.

Thin Ice

Thin ice is always a hazard for iceboats. Experienced sailors keep a pair of sharp, six-inch nails in their pockets. Clenched in each fist, the nails can be driven into the ice to give a dunked iceboat racer a handhold, enabling him to pull himself out of the water.

Cavities?

If all the new dental cavities which occur each year were to be filled, it would cost Americans an estimated \$10 billion.

American Viewpoints



"I hesitate to contemplate the future of our institutions, of our government, and of our country if the preoccupation of its officials is to be no longer the promotion of justice and equal opportunity but is to be devoted to barter in the markets."

—Herbert Hoover

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Dance

Sights from the recent dance held at the College of the Mainland Student Center.

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Zanetta Burnette

SOLUTION TO DOUBLE CROSS-UP No. 5

AUTHOR: George Eliot
TITLE: Silas Marner

QUOTATION:

He fled to his usual refuge, that of hoping for some unforeseen turn of fortune, some favorable chance which would save him from unpleasant consequences--perhaps even justify his insincerity by manifesting its prudence.

- A. Graffito
- B. Ejection
- C. Open-end
- D. Refashion
- E. Guffaw
- F. Equably
- G. Eccentric
- H. Luftwaffe

- I. Inhuman
- J. Omnibus
- K. Thenceforth
- L. Suppose
- M. Impulsive
- N. Lithographer
- O. Affluent
- P. Sunshiny

- Q. Mishmash
- R. Aversion
- S. Roasted
- T. Nervousness
- U. Escutcheon
- V. Red-eye

Games Tournament Winners Announced

Three students participated in the annual ACU-I Regional Games Tournament held recently at USL in Lafayette, Louisiana. Representing COM were Jim Forsythe and Colin Blackburn in Chess and Erin Applegate in Women's table tennis.

Colin Blackburn finished 5th, winning 50% of the games played. Jim Forsythe, who thought it was a great experience held on long enough to finish 18th. Erin Applegate, who by many feel is the no. 1 female table tennis player in the area, finished 2nd.

Other schools participating were: LSU, UT, TEXAS A&M, Texas Tech, Baylor, Lee College, Grambling College, Lamar U, Houston Baptist, North Texas State, St. Edward, Steven F. Sustin, TCU, Trinity U, Tulane, U of H and West Texas State University.

The games lasted 3 days. Games

included Chess, Table Tennis, Billiards, Bowling and Bridge. We're looking forward to going

next year, but hopefully with a larger group according to Leroy August, Director of Intramurals.



WINNERS Placing in the recent ACU I Games were Jim Forsythe, Erin Applegate, and Colin Blackburn.



SPORTS



AT COM

BASKETBALL

The Intramural one-on-one basketball was won by Kenneth Francis. Ken out lasted David Brown in the Championship game, 20-8. Finishing 3rd was Little Mark Smith who hook-

ed up with Ken Francis in an earlier game and lost after taking the champ to a difficult overtime score of 45-35. Jerome Scott was 4th.

Others competing were: Jim Forsythe, Clarence Washington, Lloyd Hibbits, Amir, Eskin Hill, Daniel Wilkins and Richard Niezek.

Trophies were awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners.

Chief official was Eldridge Anderson, one of our fine basketballers. Others assisting were Clemen Steven and Ed Benson.

GOLF

The following is the schedule for College of the Mainland's Golf Schedule:

Date	Location	Time
March 19	*Lee College (Baytown)	9:00 a.m.
March 27	*Alvin	9:00 a.m.
April 1	*Brazosport	9:00 a.m.
April 17	*Wharton	9:00 a.m.
April 26	*College of the Mainland	9:00 a.m.
April 30	*Galveston-Conference Meet	9:00 a.m.

Conference games are marked with an asterick*

REGIONAL TOURNEY

The reason that the Comets did not attend the National Regional Junior College Tournament this year was because of the ineligibility of three players on the team. These players are Arthur Jackson, Winifred Butler, who transferred from Lon Morris Junior College, and Efrim Griffin, who attended Weatherford Junior College last year. The rules in the Junior National Association concerning these players states that if a player attends one junior college and transfers to another, he is ineligible for a year. This means that the Comets are essentially on probation in this particular area.

The all conference selection that are voted on by the coaches for this year's Gulf Coast Junior College Inter-Collegiate Conference included several COM members: First Team-Ed Benson, Jimmy Bimmage, and Eldridge Anderson; and second team-Larry Turner.

POST FAMILY NIGHT AT HOLIDAY ON ICE, April 24--It's opening night and Snoopy and his pals are in rare skating form in "Spectrum of the 70's"! It's an all-new super show, offering over two hours of music, comedy and beauty on ice. Bring the family to this dazzling super show for one-half price. Watch The Houston Post for details and ticket coupons. Over-the-counter ticket sales begin April 1. Showtime is 7:30 p.m. at the Houston Coliseum.

Fine Arts Sets Goal

TEXAS CITY...College of the Mainland's Fine Arts Advisory Committee has announced a 1974 scholarship goal of \$5,000, which it intends to raise from two outstanding events scheduled for March.

On March 31, Susan Smeltzer, COM's artist-in-residence, will offer the same program for which she received an overwhelming reception at Brahm's Hall in Vienna in January. Susan Smeltzer's concert is at 3:00 p.m. in the Arena Theatre. Tickets for both events are on sale at the College Business Office.

According to Frank Christman, Chairman of the Committee, COM's district and state funds cannot be used to support scholarships but must come from private sources through the College Foundation.

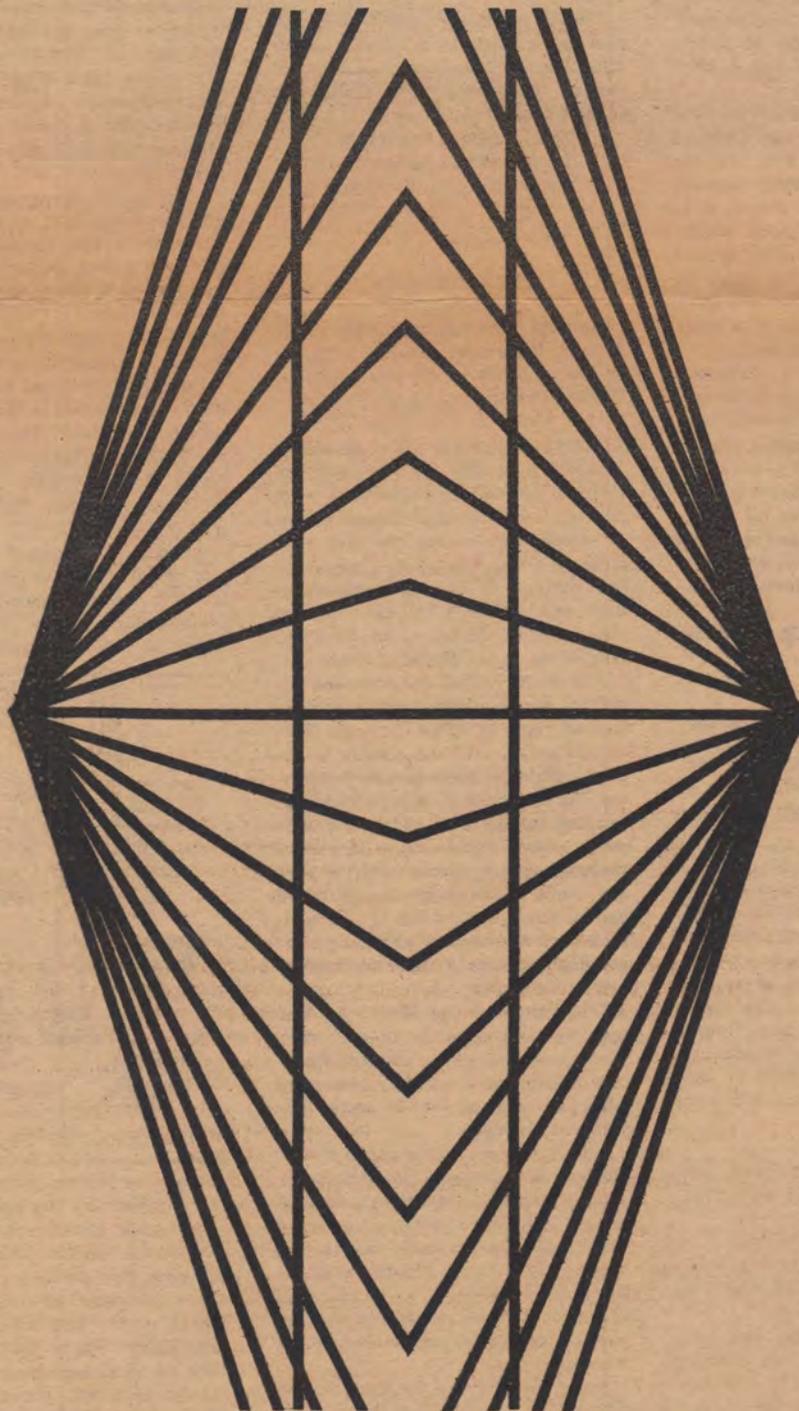
"We feel that the fine arts--music, art, and drama--are important for our community," Christman commented. "Everytime the College offers a creative learning opportunity, our citizens respond. I think it's safe to say that fine arts in Galveston County is a reality."

The Fine Arts Advisory Committee is comprised of: Chairman Frank Christman, Tom Knoflicek, Ed Mabry, LaVerne Frazier, Beatrice Stanley, Stephen Richardson, Edith McKinney, Evelyn Krieg, and Tom Bennett.

Christman said the Scholarship Committee awards would support the annual activity of approximately 25 students, with funds for books, fees, tuition, and individual instruction.

COM's Fine Arts programs serve hundreds of citizens annually in a variety of ways: intensive major training, college and community chorus, workshops, avocational learning, artist concerts, community theater, opera preview, children's theater, repertory concerts, and community services.

"We're confident the community will show its support of the Fine Arts Scholarship Program by producing a 'full-house' at this event," commented Christman.



IN THIS ILLUSION ARE YOU REALLY SEEING WHAT YOU THINK YOU SEE?

PUNCH LINE OF THE WEEK



RUGS ARE SOLD BY THE YARD, WORN OUT BY THE FOOT.

New Library Books

These are some of the new acquisitions in the library at COM for the month of February.

Business
Friedman, "Inflation: A World-wide Disaster" HG 229 F657. Green, "The Monopoly Makers: Ralph Naders Study group report on regulation and competition" HD 3616 U47 M56 1973. King, "Developing New Brands" HD 69 N4 K 53. Kroll, "The Commodity Futures Market Guide" HG 6046 K8 1973. Weintraub, "Classical Keynesianism: Monetary Theory and the Price Level". Weisberg, "Beyond Repair: The Ecology of Capitalism".
Fine Arts & Architecture
Caffin, "Photography as a Fine Art". Graves, "Life Drawing in Charcoal". Guptill, Oil Painting Step-by-Step Taubes, The Painter's Dictionary of Materials and Methods
Unlin, Art for Exceptional Children Wankelman, A Handbook of Arts and Crafts

Journalism
Pool, "Handbook of Communications"
Law
Fosdick, "American Police Systems". Fosdick, "European Police Systems". Klotter, "Constitutional Law for Police". Mannheim, "Pioneers in Criminology". Rappaport, "SEC Accounting Practice and Procedure". Rubinstein, "City Police". Sherrill, "The Saturday Night Special". "U.S. Master Tax Guide 1974". HJ 4652 U85 1974.

Literature
Felffer, "The Great Comic Book Heroes". Haycraft, "The Art of the Mystery Story: A Collection of Critical Essays". Hesse, "If War Goes On...Reflections on War and Politics". Lowell, "Near the Ocean: Poems". Lytton, "A Strange Story: The Alchemical Novel".
Sociology
Fuller, "Earth, Inc". Muncy, "Sex and Marriage in Utopian Communities: 19th Century America". Ohlin, "Prisoners in America". Pope, "Voices from the Drug Culture". Roszak, "Masculine/Feminine: Readings in Sexual Mythology & the Liberation of Women".

Senior Citizens
Buckley, "Retirement Handbook". Carnegie, "Don't Grow Up - Grow Old". Flanner, Paris was Yesterday 1925-1939". Hochschild, "The Unexpected Community". Holmes, "You and I and Yesterday". Jhabvala, "Travelers". Kastenbaum, "Psychology of Death". Mayhall, "Indian Wars of Texas". Mitford, "Kind and usual Punishment: The Prison Business". Postal, "And the Hills Shouted for Joy: The Day Israel was Born". Rogers, "Save It, Invest It, and Retire". "Sane Living in a Mad World: A Guide to the Organic Way of Life". Sussman, "Amateur Photographer's Handbook". Woelders, "Stitchery:Free Expression".

By GARY D. HALL
Staff Writer

The College of the Mainland Library has obtained some new books, many of which will prove to be both interesting and quite entertaining. Here are just a few:

"The Fountain Pen Conspiracy" by Jonathan Kwitny. (HV 6695 K84). If you or anyone you know have ever been taken or if you want to avoid the situation in the future, read this book. The subject headings assigned by the Library of Congress are "swindlers and swindling" and "fraud". Both are right on target. The book is an "expose of a loosely connected crew of inspired con men (most of them not in prison). Various big swindles and the men who planned and executed them are dissected and documented by the author. The Texan who makes a science of looting banks, the bankrupt financier who now sails international waters on a luxury yacht packed with communications equipment, and many more all appear between the covers. The final chapter "Why aren't these guys in jail?" may make you furious but it certainly is an eye opener.

"The Gold of the Gods" by (you guessed it!!!) Erich von Daniken (CB 156 D313 1973). For all you "Charlotts" fans, the library is proud to bring you his latest effort. It is an equally fascinating book which takes the reader virtually around the world in search for clues to man's prehistory. Included are some excellent color photographs plus black and white illustrations as well.

"Dictionary of Black Culture" (E 185.96 B33 REF). As a dictionary of Black culture this work contains brief articles on people, events, terms, places, magazines, and other items or importance to Black people. Biographical information is short, and in some cases, sparse (see entry for Ruby Dee) and birth and death dates often lacking. Although the in-

CULTURE CORNER



MOVIES

No matter what the role he is cast in, I guess John Wayne will always be the same basic character. Cast as tough cop McQ in the movie of the same title, Wayne gave an exceptionally good performance, even though he was predictable right up till the climax of the story.

The story line, although not as fresh as last weeks bread, was backed up by pretty fair directing and good photography. McQ is an aging cop who sets out to find who is responsible for the death of a friend and fellow policeman. In the end McQ finds out that his friend was in on a deal to put confiscated drugs back onto the street. McQ finds that one of his superiors was backing the deal. In short, the story is a sad but trite lament of the times; everybody grabbing what they can and trying to get away in a grabby, insane world. It seems to be a popular theme today.

Of course, as in any crime drama,

formation is introductory, a wide range of noted Black people is covered: entertainers, historians, playwrights, spiritualists, sportsmen and athletes.

CHEAP AT HALF THE PRICE: The average book costs a lot more than steak--some 7 dollars a pound--but they're nourishing, nonfattening and at the library free.

The Library's hours are:
8 a.m. to 9 p.m. Mondays-Thurs.
8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Fridays

By KAREN REX
Staff Reporter

Several interesting books worth reading have been recently released. A few of these books by the Stephen Greene Press are:

"A Walk On The Crust Of Hell" by Jack Markowitz. The theme of this work is why does an everyday citizen, who is safe personally, pitch his or her life into danger on the off-chance of saving the life of a stranger? This theme is explored in the stories of 51 supercourageous men and women who have received the Carnegie Medal--the civilian equivalent to the Medal of Honor.

The facts behind the true and inspiring stories come from the authenticated records of the Carnegie Hero Commission, and the events in the book unfold in many places throughout North America, with participants ranging in age from 12 to the middle years. Mr. Markowitz, a long-time newspaperman, writes with a you-are-there touch which speaks to all generations and evokes the immediacy and terror that are prime ingredients in acts of supreme courage and selflessness.

"Touring The Old West" by Kent Ruth is both a guide to the what, where, and how of the existing Western frontier and a richly historical personal tour of the 17 states beyond the Missouri.

Always replete with a sense of excitement and pertinent information for today's explorer, Mr. Ruth guides us along the West's original railroad lines, over the mountain passes, and beside the running rivers, stopping now and again to give us the feel of out-of-the-way cemeteries, Indian pueblos and other mementos of the West as it was.

Other titles from Stephen Greene Press are: "Putting Food By"; "Cook with Honey"; "Natural Grains Cookbook"; "Fresh Vegetables Cookbook"; "Clay Pot Cooking"; "Pan and Griddle Cakes"; "The Home Health Handbook"; "36 Miles of Trouble"; "How to Hold UP the Mail"; and "The Road Through Sandwich Notch."

From the McGraw-Hill publishers

the hero has to run a gauntlet of obstacles in pursuing justice. McQ is beat up, shot at and chased by police and thugs alike. He is taken off of the case, so he quits his job. He doesn't even have a license for his gun.

Wayne is the perfect part for the story. He gives a good impression of being the kind of man who breaks all rules and does things in his own way. Wayne even had to fight his way through some softer scenes in the movie and although he may seem out of place to us, he does come across very well.

I don't think "McQ" will go up for an academy award, but it is well put together and it isn't a low budget film. It is very entertaining and holds your interest well, and it is a good way to spend an evening.

Another good film about crime is "Serpico." It has a story line similar to "McQ"; a straight cop against a corrupt police force; the main difference being that "Serpico" is a true story about a real person. Unlike "McQ", this person isn't a hero who always wins in the end.

The movie spans Serpico's whole career as a policeman, from his graduation from the police academy, up to his resignation. It very effectively captures the policeman's dilemma of trying to stay straight when those that surround him and work with him are on the take. It portrays Serpico as a real person, revealing his dreams of becoming a detective as well as his fears and disillusionment with the police force.

This movie deserves credit as an above average film. Al Pacino's portrayal as Serpico is excellent. Pacino received a well deserved nomination for his part as best actor. Waldo Salt and Norman Wexler were nominated for best screen play. This movie is well worth going to see.

Steve McQueen and Dustin Hoffman also did excellent acting jobs in the movie "Papillon". The story is about two men trying to escape from a prison in French Guiana on the coast of South America. This is also a true story.

Although the acting is great, the plot itself tends to be a bit loose towards the end, and there is a lot of skipping around. It is hard to follow in parts. It gives one the im-

pression that the directors were trying to put too much in in too little time. Except for this, the movie is put together very well. "Papillon" presents a powerful portrayal of the horrors of the infamous prison in French Guiana, as well as giving a convincing picture of the dreams, fears, and frustrations of the prisoners themselves.

Greg Burns

Center Schedules Birds Of Prey

On March 21 at 1 p.m. College of the Mainland will present "Birds of Prey" at the College Center. The program is free.

Birds of Prey is a program that will stimulate more scientific thinking. It will help generations to come, in respecting nature's balance of conservation.

Falconry is supposed to have originated in the Far East and spread west across Asia to Europe, where it reached its peak of popularity in medieval times. It persisted longest in Scotland, where many falconry terms originated, and in Germany where it is still widely practiced. Centuries ago only Kings and Emperors were allowed to use Peregrine Falcons in this ancient sport. Others and lesser folk used Hawks.

During the program, Bindner will display live birds of all these species without cages, this in itself is a master feat as many hours must be consumed training each bird to react normally to an audience. Bindner will explain fully how these birds are persecuted and how their protection can be controlled.

Bindner was trained in Falconry by the internationally famous, John Hamlet of "Hamlet Birds of Prey" research exhibition at Ocala, Florida. This subject is of such interest that it has been featured on T.V.'s "Zoo Parade," "Wide-Wide World," "Captain Jack" and "You Asked For It." It has also appeared as articles, in Life, Argosy, True, Coronet, and Popular Mechanics.

Classified Ads

NEED ROOMMATE - 2 bedroom - 2 bath apt. at Loch Haven Apts. \$80.00/mo. 938-0568 after 5:00 p.m.

WANTED - old bicycles for parts. Ph. 925-2649, Alta Loma.

FOR SALE - 289 Hypo - Ford - Cam. Brand new, make offer. Jean Simmons. 945-2930.

FOR SALE - Ford 325 Ring and Pinion gears. 8 inch, brand new, make offer. 945-2930.

FOR SALE - 1965 Pontiac Lemans. Needs work on valves. Good work or school car. Call 948-7869, James Nagel.

WANTED - For reasonable price - 10 speed bike. Call 938-0587 after 3 p.m.

SPECIAL OFFER - All college students can receive the Houston Chronicle at one-half the regular subscription price. Call 935-9118.

FOR SALE - Electric guitar, \$35. Call 938-4765.

FOR SALE - 1969 Pontiac Bonneville, fully equipped and clean. Phone 945-3885.

FOUND - A watch found in a classroom last semester. Claimant must identify.

WANTED - Folk or classical type guitar in reasonable condition and at a reasonable price. Call 935-9259 after 9 p.m.

WANTED - Bass guitarist to play jazz, rock, and original. Experience preferred. Contact Bobby at 935-6108.

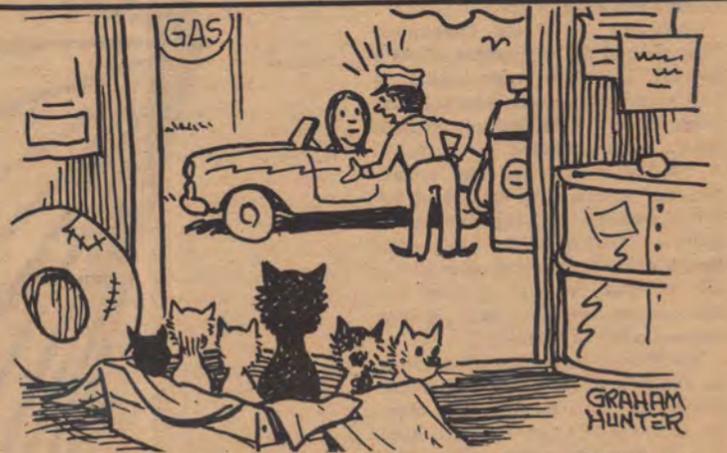
LOST - Two rings, both of great sentimental value. Lost in the ladies room of Tech-Voc. building. Reward of \$15 or \$20. If found please call Mrs. C.M. James, 554-2976 or leave at Bob Smith's office in the Student Center.

WANTED - Need three bedroom sets in good condition. Call 935-3041.

PART TIME JOBS - As carriers for the Houston Post are now available. For more information call 945-3364.

NOTICE - Any person who was here in the Fall and who left clothing or other items of value in a locker in the gym should ask for it at the office between 9 and 5.

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come other interesting books, such as: "The Barrier" by Robin Maughan, a romantic blockbuster. Set in India of the 1890's, this book intermingles the politics, poverty, and class barriers of that era with a highly erotic tale told with vibrant sensibility. Three main characters take turns in narrating the plot, giving a balanced, three dimensional view of the gripping situation. The dramatic ending leaves the reader stunned and searching for answers.

Vladimir Nabokov's "Lolita - The Screenplay", is now being released. Nabokov has written many other great books, including "Ada", "Invitation of a Beheading", "Invitation of a Beheading", "Glory", "King, Queen, Knave", "Laughter in the Dark", "Mary",

and "Pnin". Some titles from McGraw-Hill now out are: "Dictionary of Weapons and Military Terms"; "1001 Questions and Answers About Your Car"; "Twentieth Century Art"; "The Sea Chart"; "The Horizon Concise History of Spain"; "Sources of Democracy"; "Voice of Freedom, Hope and Justice"; "Malice in Blunderland"; "Airplanes - From the Dawn of Flight of the Present Day"; "Murderers and other Friendly People"; "Strawberries in the Sea"; "The Evolution of Hitler's Germany"; "The Price of Loyalty"; "Tory Writings from the Revolutionary Era"; and "Greek and Roman Art, 17th and 18th Century Art, 19th Century Art, and 20th Century Art".

COM Facilities Are Available For Everyone

By GREG BURNS
Staff Reporter

College of the Mainland offers a world of recreational and learning facilities to the residents of the college district which many people, including students, are not even aware. This article is written with the hope that more people, students and non-students alike, will gain a better understanding of the wide range of facilities that are available for their enjoyment, and in so doing they will feel free to use these for their benefit.

Before anyone can use the facilities, whether educational or recreational, they must acquire an ID card. All students are issued one upon registration. If you are not a student, but would like an ID card, you can apply in the Records Office of the Administration building. The cost of the card is \$1.00. This card must be presented to check out books and non-print media and equipment at the Learning Resources Center or the equipment in the game room of the Student Center. The facilities in the Learning Resources Center are available to high school seniors and adults.

If you have an ID card and need a good resource center to find information, the Learning Resources Center is hard to beat. The library contains thousands of volumes of books, over 300 different magazines, reel upon reel of microfilm, as well as a large collection of pamphlets, maps and clippings. The LRC maintains over 20 different types of equipment, including audio and video tape recorders, 8mm and 16mm projectors, record players, filmstrip projectors, slide projectors and cameras. Many of these facilities are

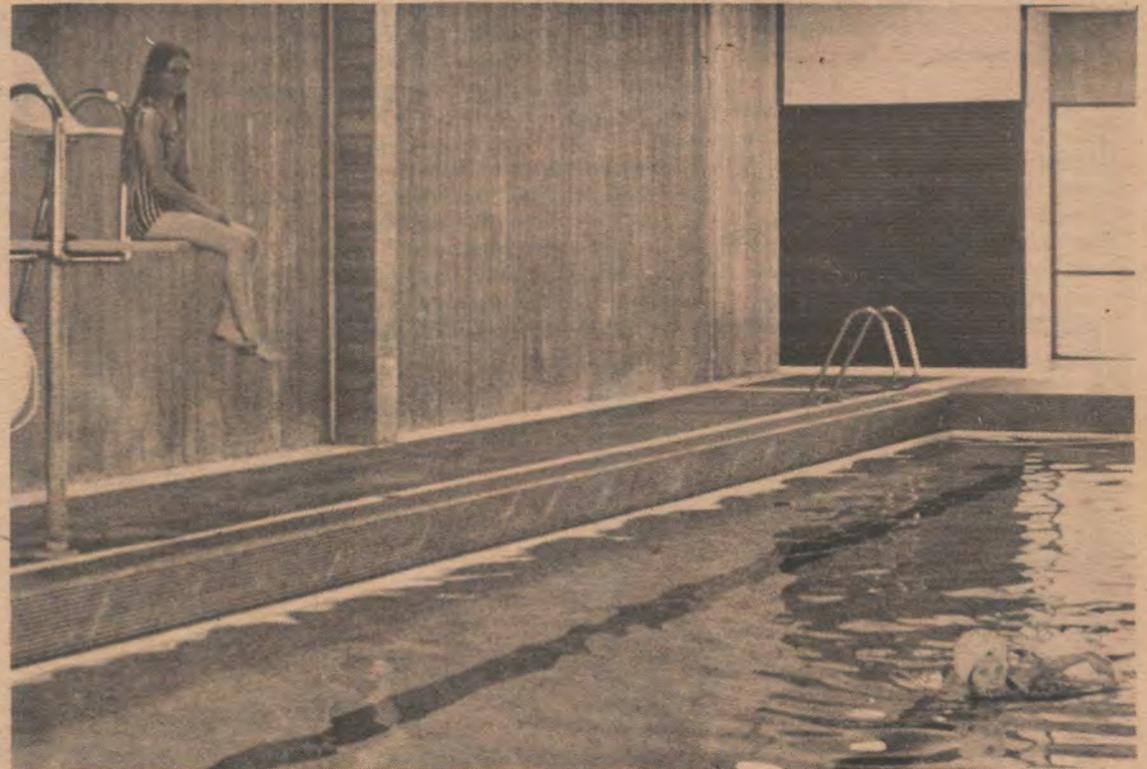
available only to students but some are open to the general public.

Offered as part of the student services program is the interlibrary loan system. If the library does not have the material one is looking for, he may request the material from another library and an interlibrary loan will be made available. Also among the services, if a student needs a slide production made for class presentation or a tape recording duplicated and copies made available for circulation or for broadcast for simultaneous reception at fifty stations within the LRC, this can be done by the Graphics Department. This department can produce slides, filmstrips, 8mm films, transparencies, posters and video recordings for student use.

Besides various services available, there are numerous facilities such as the typing carrels located on the mezzanine floor of the LRC which contain manual typewriters for student use. There are also six rooms on this floor which are for individual and small group listening and recording. Located on the second floor of the LRC is the independent study laboratory (room 212). This room contains numerous learning materials in assorted formats covering many subject areas and educational levels. Any citizen of the Mainland College District may use these materials and equipment without charge.

As for the library books, they may be borrowed for two weeks and upon request to the library, they may be borrowed for another two weeks.

Cassette tapes and players are available for overnight use providing you have an ID card. After 4 p.m., material may be checked out and is due back by 10 a.m. the following



SWIMMING POOL IS ONE OF MANY RECREATIONAL AND LEARNING FACILITIES

day.

Not only are there facilities that most students are aware of, but there are some things that very few students and residents of the district are aware of. For instance, there are the Library Resource Guides. These are information sheets which help one find exactly what he is looking for in the library. These are grouped according to subject heading and tell one which section of the library to go to or what specifically to look under.

Also, there are books not ordin-

arily required for educational purposes which many people do not know about. A book on Peter Max and a book on Bob Dylan are just two of many. There are the special book collections on the mezzanine in Meeting Room C that people are not generally aware of. These are the Cee and Mary Lou Walker Poetry Collection which contains volumes of verse by many foreign as well as American poets, a great number of which are autographed. Permission to use these special books must be requested of the librarians. Bob Slan-

ey, the head librarian, is concerned that not enough people know about the various resources and services available to them in the library for their benefit.

There seems to be almost no limit to the resources available in the LRC so get to know this building. It is there for you. The Learning Resources Center is open from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday.

Also available to anyone with an ID card are the game room facilities (See FACILITIES, page 2)

Streaking Is Controversial

By KAREN REX
Staff Reporter

The latest college campus craze this spring is 'streaking'. This is when a student removes his clothes and runs either by people or is accidentally seen. Streaking started out as a small stunt at a few schools and has grown to encompass almost every college campus. Within the last few weeks COM has had several streakers.

Much controversy has been raised with the advent of this latest fad. As with most issues, there are opposing sides to streaking - those for or who don't care if streakers strike and those against or who will not take a stand on the subject.

Those persons who have nothing against streaking have various reasons. Many students feel streaking is just a way of expressing one's self, or just plain fun. Students around the campus when asked what they thought about streaking replied, "If people want to streak, that's fine with me. I think it relieves tension." "I think it is like stuffing telephone booths or panty raids. Isn't it amazing that a person being mugged on a city street in New York gets less attention than a person running with no clothes on?", and "It's just part of the rights of spring!"

Teachers, for the most part, also seem to feel the way the students do. Those who were asked for their own personal opinion felt it was okay as

long as classes weren't disrupted by streakers. Most felt the bad effect of streaking would be to have an "indecent exposure" charge on the student's record the rest of his life. One faculty member, in stating an opinion, seemed to sum up the way people for or whom it doesn't bother feel, "It is a lot safer and saner than eating goldfish or stuffing telephone booths. It's in fun and not done with the intention of harm."

On the other hand, many people have strong feeling against streaking. A resident of Texas City stated her opinion, "It's just downright indecent!" One mother felt if her child was jailed for streaking, well, they could just stay in jail. The college has taken a stand against streaking. In a memo sent out by Stanton Calvert, he states the college will uphold the laws regarding indecent exposure. "In fulfillment of this position, the College shall deal with violators of the law regarding indecent exposure through such means as disciplinary probation, suspension or dismissal, and, if necessary, legal proceeding."

From the streaker's point of view, it is a fun thing to do, and a lot more harmless than the student riots that used to be so prevalent. One of COM's female streakers commented, "Well, I felt nervous before doing it, but it was really fine, like natural energy. I wasn't scared while running. I just ran. I felt it would

really be a rush to streak. I'm still glad I did it, even though there were repercussions. I guess I should have streaked somewhere else." A male streaker said, "It was really great. But, I don't think I'd do it again considering the law. It wouldn't look to great on my record arrested for indecent exposure."

Overall, streaking has created a new fad for college students. To decide if it is right or wrong is up to one's opinion. Because of the effects which streaking may have, it would seem that it should be considered carefully before being done.

NOTICE

The March 18 issue of MAINLAND COMET was delayed due to a problem in the mail. In order to get back on schedule, the staff decided to go ahead with this issue for April 1 even though it meant two papers only a week apart. Due to spring break, the COMET will come out again on April 29, and our last copy will be May 6. The staff thanks everyone for the cooperation received this past year - making the COMET a going paper with 5000 circulation.



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FACILITIES, from pg. 1

on the second floor of the student center. The game room includes three pool tables, a bumper pool table, and two ping pong tables. The game room is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays.

Students may also utilize their I.D. cards to use facilities or check out various equipment offered in the gymnasium. The gym is open from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. weekdays. The only times the student may not use the equipment are Saturday morning from 9 to 12 noon or Friday evening from 5 to 10 p.m., or when some other class or recreational group is using them.

If you are not a student and would like to use the physical education facilities, you may purchase a Facilities Use Pass. This pass may be purchased through the Records Office for \$5 for those 16 years of age and above, or for \$2.50 for those who are 8-15 years of age. You may

register for this pass by mail, but you must present your registration receipt at the records office in person where an ID card will be made for your use. (Those senior citizens who have valid ID cards do not need to register separately for this program.)

The Spring recreation schedule for those with the Facilities Use Pass will end May 6. This is the current schedule: The Adults (those from 16 years of age on) have access to the Fitness Lab, Gym, Pool, and the Sauna on Monday thru Thursday from 8 to 10 p.m. (The Whirlpool bath is available by appointment only.) Young people (those between the ages of 8-15) have access to the Gym and Pool from 9 to 12 noon Saturdays. For Senior Citizens, the Gym is available Sundays from 1 to 4 p.m. The Gym and Pool are available for families on Fridays from 7 to 10 p.m. There must be at least two members of a family present and one must be an adult. From 3 to

5 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, the Gym, Pool, Fitness Lab, and Sauna are available to women only.

Students who wish to use the pool may have access to it from 12:30 to 2 p.m. weekdays. Coach Dan Travalle expressed concern that not enough people use the pool. He said that the people who use the pool are primarily students who are taking swimming classes and wish to work out. More people should take advantage of this because that is what the pool is there for.

Students may use the Fitness Lab when it is not in use by a class or recreational group. In the Fitness Lab there is mainly weight lifting equipment along with a motorized and an unmotorized treadmill.

Besides the Fitness Lab and the pool there are many facilities that the student may use both inside and outside of the gym. There is handball and racquet ball equipment that the student may check out for use in the handball courts located on the south side of the gym. These courts are open any time they are not in use by a class. Basketballs, footballs, softball equipment, soccerballs, volleyball equipment, and table tennis equipment are all available. There are even darts, shuffleboard equipment and badminton equipment as well as various gymnastic equipment that may be checked out for use. Also, on the south side of the gym you will find a baseball diamond, and track and tennis courts. These

are open to everyone.

The College of the Mainland offers a wide array of recreational and educational equipment with a little something for everyone. These facilities are provided for your use so take advantage of them.

Anyone who has a student locker checked out at the Physical Education must turn in his lock at the Physical Education Office Suite by May 17. Anything left in the lockers after that date will be removed and donated to charity.

Photos show a small portion of activities participated in by various groups and individuals. Left top, Senior Citizens hold luncheon at College Center; left bottom, students and adults use library; right, top, another scene of Senior Citizen Luncheon (students participated); right middle, pool game in Game Room, College Center; right bottom, student checking out non-print material at Learning Resource Center.

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Ready To Help Students

Staff Personality

By SPACE WASHINGTON
Staff Reporter

Leroy August, assistant director of College Center Operations at COM has had a varied and interesting life. A native of Jeanerette, La., he completed high school in Baldwin, La. From there he went to Grambling College on a baseball scholarship. He left Grambling to play professional baseball with the Houston Colt 45's, but was released because of a medical problem. He returned to Grambling but the advent into professional baseball had lost him the opportunity for a scholarship. Nevertheless, he graduated with a bachelor of science degree.

Prior to being drafted for two years in the army, August had taught in the physical education department at Ball High School in Galveston. Following his training in Seattle, Washington, and at Fort Bend in Georgia, he served for 12 months in Korea. Finally he returned to Ball High. In addition to teaching at the school, he worked with the National Youth Council in the summer where he helped counsel students who needed jobs.

When the opening came at the College of the Mainland, August applied because he thought that in addition to the increase in salary, he would find it more rewarding working with young adults rather than teen-agers.

August gave answers to questions that students often ask and discuss.

When asked why he thought the College of the Mainland is said to be dull, August said, "I have heard that conversation about a thousand times around campus for the year and a half I have been here. The college staff, however, can do only so much; the students must participate in the events in order to make programs successful. They either gripe, don't like it, or most of the time just don't show up. As for opinions as to what to do to make things better, no one has opinions."

In response to the question as to what he is doing to help solve the problem of student apathy, August replied, "I am developing a comprehensive program that I think all students will enjoy, whether it is card playing, softball, or athlete of the year award. I also try to devise activities for the other type of student; those who like to write poetry, paint or play chess.

"The entire basis of my intramural program is to have physical activities to supplement the P.E. program. In addition, I try to have recreational activities for leisure time plus activities of an avocational nature.

"I am open to suggestions. For example, a girl one-on-one team led to a girl basketball team for skill

development. Finally, a tournament was held. The same has held true for track - some asked for that and as always, I am ready to help start anything in which students will participate.

"I don't like to harp on the idea that the reason we don't have this or that is because of lack of interest by the students; however, we do have a very apathetic campus and there is no sense causing more problems. As staff members, we are sympathetic to the needs of the students and we do need to create good feelings and good programs that will make students want to participate."

And to the question, "What do you think about the streakers we had on campus," Leroy August exclaimed, "Streakers! What streakers? I didn't see any streakers."

On the query of where did you get the idea for the "Super Star or Athlete of the Year Award," August had much more to say.

"Every individual likes to have the chance to be creative in many events. One Sunday while watching the ABC Superstar, I got the idea of sponsoring an "Athlete of the Year," We want to provide a situation where many of the young people with extra time on their hands can test their recreational and athletic abilities."

Mr. August, you say that you enjoy your work. Many people say that you should enjoy your work because your job is easy. What do you say to this kind of comment?

"Many people get the idea my job is easy because it is involved with fun filled activities. This is a very deceptive job. It is really difficult coordinating activities on a two-year community campus because at the beginning of the semester when you make your plans, you have high hopes and good feeling about the number of people who are going to participate. Then after you get the event scheduled, only a handful of people show up. This is frustrating. However, I always look on the brighter side which is that the event scheduled actually became a reality."

"Leroy August is happy in his work, and right now he is especially happy at the event just taken place in his home - he is the proud father of a new baby girl. Congratulations, from COM!

More Than Sun

The Caribbean nation of Jamaica attracts more than 500,000 visitors a year, but the island's growing economy is based on more than just tourism. Jamaica now has more than 1,500 manufacturing and service businesses, many of which are subsidiaries of U.S. firms.



LEROY AUGUST
Assistant Director

Future Communications

Light communications systems under development have the potential for carrying 400,000 telephone calls simultaneously through 100 glass fibers in a cable the size of a pencil.

Drafting Day Reveals Chances

By WAYNE HAMILTON
Staff Reporter

Drafting and Design careers are in big demand. Recruiters from many engineering and construction firms were represented on Drafting Career Day held recently at College of the Mainland. Such companies as Fluor, Brown and Root, M.W. Kellogg and many more gave over 300 high school students a better understanding of what a career in drafting means and its opportunities.

Area schools represented were Dickenson, Santa Fe, Hitchcock, Friendswood, Texas City, LaMarque, Clear Creek, and Clear Lake.

The topics discussed ranged from the qualifications of the companies to opportunities not only for men, but for women too. Many companies promised room for advancement in the firms and opportunities for travel all over the world.

If you are interested in a high paying career in drafting get in touch with the drafting department at the College of the Mainland. This may be the opportunity of a lifetime.

Coming Events

March 25 - April 5-Gulf Coast Junior College Intercollegiate Conference Traveling Exhibition of Student Art Works in the Gallery.

April 3-Gulf Coast Junior College Intercollegiate Conference Traveling Student Recital.

April 30-COM Singers and Stageband. (Joint concert)

May 6 - 17-Traveling Exhibition of Art Instructors of the GCJCIC.

May 10-Mainland Choral concert.

May 10,11,17,18,24,25 - GAZEBO, Arena Theatre.

Wake Up Grumpy?

I overheard one lady ask another lady if she had woke up grumpy that morning. The other lady replied: "No. He had a hang-over, so I just let him sleep."

Difficult Task

It's a difficult task to convince some people that a bargain still costs money!



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"My opponent in Position 1 has served 14 years. I think it is in the best interests of the city to have a change and a new perspective in city government."

I Propose:

1. Election by geographical district
2. Limitation of the number of terms the mayor and commissioners may serve
3. Enlarge the size of the city commission
4. A permanent youth council to advise and aid city government
5. A multipurpose facility that would accommodate a banquet hall, theater for the performing arts, and a permanent art museum.



Left to Right: IN HSIN HSU, Republic of China; BOB GREASCE, Dickinson; BOBBIE DAVIS, Hitchcock; SUZANNE VANDERHILL, League City; and HENRY WESTMORELAND, La Marque

Editorials . . .

Murder, Most Foul!

There is something that has bothered me quite awhile about the News, especially T.V. news, and I think I'll just sally forth and present my gripe right now. My complaint is the fact that T.V. news is becoming too morbid. Apparently the television news people have taken the slogan, "bad news is good news" and tattooed it on their chest, for about all we see these days are murders, corruption, rapings, car wrecks, and other such sundry lovelies.

Where else except on the news can you get a zoom-in shot of someone who has been murdered, buried, and uncovered after four or five weeks and then shown to the public on nationwide television? Nauseating?? You bet your sweet life it is!

During the Vietnam war all of us could turn on our "one-eyed-monster" and catch a glimpse of mangled and wounded soldiers. What purpose did this fill? It certainly didn't help the war effort, and I imagine it put quite a strain on Americans who had loved ones over there.

Getting sort of sick? O.K., we'll switch channels. Ah, this is more like it! Nothing like a close-up picture of a man who has just been freshly shot five times and is lying in a pool of blood. I truthfully don't know who named T.V. dinners but he certainly wasn't watching the news when he did it! Who would dare eat from 6 to 6:30 p.m. or from 10 to 10:30? It would take an awfully strong stomach!

Now we'll talk a little about car wrecks. These too get somewhat awful at times though I can see the opinion that seeing a wreck on tele-

vision may make some people drive a little more carefully. However, I know if I had been killed or injured in a car wreck I'd just as soon not have it flashed on the screen for thousands to see! Of course, with the 55 mile per hour speed limit the wrecks are not near as often or stupendous. I wonder what the news room is using to fill that space?

Oh, I know! They're announcing nation-wide the identification of kidnapers. This would be well and good if the "kidnappee" was free but alas this is not so. It's quite possible that if the kidnapper sees his face on T.V. as being a prime suspect he may just say, "Let's kill the kid and get out of here before the cops close in." Oh, well, anything for a story, huh?

Well, tonight when you turn the news on maybe you'll see a story on spring flowers or a film sequence of children walking in the rain. But don't count on it! Most likely you'll see Watergate, stabbings, raping and other goodies. As for myself, I believe I shall stop watching altogether. It is entirely too depressing. Come 10 p.m. maybe I'll just sit down with a good book. Care to join me?

New Mower

Salesman to lady of the house: "Can I interest you in buying a lawn mower?" Lady: "No, but try next door. We use their lawn mower all the time and it's just terrible."

Vacations

A vacation is one-tenth playing and nine-tenths paying.

Conference Notes Benches Here!!!

Dr. Donald C. Mortvedt, dean of instruction at College of the Mainland, participated in the "Idea Marketplace" at the National Conference on Higher Education held in Chicago recently.

Dr. Mortvedt's presentation "The Professional Growth and Evaluation Plan at College of the Mainland," was selected for inclusion in the unique "Idea Marketplace", at which educators throughout the country exchanged new ideas in the field of

highed education.

Dr. Mortvedt "manned" a special booth set up in the lobby of the Conrad Hilton Hotel, at which he distributed literature and personally described the plan to his colleagues from all over the country.

COM's "Professional Growth and Evaluation Plan," which is a cooperative effort, is designed to guide COM's faculty members' professional growth and to assist them in qualifying for continuing employment.

Four new benches have been located across campus. Your student government had them placed there for all to use. Until they were put in place the only spot to sit down was on the grass.

These are the first set of benches, the next set will be the fall semester senate that decides on whether or not the students deserve more benches on campus.

What happens now is up to the students, to vandalize and carve them up or to use them as they were intended to be used. Thus making a demand for more benches to sit out in this beautiful spring weather.

The student government did something for everyone on campus.

Let's not jeopardize their work in trying to voice opinions to others. But help to maintain the structural beauty of all the benches.

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Listen Smokers:
 You don't have to wait 20 years for cigarettes to affect you. It only takes 3 seconds.



In just 3 seconds a cigarette makes your heart beat faster, shoots your blood pressure up, replaces oxygen in your blood with carbon monoxide, and leaves cancer-causing chemicals to spread through your body.

All this happens with every cigarette you smoke. As the cigarettes add up, the damage adds up. Because it's the cumulative effects of smoking—adding this cigarette to all the cigarettes you ever smoked—that causes the trouble.

And tell that to your dog, too.

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DOUBLE CROSS-UP

By Lora W. Asdorian

No. 4

Consider the clues from all angles; they may CROSS you UP! The clue may be a pun on the word wanted, or an anagram of the word itself. Usually, the clue contains a definition (synonym) as well as a cryptic representation of the word. Certain words may stand for letters in an anagram, e.g., NOTHING, TEA, SEE, WHY, YOU, and BE may represent O, T, C, Y, U, and B. The word could also be hidden in the letters of the clue, e.g., the phrase "human being rated as unthankful" contains the answer INGRATE. The word might be defined in two parts, e.g., a clue for FORESTER is "ranger in favor of organic compound" (FOR ESTER).

Write the words over the numbered dashes and then transfer each letter to the correspondingly numbered square in the diagram. Black squares indicate word endings. The completed diagram will contain a quotation reading from left to right. The first letter of the answered words will give you the author's name and title of the work from which the quote comes.

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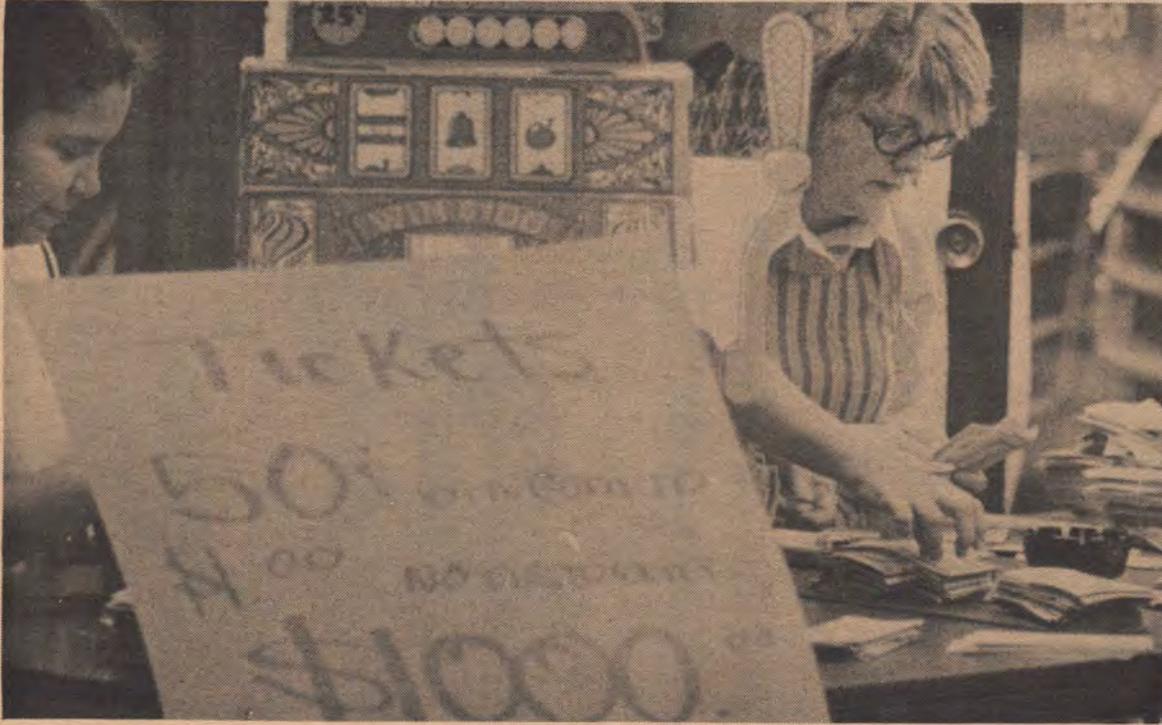
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- U. Uncomplicated apostle who is game for children (2 wds.) 16 65 78 90 53 112 30 98 129 142 9

For Answers, see page 6

Money Was No Object At Nurse's Casino Day



READY FOR BUSINESS-YOU COULD WIN A MILLION

By BILLY BRUNER
Staff Reporter

The College of the Mainland Chapter of the National Student Association of Nursing met with a tremendous success at their second annual Casino Day. Actually it was Casino Night last year, but many students wanted to participate but could not at night so it was changed to Casino Day (and night). Money flowed like wine! And we hear that some people made millions.

For a small fee you could get "money" to start playing with. With the "money" you won, you could buy any number of appliances, gadgets, and good things, like cakes. And that is just exactly what the large crowd did - they played like they were in Las Vegas and then walked off with the loot. Las Vegas was never like that!

The event is for a very good cause - the cause this year being Miss Denny Morris. Miss Morris received the annual scholarship which is made possible by the Casino Day. The nursing students said they would like to thank the faculty and students for making the scholarship possible through their participation in the event.

The Nursing Program is growing at College of the Mainland. Students are being recruited for admission to the Associate Degree Nursing program which was recently awarded full accreditation by the Board of Nurse Examiners for the State of Texas.

The accreditation, earned by the Nursing Division in the shortest time allowable, was based on a survey report of the Board's two-day visit to the campus. In its letter notifying the Division of its accreditation, the Board highly commended the ad-

ministration, faculty and students for the achievement of high standards, with specific reference made to "the use of innovative teaching approaches and college-wide faculty development programs."

COM's administration was commended on "its interest in and support of the Associate Degree Nursing Program, including educational facilities, adequate financial resources and provisions for faculty enrichment. The students in the nursing program are singled out for praise by the Board for their enthusiasm and

participation in activities related to the nursing profession."

Students interested in nursing should call the Admission Office, 938-1211, Ext. 264, in Dickinson and the Clear Lake Area, the toll-free number is 337-1631.

The final date for accepting applicants for the June class is April 19, and persons interested are requested to apply now to allow adequate time for the college to receive the American College Test (ACT) scores and other information required for admission.

Enjoys Communicating

Teacher Profile

By GREG BURNS
Staff Reporter

Alexander Pratt is a History instructor at College of the Mainland who enjoys communicating with students on their own level. Often, he can be found in the student center talking with the students or watching them play cards, or shooting pool with them in the game room of the Student Center.

Mr. Pratt believes he can learn from the students just as they can learn from him. He feels that being in contact with so many students from so many varied backgrounds helps him keep in touch with what's going on in the world of the young, so he tries to find time to listen to what the students have to say.

Although Mr. Pratt's major was History, when he first graduated from the Holy Rosary Institute in Lafayette, Louisiana, he planned to get a

degree in Engineering, however he soon found he was better suited for a major in history. In 1961 he received his B.A. in History from Prairie View A&M with a minor in Library Science. He continued his education there and in 1963 he obtained his M.A. in History with a minor in Political Science. Although Mr. Pratt specializes in black history, he is also qualified to teach U.S. History, Texas History.

Putting his education to use Mr. Pratt gained valuable teaching experience. From 1962-1963 he was assistant circulation librarian at Prairie View A&M. From there, he came to this area and was employed at LaMarque High School from 1963-1965 as a History Instructor. From 1965-1970 he was the head of the History Department and an instructor. Since 1970 Mr. Pratt has been employed with the College of the Mainland Social Science Department. Among his other qualifications, Mr. Pratt has been a visiting instructor at Prairie View A&M for three summer sessions, and he served as student teacher supervisor for Prairie View A&M University.

As well as having good educational and teaching experience, Mr. Pratt has had lot of experience dealing with students and their problems. He makes it his business to get along with students as well as instruct them. Students like him for this and feel they can relate, and that's a pretty good recommendation for any teacher.

Double Trouble

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

By WAYNE HAMILTON
Staff Reporter

Have you ever noticed a five foot three inch girl with brown eyes and a big smile that seems to just brighten your day? This is Marilyn Peterson.

Wait! If you think your seeing double you had better focus your eyes again because Marilyn has a twin sister. When asking Marilyn how does it feel having a double, she said, "It doesn't feel any different," but she and her sister did have the same dream one night.

Now a freshman at COM, Marilyn graduated from Texas City High School in 1973 and is pursuing a career in business with fifteen hours of business courses and law this semester. Her ambition is to be a self supporting legal secretary, but she does not believe in women's lib.

Marilyn feels that you should be yourself and not put yourself above other people. She seems to despise a person who does this, but has a warm understanding for people and enjoys meeting and helping people, especially older people.

For recreation she enjoys hiking, beach combing, and boating. Being close to nature seems to be her favorite time reflecting how beautiful life is and seems to be an emotional



MARILYN PETERSON
Enjoys COM

release.

Like any other red blooded American girl, Marilyn always wanted to be a famous movie star, but the business world is calling. Among her many talents she enjoys playing piano and singing.

In the future Marilyn wants to grow in the faith of God and just be happy inside to be alive.

Club News

By GARY D. HALL
Staff Reporter

PHI THETA KAPPA

The Phi Theta Kappa is presently trying to establish a "fishing rodeo" at College of the Mainland. This would give everyone at COM a chance to try their luck at fishing in Eckert lake. Phi Theta Kappa meets every Wednesday in the Student Center, (the room straight across from the information desk.) Members are urged to attend.

CHESS CLUB

For those of you who don't know, College of the Mainland does have a Chess Club! Those interested in

Rehearsals Now Are Underway

The comedy-melodrama, GAZEBO, will be presented May 17, 18, 24 and 25, and is directed by Mrs. Bea Weberlein, who is serving as staff producer for all COM productions.

The cast will consist of nine men and three women. The hero is a writer of television mysteries, who has an eye for inventing the almost perfect crime. Life takes an unexpected turn and he finds himself knee-deep in a real murder, thus providing the plot for a fast-paced and highly-entertaining play.

"Rehearsals will be three times weekly up to ten days before production and some roles will only require one rehearsal per week," Mrs. Weberlein explained. "I hope in this way, we can meet any transportation problems which might arise out of the gasoline shortage."

Further information may be obtained by calling Mrs. Weberlein at her office, 938-1211, Ext. 345, or her home, 945-6342.

joining should contact Colin Blackburn, Jim Forsythe, or John Hubiz.

ECOLOGY CLUB

The purpose of the Ecology Club is to promote awareness and understanding in the field of pollution control. The members would again like to stress the fact that there are separate barrels in front of the Administration Building which one may use to deposit any quantity of steel cans, aluminum cans, paper, and glass materials.

BAPTIST STUDENT UNION

The B.S.U. has just recently had cake sale to raise money for their summer missions. This club is a fairly young one but they already are going strong!

ASTRONOMY CLUB

All of you star gazers out there might be interested in knowing that the Astronomy Club meets every Wednesday night, (weather permitting), with the purpose of viewing the stars and other heavenly bodies. I'm told that Saturn was especially clear last week. You don't have to be a member of this club to join in the fun. Contact John Hubiz of the Physics department if you would like more information.

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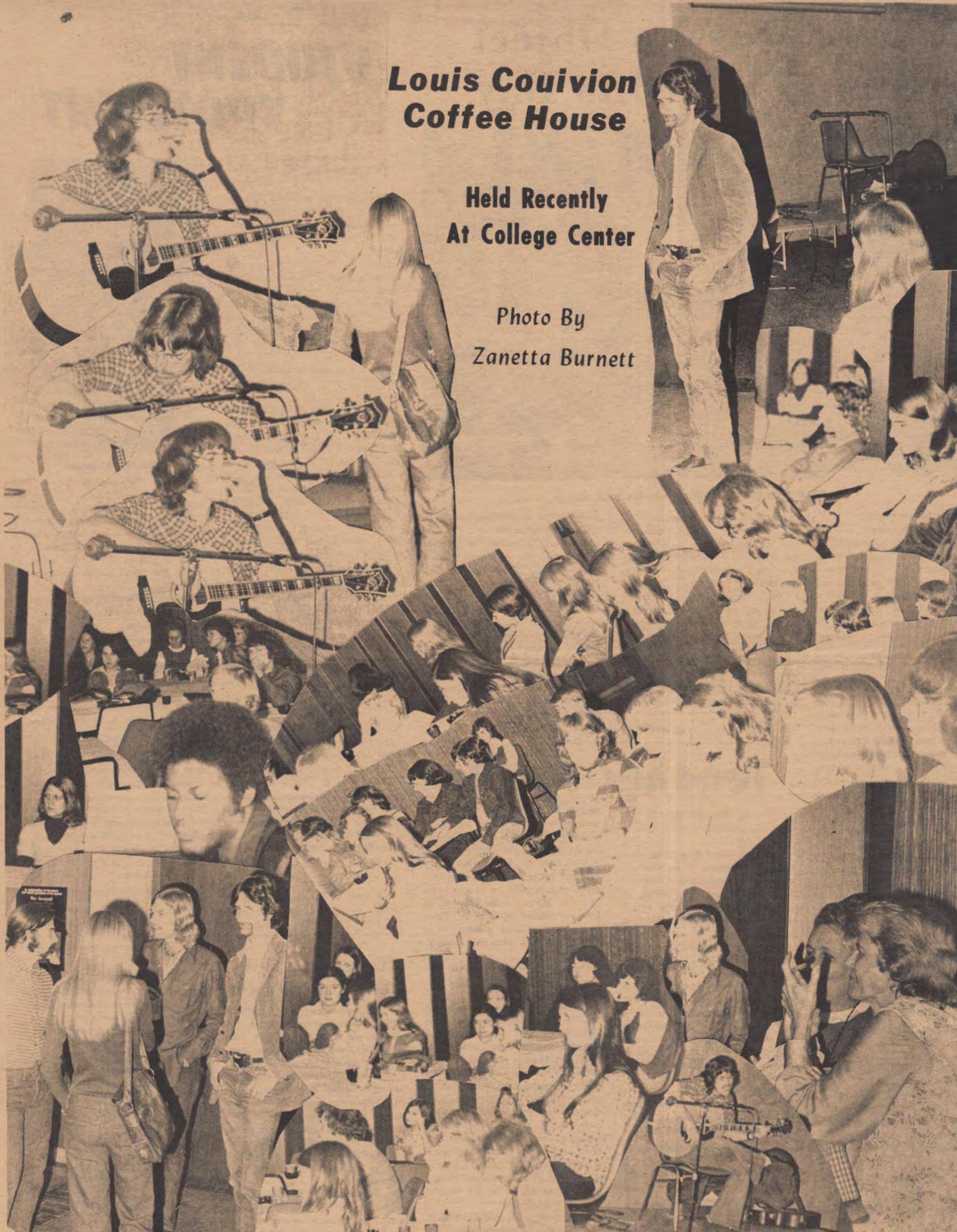
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**SOLUTION TO
DOUBLE CROSS-UP No. 4**

AUTHOR: (Joseph) Conrad
TITLE: Heart of Darkness
QUOTATION:

Droll thing life is--that mysterious arrangement of merciless logic for a futile purpose. The most you can hope from it is some knowledge of yourself--that comes too late--a crop of unextinguishable regrets.

- A. Cotton Mather
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- E. Acupuncture
- F. Difficult
- G. High school
- H. Effigies

- I. Allegory
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- K. Toffy
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- M. Fre. hooter
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- Q. Kangaroo
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- S. Extoll
- T. Superimpose
- U. Simple Simon

Comets Win Championship

For the first time in the four-year history of the Gulf Coast Junior College Intercollegiate Conference, the basketball championship title belongs to College of the Mainland. Leaving no question in anyone's mind as to whether or not they deserved the league crown, the Comets steamrolled their way to a perfect 12-0 season and a 22-8 mark over-all.

The improvement of the COM program since the arrival of Coach Jerry Bryant in 1971 has truly been outstanding. The three seasons prior to his coming produced a dismal record of only 11 wins against 61 defeats. Starting his building program with almost nothing, Bryant then proceeded to turn out seasons of 12-13, 20-18, and finally 22-8, giving him a three year record of 54 victories and 38 losses.

Commenting on the season Coach Bryant was very high in his overall praise of the team.

"It's definitely the best group I have ever worked with," he said. "Our winning was really a team effort, especially defensively. Holding our conference opponents to just 59.9 points per game is no small feat."

Individually Coach Bryant pointed out the contributions of almost everyone on the squad.

"It's very difficult to isolate a single player on this squad as being the 'star.' Probably the steadiest player, the one we really can turn to in pressure situations, is Ed Benson. His performance during the past two years has been a real factor."

Looking at some of the statistics for the season, the evidence continues to point toward the teamwork aspect of the Comets. Five players finished the year with scoring averages in double figures: Ed Benson --15.8; Eldridge Anderson--13.4; Arthur Jackson--11.8; Winifred Butler--11.7; and Jim Bimage--10.4. Bimage was also selected as the team's Most Valuable Player by his teammates.

All-in-all, the year brought eight new records to the statistics book. The two individual marks were claimed by Ed Benson as he established new records for the Most Points in One Game--43, and Most Field Goals



JERRY BRYANT
Basketball Coach

In One Game--20, both against Southern Bible College. Some of the notable marks set by the team included: Most Points Scored in One Game--136; Best Season's Record--22-8; Best Conference Record--12-0; and Best Defensive Average--66.7.

Appraising the losses of the season, Coach Bryant pointed out that four of the eight came at the hands of some of the state's better junior college teams such as Lee, Howard County, Schreiner and Blinn, plus two losses to a junior varsity team from Lamar University.

Looking forward to next year the

Comets will be losing four players through graduation--Ed Benson, Jim Bimage, William Little, and Lonnie Dotson. Bryant was unable to say exactly how many players will be returning, but did express optimism for the 1974-75 season.

"Such factors as budget and recruitment will definitely affect our program, but at this time, we can't really determine exactly to what extent. Our hope now is that the community will finally realize that we've got a winner here at College of the Mainland and will begin to give us some support," concluded Bryant.

Table Tennis

Erin Applegate, the only woman to enter the Table Tennis Tournament, emerged victorious. Kim Darden finished 2nd and David Brown was 3rd.

Others competing were: Jim Ponds, Colin Blackburn, Samuel Stone, Henry Westmoreland, Jim Forsythe, Jerome Scott, Howard Begener, Jimmy Joy and Eddie Roberts.

When asked how she feels competing against men players, Erin smiled and said, "I feel there is no real handicap when the skill has been acquired." She has been the only woman to participate in the last three tournaments. Therefore, she was left with the decision: drop out or compete against the men. Her decision was obvious.



WHO WAS IT that said men and women can't work together? A good example that proved they can was the recent mixed doubles pool tournament in which Carlton Wade and Sarah Johnson combined their skills to finish in first place. The team of Jerome Scott and Shelia Jennings was 2nd, followed by Bob Smith and

Laura Garcia. Others competing were the teams of: Bob Shinn and Beverly Douglas; Sam Stone and Joyce Durgans; Leroy August and Karen Atkinson; and Randolph Lynch and Judy Carrier. Trophies were awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners.



SPORTS



AT COM

By SPACE WASHINGTON

Super Star Contest

Jim Thomas, wow! Rayfer Johnson, wow! Bill Tommey, wow! These guys were great decathlon winners in past olympics. What do you have in common with these great olympians? Well, we don't know. But if you are familiar with the "Super Stars" competition made famous by ABC Television, then maybe this is what you've been waiting for to test your all-around skills.

The Intramurals Department has programmed COM's first Athlete of the Year Competition for April 24. Competitive activities include: (1) 100 yard dash, (2) 880 yard run, (3) standing broad-jump, (4) basketball free-throw, (5) table tennis, (6) pool (8-ball), (7) softball throw, (8) weight lifting, (8) 1-mile bicycle race and (10) 25 yard pool walk.

A contestant is required to participate in any 7 of the 10 categories to qualify for the over-all championship. There is a point value for each event. The winner will be determined by total number of points at the completion of competition.

The competition is opened to all COM students and employees. Where will be an award given to the top winner in both the men's division and women's division.

Entries are open through April 4. Interested persons should sign up at the information desk, College Center, and/or contact Leroy August.

Golf

Picking up where it left off last year, the golf team at College of the Mainland opened conference play with a victory. Although the win was actually achieved because of a forfeiture by Wharton County Junior College, Coach Dan Travaille's charges were happy to continue the streak started by last year's undefeated team.

The forfeit was a costly one to Wharton as they had actually won the meet with a 343 score. However, the use of an ineligible player forced the Pioneers to be dropped to last place.

With each member of the team playing 18 holes on the very demanding Galveston Club Course, the Comet foursome of De Witt Robinson, Tony Aguilar, Mike Reed and Rudy Farias stroked it s way to a 360 total. Trailing the Comets by 20 strokes was Alvin Junior College with a 380 total, Brazosport College was third at 384 and Galveston College finished fourth with 388 strokes.

Medalist honors for the meet went to Don Hill of Wharton with a 77. Low man for COM was Mike Reed who posted an 82.

"The saving factor for our team was the fairly balanced scoring by all our players," said Coach Travaille. "That course hurt all the players, both ours and the other teams. It was really tough!"

Looking at the COM team, two of the teams' five players, Robinson of Texas City and Aguilar from La

Marque were on last year's squad. Newcomers this season are Reed and Wayne Peterson of Hitchcock and Farias of Texas City.

"We feel we can compete very well in our conference," commented Travaille. "At this time, none of the schools are giving scholarships for golf or even putting much emphasis on it. Most of us have to rely on luck in getting players."

"But I hope I can do something about building our program," continued Travaille. "I know there are some good high school golfers in the area and I'm going to see what I can do about getting them to College of the Mainland to play."

The GCJCIC conference procedure calls for five matches with all five schools playing each time. First place at each meet is worth five points, second place gets four points and so on. The sixth meet will be the Conference Tournament and the point values for each place will be doubled. The team accumulating the most points over all six meets will be declared the Conference Champion.

"We're off to a good start. With just a little luck and some more hard work I think we've got a good shot at the Conference Championship," concluded Travaille.

GCJCIC Golf Team Standings:

1. College of the Mainland-5 pts.
2. Alvin Junior College - 4 pts.
3. Brazosport College - 3 pts.
4. Galveston College - 2 pts.
5. Wharton County Junior College-1 pt.

Canoeing

Canoeing will be offered for the first time as a non-credit course in College of the Mainland's Division of Student Life, with classes to be held from 6 to 8 p.m. every Thursday through May 2.

The instructor for the course is Chuck Carona, a qualified Red Cross Instructor. He has had extensive experience both as a canoeing instructor and as a supervisor of groups on overnight canoe trips.

"Those who complete the course will have the competency to practice and enjoy canoeing safely in all its variations, including white water canoeing," Carona commented. "If there is enough interest after completion of the course, we'll plan an overnight canoe trip for the class," he added.

Anyone interested in registering for the course, or in learning more about it, are asked to contact Ken Johnson, assistant director for College activities, Room 215 of the College Center; 938-1211, Ext. 412.

REGULAR BOOKSTORE HOURS

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Friday	8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

COM Bookstore

April Astrology Aspects

By JAN HELPENSTILL

ARIES - the Ram. Fire, cardinal. (March 21-April 20) Patience and keeping your head together will take you far in April. Unusual entertainment at parties should prove interesting. Health is important, so try not to put off going to a doctor or health clinic with your problems.

TAURUS - the bull. Earth, fixed. (April 21-May 21) Look into the possibility of new job opportunities. Get into the middle of what's happening, but try not to push around others. Plan to do things you've been interested in but haven't gotten around to trying.

GEMINI - the Twins. Air, mutable. (May 22-June 22) Traveling is a great idea but since money could be a hassle, it doesn't have to be far. Try not to get into things that might prove to be beyond your head.

CANCER - the Crab. Water, cardinal. (June 22-July 23) April will bring some decisions into your life. One could change your way of living. Be careful of people who make wild promises to you. Listen closely to what they say and try to be objective.

LEO - the Lion. Fire, fixed. (July 24-August 23) Try not to talk about business deals you might be involved in or they may run into trouble from certain authorities. Tense relationships with a co-worker might develop, but don't make excuses that aren't needed.

VIRGO - the Virgin. Earth, mutable. (August 24-September 23) You can tend to get so involved in new ideas that you tend to ignore friends. This will shake a few friends until you straighten everything out. Plan your moves before you start throwing money into new deals. You'll get what you want as long as you don't ask for too much.

LIBRA - the Scales. Air, cardinal. (September 24-October 23)

Try not to limit the friends around you. Get involved with different people. Money shouldn't be too much of a hassle, but watch for good buys. Stay on the friendly side of family members, though don't hesitate in letting them know your opinions.

SCORPIO - the Scorpion. (October 25-November 22) Water, fixed. Unexpected events may make many scarce in April. A part-time job can help the situation. Disagreements with friends can come from rumors. Keep an open mind about things you see or hear.

SAGITTARIUS - the Archer. Fire, mutable. (November 23-December 21) Changes are coming in April. Get ready for some unpleasant happenings concerning old friends. It could change your outlook about them. Watch out about becoming too involved with someone; chances are it won't last. Get what you can out of it now.

CAPRICORN - the Goat. Earth, cardinal. (December 22-January 20) Try to let friends know where they can reach you. Their news may be important. Try not to get down over things that don't work out. Success depends on your self-control and concentration. Your biggest obstacle may be your self.

AQUARIUS - the Water bearer. Air, fixed. (January 21-February 19) Watch everything and avoid sudden impulses. Stay close to home during the middle of April, taking things as they come. Get ready for anything. During the last days of the month you may receive some interesting news and possibly meet a new person.

PISCES - the Fish. Water, mutable. (February 20-March 20) Try not to let your achievements go to your head. It could cause some bad feelings between friends. Watch your money during the first of April. Be extra friendly to people you think are enemies. The result may be surprising.

***** Classified Ads *****

FOR SALE-II Balles. The American Pageant. Mint condition. Call 333-4178 after noon, ask for Harold. \$6.00 final.

WANTED-a beginner Spanish book. Edna Sanger, 945-6786.

FOR SALE-New Lansing speaker. \$150 Ampeg 150. John 662-9563.

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FOR SALE - Ventura hollow - body electric guitar. Fine condition. \$70 or best offer. Brian, 339-1670.

FOR LEASE-3 acres of grazing pasture...Fenced, water and shed. Located between Dickinson and Alta Loma. 2 1/2 miles from the Gulf Freeway. 337-3386 after 6 p.m.

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LOST-A folder of pictures that holds about 16 to 18 pictures (eight or nine) on each side of folder. Size about 2"

x 3". My family pictures. Mrs. Pauline Gray, 420 N. Iowa Ave., League City 77573.

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The volumes are hardbound in brown, padded covers to give the feel and look of leatherbound volumes and are tooled and embossed in a Western-style saddle design with a spine heavily ribbed and stamped in gold. Each volume sells for only \$9.95 and is published by **TIME-LIFE BOOKS** and distributed by Little, Brown and Company, Boston, Mass.; school and library editions from General Learning Corp., 250 James St., Morristown, New Jersey 07960.

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A series to bring all the wonders of the American outdoors to you at home is **THE AMERICAN WILDERNESS** by **TIME-LIFE BOOKS** and distributed by Little, Brown and CO. With the low price of \$7.95 each of these books are filled with beautiful

photography and include such titles as **WILD ALASKA**, **ATLANTIC BEACHES**, **BAJA CALIFORNIA**, **THE NORTH WOODS**, **CACTUS COUNTRY**, **THE EVERGLADES**, **HAWAII**, and **THE OKEFENOKEE SWAMP**.

THE WARREN WAGONTRAIN RAID: The First Complete Account of an Historic Indian Attack and Its Aftermath by Benjamin Capps and published by **THE DIAL PRESS**, 1 Dag Hammarskjold Plaza, New York. has been selected for April, 1974, by the Western Writers of America and for February, 1974, it was the selection of the Young Adults Division of The Literary Guild of America.

Capps has a strong story in which he reveals and, boldly includes, his views on the actions of the participants in the events. He is a native of Dundee, Texas, and now lives in Grand Prairie, Texas.

With a deft hand, Capps has recreated the raid as it was viewed by all of the participants -- soldiers, settlers, and three generations of Kiowa Indians.

The book is well worth the \$8.95 which will give you many hours of informative as well as pleasureable reading.

Other books which have been published by The Dial Press in the last few months include **CITIES IN THE SAND** by Aubrey Menen; **PUEBLOS, GODS AND SPANIARDS** by John Up-

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ton Terrell; **THE LAST FREE MAN** by Dayton O. Hyde; **DAVID THE KING** by Gladys Schmitt; **THE KILLINGS** by Clark Howard, and **DECISION** by Henry Kane.

By JUNE ANGERSTEIN

RECORDS

I was told that Black Sabbath's new album sounded like their early albums. I guess that's true. Early, middle or late, all Black Sabbath albums sound the same. But that "ain't" bad. Black Sabbath plays two kinds of songs: slow songs (one or two on each album) and very heavy songs. But that "ain't" bad either, because what Black Sabbath does, they do "good."

The slow song on this album is "Fluff." It's nice, but the best music is the heavy music, and that's what the rest of the album is. All of the heavy songs are unmistakably Black Sabbath, and they're also unmistakably good. If I had to pick my favorite, I guess I would choose "Sabbath Bloody Sabbath." Sometimes the lyrics are a little silly, but that's not important. They could sing in Greek for all I care. It's the sound that makes them good.

In this day and age when all the heavies seem to be going mellow, Black Sabbath keeps rocking along. In fact, they seem to get better each album. It's nice to know some things never change.

By BILL MCGARVEY

POETRY

A CRIMSON BERRY
SPLATTERING DOWN ON
THE FROST WHITE GARDEN.

SHIKI

MOSS-GROWN,
BY THE CHERRYFLOWERS,
A STONE WATER-STAND.

BASHO

EVENING MOON:
PLUM BLOSSOMS START TO FALL
UPON THE LUTE.

SHIKI

EVEN THE HEART
IS SLOWLY DYING
THE FLOWERS STILL BLOOM.

ISSA

THE STONE GOD'S VANISHED-
ONLY THE DEAD LEAVES KNEEL-
ING
ON THIS TEMPLE STOOP.

BASHO

MOVING SLOWLY THROUGH
AN OLD ABANDONED BEACHHOUSE
SHADOWS OF THE MOON.

J.W. HACKETT

A TINY SPIDER
HAS BEGUN TO CONFISCATE
THIS CUPS EMPTINESS.

J.W. HACKETT

Each of the above slug verses is a complete poem in itself and is in no way connected with the other verses. They are all examples of a form of poetry perfected in Japan and are known as haiku poetry.

Haiku is a small seventeen syllable poem that gained much popularity in the western world as well as in Japan. Haiku poetry is simply reflections of nature the way it is and are not meant to be philosophical or commentaries on life. These poems are not meant to enthrall the reader with an appreciation of the writers artistic technique but instead are meant to stimulate the reader into being the co-creator of the poem through his own imagination.

The first five poems are translations of Japanese examples of haiku and the last two are haiku by the American poet J.W. Hackett. Translation of haiku from Japanese to English is very difficult and the translator who can retain the mood and essence of the poem even though a literal interpretation and strict adherence to the 17 syllable form would be impossible.

If you are interested in this form of poetry, there are several books on haiku in the library and a tape by J.W. Hackett on haiku in English.

By GREG BURNS

Faculty Holds Book Sessions

A series of informal book discussions for faculty members of the Social Science Division of College of the Mainland is now underway, according to Dr. Alan Ginsberg, chairman of the division.

The most recent group met at the home of Ms. Virginia Steib, sociology instructor, to discuss **THE BASIC TRENDS OF OUR TIMES** by Pitirim Sorokin. Previously, session was held at the home of Mrs. Sallie Cowgill, a COM counselor, at which time the group delved into **THE TEACHINGS OF DON JUAN** by Carlos Castaneda.

"These discussion gatherings are invaluable in acquainting staff members with books in each other's disciplines," commented Dr. Ginsberg. "We've had good attendance and lively discussion," he added, noting that the sessions would continue through the spring semester.

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CAREER DAY - Students from area junior and senior high schools enjoyed COM facilities during the Graphic Arts Career Day. See related pictures on page 8.

Graphics Career Day Is A Success

By REGINA LIST
MANAGING EDITOR

Over 200 students from area junior senior high schools attended the recent New Careers in Graphics seminar held at College of the Mainland, according to Sandra Shoup, instructor of industrial education. The all-day event hosted students from Hitchcock, Santa Fe, La Marque, Dickinson, Galveston, Clear Lake, Clear Creek, Texas City, and Friendswood.

There is a great demand for experienced or qualified graphic arts personnel. In fact, there are not enough training programs to facilitate the increasing need. For this reason, trained personnel have a distinct advantage in this everchanging field.

Included in the event was a variety of speakers discussing a wide range of topics. Artre Rusk, chairman of industrial education at COM welcomed students to the campus. Following

his presentation, Dr. Jack Simich of the Graphic Arts Technical Foundation told students about the current GATF scholarship program available.

"Manpower for Graphics...A Time for Change" was the topic of the talk given by Ken Baker of the Eastman Kodak Company. Chip Kishbaugh of Addressograph-Multigraph spoke to students on "Graphic Communications...A Career, Not a Job."

Information about the College of the Mainland was provided in the discussion by Althea Choates, counselor, and Dan Doyle of financial aids. Following this discussion, students from the visiting schools were led by graphic arts students and faculty members on a tour of the college campus. Points of interest on the tour were the Fine Arts Building, the gyms, graphic arts facilities, and the journalism facilities. Boxed chicken lunches and cokes were served in the Student Center.

Tech-Voc Program Opens Job Careers For Students

By BILLY BRUNER
Staff Reporter

The Technical-Vocational Building at College of the Mainland is used for the purpose of training and teaching young men and women the different types of job offers in today's world. The building has eight courses offered to the students: Drafting and Design, Graphic Arts, Nursing, Welding, Automechanics, Air and Refrigeration, Electronics, and many business courses.

Some of the courses offered have a one or two year program. A two year program is offered in drafting, covering twelve drafting courses, as well as various supporting areas.

Students completing the programs find an abundant number of jobs. Some of the students go into the graphic arts field.

Graphic Arts (printing) is a one year program to train men and women for a quality job in the printing world. The printing industry is the fifth largest in the United States. The printing program makes it a little easier for students to understand business.

The Business Division offers a two year program course in: Data Processing, Secretarial Science, Mid-Management, and Economics and Accounting, which are designed to give students the skills and knowledge required for these jobs. The courses

See TECH-VOC page 2

Eckert Slated As Speaker At Graduation Ceremonies

By BILL MCGARVEY
Staff Reporter

Graduation ceremonies for College of the Mainland will be held Tuesday, May 21, at 8 p.m. in the COM gym. The guest speaker will be H.K. "Griz" Eckert, the first president of the College of the Mainland Board of Trustees.

Eckert was very instrumental in getting College of the Mainland established and is considered a "founding father" of the college. He will be introduced by C.T. "Chuck" Doyle, who is president of the College of the Mainland Foundation.

The invocation will be given in Spanish by the Rev. Enrique Villarreal of the First Mexican Baptist Church in Texas City. The benediction will be given by the Rev. Don Little of the First United Methodist Church in Texas City.

Students graduating will receive either an Associate of Applied Science degree, an Associate of Arts degree or a One Year Certificate of Completion. This year's class of almost 200 graduates will be the largest ever at COM and also the first class to include nursing graduates.

Applicants for graduation are: Robert Albright, Betty Allen, Mildred Allums, Valencia Anderson, Darlene Ash, John Babbit, Gale Bailey, Char-mayne Barber, Mary Barnett, Thomas Berry, Mark Benton, Gary Bertling, Ernest Bogan, Mary Bogatto, Alice Bradford, Betty Branch, Ricque Brister, Ethel Brow, Gaila Brown, Myra Brown, Billy Bruner, Carrie Bryant, Verna Bryant, Mary Buses, Rhonda Caldwell, Laura Cardin, Linda Carlisle, Agustin Carmona, Martha Carpenter.

Also Moretta Cash, Cynthia Callis, Sara Castillo, Sandra Charles, Alana Clark, Carol Crawford, Patricia Criss, Alfred Curtis, Suzanne Damiani, Charles Dart, Ramon Davila, James Demers, Kenneth Deslattes, Nancie Dixon, Lionel Dotson, Victoria Dougharty, Sanford Douglas, Bobby Earle, Valeria Edmonson, Richard Egner, Carl English, Glenn Erwin, Alice Eskridge, Robert Faust, Patricia Flaniken, Norma Flores, James

Forsythe, Anthony Fraizer, Renee Frison.

Frances Fundling, Mary Galvan, Roma Garner, Deñni Gibbs, Susan Graham, Sherry Grauer, Florence Green, Sherry Grimes, Rose Guerra, Charles Hall, Dianne Hall, Elizabeth Hall, Gary Hall, Linda Hamil, Alexandra Hamm, Kathy Hardy, Wayne Hechler, John Heckendorn, Lloyd Hibbits, Morris Hill, Rita Hirth, Sharon Hopes, Alonzo Hynson, Lois Jackson, Marvin Jackson, Alfrenella Jason, Ora Jenkins, Emmitt Jones, Mildred Jones, Gwen Jurca, Patricia Killgore, Cindie Koenig, Yvonne Krc, James LeFebvre, Lawrence Leimer, Owen Leisey, Guadalupe Leon, Regina List, Brenda Logan.

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H.K. "Griz" Eckert

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Music And Journalism Have New Scholarship Program

Music and journalism scholarships are being offered at College of the Mainland for the first time. Applicants are invited to submit their applications for the scholarships for the Fall semester of 1974.

Both the music and the journalism programs are rather new at COM. The music program has been in progress for two years and the journalism program, along with the school newspaper The Mainland Comet, has been in progress for one year. The scholarships are an important step for both programs.

The music scholarships will be available to both music and non-music majors and will cover tuition and in some cases music fees.

The journalism scholarships will be available to students who have had prior experience in the gathering of news and the production of a school newspaper. The scholarship will cover the cost of tuition, fees and the use of books for the semester. Applications will be accepted until the end of May.

"I believe the scholarship program will benefit not only the music program but the college and community as a whole," Larry Stanley, music

instructor at COM, said. For further information on the music scholarships contact Stanley by writing to him at Division of Humanities, College of the Mainland, 8001 Palmer Highway, Texas City 77590 or call 938-1211, Ext. 200.

"Much praise is due the students who have established the Mainland Comet, the first continuous newspaper for COM," Mrs. June Angerstein, journalism instructor at COM said. "Building on the basis of the work done this past year, the scholarships will add the push necessary to make the Comet a certainty for the future."

For information on the journalism scholarships, write Mrs. Angerstein at: Division of Humanities, College of the Mainland, 8001 Palmer Highway, Texas City 77590 or call 938-1211, Ext. 214.

Coming Events

May 6 - 17 - Traveling Exhibition of Art Instructors of the GCJIC.

May 10 - Mainland Choral concert.

May 10, 11, 17, 18, 24, 25 - GAZEBO, Arena Theatre.

May 21 - Graduation Exercises, 8 P.M.

**Entries
Now Being
Accepted**

**Annual Eckert
Award Has Been
Established**

**SUBMISSIONS MUST
BE IN BY MAY 15**

**FOR INFORMATION
AND QUALIFICATIONS**

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Mechanics At Work

First Annual Eckert Award Is Announced

An annual H. K. "Griz" Eckert Award has been established by College of the Mainland's Citizens Advisory Council, to be presented to the student, faculty or staff member who best exemplifies the college's motto, "Humanhood through Brotherhood."

A large bronze plaque, on which the name of each year's recipient will be engraved, is to hang permanently in the Administration Building of the College. A smaller plaque and a medallion will be presented to the award winner.

The large, permanent plaque was made possible by a generous donation from Monsanto Company in honor

of Eckert, who played an important role in the company as well as in the establishment of College of the Mainland, according to Edward W. Ross, chairman of the Council.

Students, faculty and staff members must nominate their award choice in the form of an essay of 100 words or less, outlining the reasons for the nomination. Deadline for submission of recommendations is May 15, with the award to be presented at graduation exercises on May 21.

Some of the criteria to be used in determining the winner include: (1) involvement in activities that promote "Humanhood through Brotherhood", (2) active interest in insuring that COM adheres to its ideals, (3) leadership in bringing varied groups together in mutual understanding and (4) attributes of humanism, other-centeredness and open mindedness.

Entries are to be mailed to: Citizens Advisory Council, College of the Mainland, 8001 Palmer Highway, Texas City 77590. Student submissions will be screened by the Student Senate; faculty nominations, by the Faculty Division of COM's Employee Association, secretaries, by the Secretarial Division of COMEA and maintenance personnel, by the Maintenance Division. The final selection will be made by the Citizens Advisory Council.

In commenting on the award, Ross noted that it served a dual purpose.

"First, the award recognizes the tireless work of "Griz" Eckert in helping to establish College of the Mainland," he said. "Secondly, we hope this award will serve as an incentive for everyone to work toward the college's ideal of brotherhood," he added.

Members of the Citizens advisory Committee are: Pat Padillo, Chairman of the Awards Committee; Dr. Donald F. Mortvedt, Dean of Instruction; John Bersuder; Mrs. John Bersuder; Manuel Guajardo; Mrs. Manuel Guajardo; L. T. Gordon; Stanton C. Calvert, Dean of Student Personnel Services; and Gwen Jurca, President of the Student Government.

For further information regarding any aspect of the contest, please call COM's Public Information Office, 938-1211, Ext. 437.

Veterans Apply Now For Pay

College of the Mainland's Veterans Affairs Office reminds veterans that now is the time to apply for Summer Advanced Pay under a new VA payment program.

The summer term begins June 3 and applications for Advance Pay are now being accepted in COM's VA Office.

The new program was begun last fall to solve the problem of veterans having to pay tuition and fees two months before receiving their first educational assistance check.

Under the Advanced Pay Program, if a veteran notifies the school he plans to attend before the term begins, the VA will attempt to have his first check on hand at the school of his choice in time to cover enrollment expenses.

are approved for veterans and are state approved. The division has several scholarships for students who plan to continue their field. Scholarships are also available to students in automechanics.

The automotive division has eight courses in degree programs for any students who wish to make this a career. They also offer non-degree programs. The division also has some

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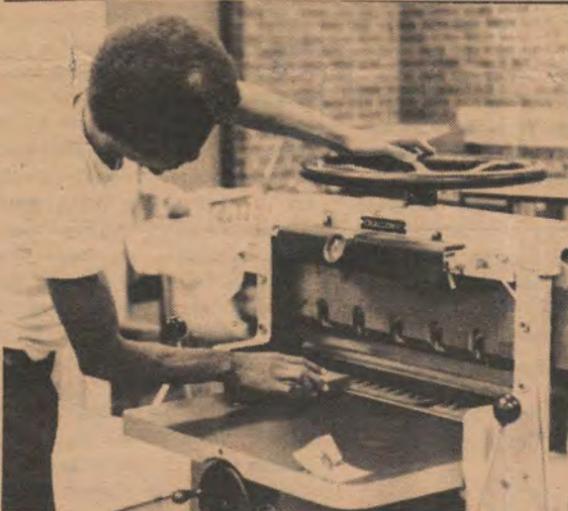
concord subjects for high school students not finished, where they can work towards a degree, then finish up their study at COM after they graduate. Other fields of interest are Air and Refrigeration.

Air Conditioning and Refrigeration offer students the opportunities to take courses in this field for vocational and avocational purposes. For students wishing to gain employment in this field, a two year degree, As-

sociate in Applied Science, is designed for this purpose.

An Associate of Applied Science and a one year Welding Technology diploma are offered to students choosing a career in welding technology. Individuals may take courses without being in a degree program. There is not a degree program in Nursing or Electronics.

All the courses are designed to help people understand their world.



STAN CALVERT
Works With Students

By JAN HELPENSTILL
Staff Reporter

Stanton Calvert is the dean of Student Personnel Services at College of the Mainland. His work includes direct contact with such offices as Student Life, Veterans Affairs and Recruitment, Admissions, Registration and Records, Computer Services, and Educational Research.

Calvert was born at Waco, Tex., in 1943 and raised on a farm in Dimmitt, Tex. He received a A. B. in English literature and social studies from Abilene Christian College. Calvert also attended the University of Texas at Austin Graduate School, where he studied in Business, Public Administration, History Departments, and finished all work toward a Ph.D. in Higher Education Administration except dissertation.

"I came to COM because it is committed to searching for more effective ways," Calvert said. He further commented, "I believe strongly that education is important, that the ways of humanity are improvable through common effort and understanding and that the main ingredient in meaning is caring."

Calvert lives in Dickinson with his wife Ann, and two sons, Raif, 2 1/2 years, and Jess, 6 months.

Senior Citizens To Present Play

BREATH OF SPRING, a rollicking comedy featuring a cast of senior citizens, will be presented to the public on June 7, 8, 14 and 15, in College of the Mainland's Arena Theater.

The play will be directed by Clare Harmon, who is well-known in the Galveston County area for her work in community and professional theatre.

Bea Weberlein, who has served as staff producer for COM, is slated to produce BREATH OF SPRING.

Mrs. Weberlein explained that for the citizens in the play, no previous acting experience was necessary to receive a part. The only requirement was for the actors to be at least 55 years of age.

She added that in addition to acting roles, volunteers were used for help in other areas of stage production, such as costumes, make-up and props.

For more information on the play, please contact Mrs. Weberlein at 938-1211, Ext. 345, or 945-6342.

SPECIAL NOTICES

FEDERAL AID

Student employees eligible for Federal Student Aid Funds must be enrolled for six hours or more and be processed through the Financial Aid Office.

Those who qualify for \$400 or more will be paid through federal funds and their earnings limited to the amount indicated in the Need Analysis. If they earn less than \$400, they may be placed as student assistants or work study employees.

TRAVEL

Policy about overnight travel of students representing College of the Mainland was established at a meeting of the Administrative Council.

The new policy states that students representing COM at out of town activities must be accompanied by a sponsor approved by the appropriate Dean.

Position Desired

I know this guy who hasn't worked a day in over a year. Yesterday he went for another job interview. He stopped by last night and told me that he didn't get the job. I asked him why not and he told me: "For Position desired I wrote vertical."

PUNCH LINE OF THE WEEK



THE BILL COLLECTOR IS SELDOM WELCOMED, YET OFTEN ASKED TO CALL AGAIN.



MAKE THE MOST OF YOUR SUMMER!

Enroll for the Summer Sessions at College of the Mainland

1st Session: June 3 - July 10.

2nd Session: July 11 - August 16.

Accredited by the Southern Assn. of Colleges & Schools

APPLY NOW - REGISTER ON JUNE 3 - BEGIN CLASSES ON JUNE 4th

Credit Schedule for Summer 1 Session*

Course	Section	Time	Days	Title	Course	Section	Time	Days	Title
ACCT.	131.01	545-935 PM	MW	OFFICE ACCOUNTING	O MACH	141.01	930-1220 PM	MTWTHF	OF MACH-MACH POSTING
ACCT.	241.01	545-935 PM	TTH	PRIN OF ACCOUNTING	PE	111.01	330-520 PM	MTWTH	FND FITNESS & HEALTH
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AIR	133.01	100-305 PM	MTWTH	AIR COND ELEC CIR	PE	112.02	545-735 PM	MTWTH	TENNIS
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2 ART	132.01	930-1050 AM	MTWTHF	BASIC DESIGN II	13 PHYS	242.01	TBA	TBA	MECHANICS & HEAT
2 ART	133.01	1230-150 PM	MTWTHF	BASIC DRAWING I	13PHYS	242.01	TBA	TBA	ELEC AND MAGNETISM
2 ART	237.01	1230-150 PM	MTWTHF	PAINTING	PHY LB	101.01	1100-1220 PM	MTWTHF	LAB
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SCHEDULE ON CHARGES
TUITION

RESIDENT OF TEXAS: \$4.00 per semester hour; however, the minimum tuition charge per semester, regardless of the number of hours taken, is \$25.00. There is no established maximum.

NURSING PROGRAM STUDENTS: Tuition and fees for Associate Degree Nursing Program students will be computed on the same basis as tuition and fees for other students except that the minimum tuition charge will be \$20 for any semester and the maximum tuition charge will be \$50 per semester for residents of Texas. Non-residents of Texas will pay the appropriate tuition prescribed for their residency classification.

NON-RESIDENT OF TEXAS: \$17.00 per semester hour; however, the maximum non-resident tuition is \$200.00 per semester.

FINANCIAL AID

Deadline to apply for short-term loans is two days before time you plan to pay fees.

*Summer II Schedule is available at the Admissions Office, Classes begin July 12.

To file an application come to the Admissions Office, Administration Building



For further information call 938-1211, Ext.264
8:00 - 8:00 M T W T H
8:00 - 5:00 Friday

Editorials

Nostalgia For What?

There seems to be a rising wave of nostalgia for those bygone days of the Jazz Age. It is reflected in the movies like "The Sting," "Paper Moon" and "The Great Gatsby," and even in fashion such as the "Gatsby look." But let's not kid ourselves. Before we are immersed in this vat of sentimentality, let's take a look at the way it was according to history and to even go a step further, we can draw some parallels between those times and our own present situation.

According to historians like Thomas A. Bailey, the Jazz Age was a time of restlessness, cynicism and Materialism. World War I had left many people disillusioned. People who had hope of a war to end all wars were disappointed. Some historians were even beginning to claim that the war had not been entirely the fault of Germany, but that other European countries had contributed to the holocaust as well. That didn't help anyone's mood over here.

Because of the cynicism, the war had spawned, many people turned to

materialism for comfort. Get-rich-quick schemes and something-for-nothing deals were very popular. Some people turned to other attractions. Sexual taboos went out the window. Prohibition did not prohibit. Many people were out for last wild flings. Policemen were bribed to look the other way. Crimes were committed just for thrills. Jazz music became the popular style with its wild, free and noisy rhythms. There were even clashes between religion and science, or those who believed in evolution theories and those who believed in this creation.

Does any of this sound familiar? Update it for fifty years. It should be clearly evident the Viet Nam conflict left its effect on many in American society. Many people, especially the young, have become disillusioned with the ideals set forth and seldom lived up to in this country. Once again there is the indecision as to who was right and who was wrong and who started it, etc.

The daily game shows and prizes and bargains we are smothered by

reflect the same, something-for-nothing attitude. Corruption in politics and law and the themes of movies clearly reflect the get-rich-quick fantasies also. Movies like "Serpico" and "McQ" and "Magnum Force" illustrate the disappointment in an often corrupt law system.

Bizzare crimes are daily occurrences and are made best-sellers before they are even out of the courts. The obsession with sex and cheap thrill magazines is another standard for the times. The music is just as wild and free as the twenties. Evolution put to doubt religion, and is now being challenged by even stranger theories. Overproduction and overexpansion of credit helped bring about the great stock market crash in the Jazz Age. Aren't these in full swing today?

Maybe it's just coincidence that there are so many parallels between those times and our own, but there sure are a lot of coincidences. Who can have any feeling of nostalgia for times like those?

Care Makes Mother's Day Gift Reach World-Wide

Thinking of a "different" gift for Mother's Day this year? Chances are your mother would have little use for a heap of high-protein porridge, a carton of hospital surgical equipment, or even a couple tons of vegetables. But at CARE, these are some of the things that make the difference between hope and despair for millions of mothers and their chil-

dren across the world. And you can help provide them by a contribution in your mother's name.

The card will be mailed to her or to you, as you prefer. The message is equally appropriate for grandmothers, mothers-in-law and mothers of friends. Contributions may be sent to: Mother's Day Plan, the Southwest CARE office, 109 North Akard, Dallas, Texas 75201.

Be sure to give your name and address, the name and address of each mother honored (minimum \$2 per name), and instructions for card handling. If you wish them mailed directly, state how each card is to be signed. Make checks out to CARE, Inc. Orders should be sent early to assure card deliveries in time for Mother's Day, May 12th.

Women Veteran Statistics Given

Women comprise 1.9 per cent of the nation's 29 million veterans, 8,500 of which were separated from military service in fiscal year 1973.

College of the Mainland's experience with women veterans is in line with trend, according to Dwight Fullingim, assistant director of Veterans' Affairs. Out of a total of 365 veterans enrolled this year, six are women. They are: Cynthia Smith, Eileen Tepera, Anna Louise Ficarro, Joyce Hattes Baines, Jurline Hancock, Rita Hirth.

On a national level, there are 543,000 women veterans. 305,000 of whom who are credited with World War II service. Nurses who served during the Spanish-American War and World War I women veterans total 15,000. Vietnam-era women veterans numbered 91,000 through June 30, 1973.

Fullingim noted that with the military services recruiting greater numbers of women, the percentage of women veterans should rise in coming years.

Pot Holes In Parking Lot

The pot holes in the parking lots have come back like an incurable disease. They plague the parking lots with endless repair. Repairs are made with costly materials which soon return to the state of disrepair within a short time.

Students and other members of College of the Mainland have legitimate complaints to the college for the unnecessary wear and tear on their cars. Where is the committee that

is supposed to keep the parking lots in good shape?

When it rains, the holes fill up with water, as do the lots themselves, and it's hard to tell when you will hit one of these endless pits that are preying for a tire to damage. Driving through the lots gives the effect of a back country road, for you get jarred around as the tires hit one hole after another.

The worst parking lot is out by

the Student Center, for it is the most used by everyone. In the places where the damage has occurred a whole new area should be laid down. The holes should be filled and then the new slab laid on top. This would last longer and so would tires.

This suggestion of how to repair the parking lots couldn't cost any more than it does to keep repairing them all the time. Isn't it better to repair them well once, than to repair them poorly frequently?

DOUBLE CROSS-UP

No. 6

By Lora W. Asdorian

Consider the clues from all angles; they may CROSS you UP! The clue may be a pun on the word wanted, or an anagram of the word itself. Usually, the clue contains a definition (synonym) as well as a cryptic representation of the word. Certain words may stand for letters in an anagram, e.g., NOTHING, TEA, SEE, WHY, YOU, and BE may represent O, T, C, Y, U, and B. The word could also be hidden in the letters of the clue, e.g., the phrase "human being rated as unthankful" contains the answer INGRATE. The word might be defined in two parts, e.g., a clue for FORESTER is "ranger in favor of organic compound" (FOR ESTER).

Write the words over the numbered dashes and then transfer each letter to the correspondingly numbered square in the diagram. Black squares indicate word endings. The completed diagram will contain a quotation reading from left to right. The first letter of the answered words will give you the author's name and title of the work from which the quote comes.

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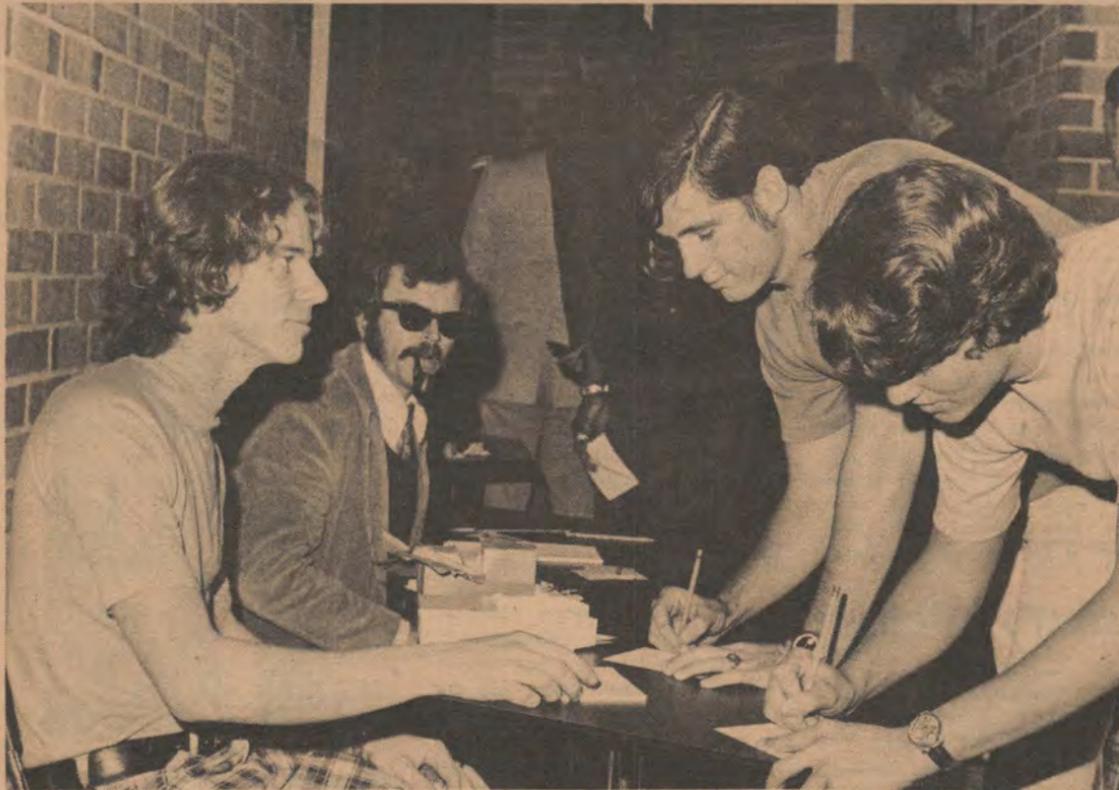
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- A. The myopic are not planning for the future 188 25 68 92 97 143 154 183 37 49 56 116
- B. Did a dance of the 50's and sprained an ankle 130 177 11 57 71 91 136
- C. Fortes self-taught are easy 151 158 23 89 100 133 7 50 52 64
- D. Roof apartments make confined dwellings 127 38 182 187 44 75 60 148 160 12
- E. Human toil I eye with great embarrassment 153 6 67 86 30 140 178 18 72 128 115
- F. Next noise is a furthering of the last 165 139 24 32 70 87 114 145 155
- G. Lend an earth man in ancient times 4 21 29 35 85 99 129 122 169 186 61
- H. Chat about an itch is small talk! 54 94 102 152 161 98 13 42
- I. Plunder a grave 9 40 15 131 156 170
- J. Grab a custom made counter 172 184 16 55 69 103
- K. Ivy t'aint in the Christmas scene 17 104 36 117 90 125 162 82
- L. The Aves found on a roof 77 95 80 26 121

WORDS

- M. Trace joint crossing through space 118 51 134 119 112 88 96 163 174 76
- N. Confused flaw in hay near the middle 108 123 62 39 78 1 173
- O. Ingests to sate appetite 28 45 107 2
- P. Not in humor to get the better of someone 141 53 168 171 181 46
- Q. Why camp herds of elephants? 180 8 41 113 63 10 81 66 150 124
- R. Encourages the Easter Bunny, perhaps (2 wds.) 157 20 5 33 106 132
- S. Run mouse! Cats are plentiful 138 84 179 101 110 147 120 27
- T. I submit uno piece of soft coal 111 34 43 142 126 3 167 22 65 176
- U. Fond of an idea now and then (3 wds.) 185 59 159 79 73 14 149 135
- V. Evading via doing nothing 47 164 83 31 146 166 105 74
- W. Rustling fabrics for fat feasts 144 137 48 175 109 93 19 58

For answers, see page 8



STUDENTS REGISTER - From left, Michael Thomas and Gerrel Barnett COM students register Howard Nicols and Jeff Lee of Friendswood for the "Careers in Drafting" day-long program held to acquaint high school students with opportunities in the field of drafting.

Double Trouble

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

By ALANNA CLARK
Staff Reporter

Ricque Brister, student here at the College of the Mainland is very involved with what goes on at the college. She is continuing her concurrent enrollment here from high school. Ricque enjoys attending College of the Mainland because of the emphasis that is put on learning methods of teaching and the different emphasis that is put on learning and not on grades. She also likes the instructors methods of teaching and the different grading system here at College of the Mainland.

Ricque will graduate this spring with an Associate of Art degree. She will then attend Southwestern at Georgetown next fall. Her decision on Southwestern was made because it is small and reminds her of College of the Mainland. It is a friendly college and it has a good department for psychology.

Ms. Brister was in Fort Worth and now lives in Arcadia. She graduated from Santa Fe high school in spring of 1973.

Ricque works at the college in the Learning Resource Center in non-print media. She is a member of the Student Government, Drama Club and is a cheerleader for the basketball team. Her hobbies are riding horses, and bicycles and playing softball. This summer she will be coaching a little girls softball team.



RICQUE BRISTER

Ricque's goal in life is to be a Doctor of Psychology and to have her own private practice or go into counselling. She believes people are basically good, it is the world that is messed up.

Ricque strongly believes if everyone realized how important they were to society and never under estimate their abilities; alot of the bad conditions that exist could be greatly changed.

Letters To The Editor

Editor:

This letter is directed to those members of the Student Government who are advocating alcohol on campus at Com events. I must first say that I find your arguments very shallow concerning this issue.

In your article in the last issue of the Comet you say that alcohol would be advantageous in "several" ways. Only three are listed. Since when are three points considered several? As to those three, well, here goes . . .

Point #1: You say there would be a better turnout for functions on campus. If alcohol is what it takes to make people turn out at Com functions then our functions must be in pretty bad shape. As for myself, I'm not sure that the added people we would attract would be worth attracting. If a person spreads his body with molasses he will attract quite a party of flies. The flies will have a dandy time but how about the person? I implore you not to spread our functions with alcohol to attract those who may become a nuisance!

Point # 2: The Student Government also states that alcohol at Com events would provide a place for people to go thus cutting down on travelling from town to town. "Somewhere to go?" Good grief! You make it sound like you're opening up a nunnery!! Why don't you just come right out and say that it would give people a place to get drunk.

Point #3: You state that by having alcoholic beverages on campus more functions could be held and the building would be used more advantageously. "More" functions? Does this mean a binge, seven-day-drunk or what? As to using the building more advantageously, well . . . Go to a few places where alcohol is served. Oh yes, the building has really been used "advantageously" alright! You will find seats cut with knives, stains where people have thrown up on the carpet, written on and scratched walls, stains from spilt beer; Shall I go on? Really advantageous, huh?

For those who must drink in order to have a good time at an event or to be happy why not let them stay in their own homes and get drunk to their hearts content. This way when they start cussing, shouting, drooling, throwing up and all the other lovelies that come as ingredients in a bottle, the only person they will insult or offend will be themselves.

I commend the Student Government on some of the projects they have completed, such as getting benches for the campus. However, there is much more that could be done besides backing alcohol. How about getting a sign out by the highway stating what college this is. Do you realize we don't even have a sign? People probably drive by and say, "I wonder what those buildings are out there?" Seriously, there are other projects which the senate could

undertake besides having alcohol at events. Projects which would be far more honorable and beneficial.

I'm sure you may be thinking this letter has been written by an adult who has nothing better to do than put down college students. But quite the contrary, I am a fellow student, age 20.

I hope you will reconsider your position on this most important issue.
G.H.

Enjoys Communicating

Teacher Profile

By BILL MCGARVEY
Staff Reporter

James Finley is a Political science teacher here at College of the Mainland. Since 1962, he has held teaching positions at Mississippi State Univ., Washington State Univ., University of Southwestern Louisiana, University of Houston and Texas A&M before coming to C.O.M. three years ago. Of them all, he enjoys teaching here best. "I have been here for three years and have enjoyed it. I find morale among the faculty and administration to be comparatively high. Also, I do not know of another institution where faculty and staff 'go the distance' for the student body. The philosophy of COM is ideologically and symbolically refreshing and efforts are made to implement it. In my opinion, most academic institutions are topheavy with administrations which are ritualistic and skewed against change. COM has the guts to commit itself to innovation in the teaching - learning process, and is probably better appreciated nationally than statewide. I can identify only a few 'scared cows'. Thinking about COM reminds me of the visit of Margaret Mead to the Aggie campus. It was like a cool drink of water in the desert."

As for his teaching philosophy, Mr. Finley feels that "the use of non-print media, the trend toward individualized instruction, the out-of-the-box activities etc. are positive innovations, but are secondary in importance to creating a relaxed, pleasant and uninhibited atmosphere



JAMES FINLEY

in the classroom. I believe that it is necessary to establish your credibility as an instructor the first week and utilize the remaining portion of the semester generating supportive instructor - student relationship at both emotional and intellectual levels. I believe in using the conceptual perspective which provides the tools of analysis for yesterday, today and tomorrow. Isolated facts may be defined as impressive trivia."

In discussing his background, Mr. Finley said that he came "out of the boondocks of rural West Texas where red necks, wine, Blue Ribbon beer and country music are all 'in'. (I've learned to appreciate only the latter.)

You might know it as the Bible-belt or the Dustbowl. I recall an unusually dry and windy Spring in 1951 when chickens were religiously roosting by 3:30 in the afternoon

When asked what he considers his most important accomplishments, Mr. Finley replied, "I'm a well organized person. I keep my office neater than most. I have six or seven articles published and a book of readings to be published this summer. I'm getting better gas mileage physiologically--running between one and two miles a day. Also, I got rid of the wet, plastered deer look, and I don't scratch so much any more."

Drama Club Sponsors Rip Van Winkle

In a cooperative effort, the Drama Club and the Fine Arts Department and the Adult Education program sponsored the play Rip Van Winkle. The play was performed for handicapped children in the college district and surrounding areas. The play was performed in the arena of the Fine Arts building at the college.

The cast included Mike Satterwhite, who played Rip; Lorraine Taylor, Gretchen; Ricque Brister, Meenie; Dick Egner, Derrick; Ric Stevens, Cockles; Karl Tuggle, Nick; Shawn Bergquist, Hendrick; Paul Lombard, Henry Hudson; Andre Frison, Chief demon; Jill Gillis, Seth; Melissa Brister, Sneider; Chuck Berry, Student director.

Third Place Was Garnered

College of the Mainland placed third in the 1974 Regional Plymouth Trouble-Shooting Contest for Post Secondary Schools, according to Jerry Preas, automotive instructor.

Auto mechanic students at the school competed in their classes for the honor of representing the college in the contest at Dallas.

The two students selected competed in one of the 100 regional contests held in all fifty states this spring under the sponsorship of Plymouth dealers and participating schools. Regional contest winners receive all expense trips to the National Trouble-shooting Finals at Texas Stadium, home of the Dallas Cowboys, June 16, 17 and 18.

Bertolett Chrysler-Plymouth Inc., Texas City, sponsored the college in

the contest. The 1973 team from College of the Mainland sponsored by Bertolett also came back with the third place title, trophies and prizes.

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Man Of Many Talents

Staff Personality

By WAYNE HAMILTON
Staff Reporter

William J. Perry, Jr., is a second generation native Houstonian. He is now happily married and is anticipating his 37th wedding anniversary. Although he has no children, Perry has been adopted by kids all over the world because of his natural love for young people.

During Perry's life he has done extensive traveling all over the world, including the West Indies and Hawaii. Among his many talents he is an accomplished musician on the vibes, drums, and organ and enjoys diving, tennis and swimming. Photography takes up some of his time while deep sea fishing for sailfish and barracuda seems to be his real kicks.

Perry completed his elementary, high school and college (B.S. and M. Ed.) in Houston schools. Before finishing his B.S. and M.Ed. he was a successful musician, mortician, businessman, aircraft mechanic, truck mechanic, veteran of World War II and a radio operator with F.C.C. radio licenses.

His community activities include serving as: a president, Houston Principals and Head Teachers Association; vice president, Board of Houston Community Welfare Planning Association; vice president, Board Hester House Neighborhood Center; chairman, Education Committee, Houston Community Council; president, Texas State Association of Settlements and Neighborhood Centers; Girl Scouts of United States, National Advisor on Minority Relations, Region VI Committee, and Board member, San Jacinto Council; president of Houston Council of Greek Letter Organizations; president of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity; and Group Leader, "Plays for Living" Series.

He has memberships in American Vocational Association, International Narcotics Enforcement Officers As-



WILLIAM PERRY
A Participant

sociation, Mason Heights Lodge No. 280, Masonic Consistory (32 degree) Douglas Burrell Chapter, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Phi Delta Kappa Educational Fraternity, Epsilon Pi Tau, Industrial Education Fraternity, Lions Club, Gafftoppers Fishing and Boating Club, Texas City-La Marque Chamber of Commerce, Transportation Committee, American Legion and Antioch Baptist Church.

The Texas State Coordinating Board has appointed him to the State Advisory Committee on Compensatory Education. The Board has also appointed him to the State Advisory Committee for the Coordinating Board's Nursing Study.

His previous work experience includes teaching and administrative positions with Houston Independent School District, Texas Southern University and the University of Texas at Austin.

He has done graduate study at Prairie View College, General Motors Institute, Ohio State University, University of California at Los Angeles and has almost completed work on a Ph.D at the University of Texas at Austin.

June McConnell - First Hired - First Retired

By GREG BURNS
Staff Reporter

Mrs. June McConnell, assistant director of admissions, registration and records is planning to retire from full time employment at the end of her contract year. However, Mrs. McConnell says she may work part time and she may not. Mrs. McConnell said, "It depends on how bored I get."

Mrs. McConnell was the first employee of College of the Mainland

with its inception in January of 1967. Her position was that of temporary secretary and helper to the president of the Board of Trustees. Her next position was Coordinator of Admissions, Registration, and Records, and from there she came to her present position. Before Mrs. McConnell started working with College of the Mainland she spent 22 years as a registrar at Kilgore College.

When Mrs. McConnell retires she plans to do some fishing and a lot of traveling. Mrs. McConnell says she has always been a hippie at heart. She enjoys the unconventional. She wants to take her time traveling and see the country and she thinks its good for young people to do that too.

Mrs. McConnell is really pleased with College of the Mainland and



JUNE McCONNELL

the way it is developing. College of the Mainland is experimental in its nature and she feels that the success it has had far outweigh the failures. Any experiment will have failure as well as success. College of the Mainland is a college in which students actually have an opportunity to participate on the faculty and Staff Personality

SUNDAY'S SERMON

Getting Back

It is said that a journey of one thousand miles begins with the first step. But for most of us, that first step is the hardest to take. Perhaps you've been thinking about getting back to God. And you've thought about it and thought about it - but what is the result? The result is you're still thinking about it.

Now is the time and this is the place to take that first step back toward God. But you must take that first step yourself - no one can force you to. But after you have taken that first step back to God, you'll notice how easily the other steps come to you. You'll wonder why you didn't come back earlier and you'll remember you kept putting it off - you kept saying you'll worry about it tomorrow.

All you really need to do is make a commitment now - right this moment - not in another five minutes, or another hour or tomorrow - but now. Won't you take that first step now? You'll be glad you did. Remember, God is always ready to take you back, any moment day or night. Are you ready?



FIRST . . . Judy Weiner, 20, a University of Wisconsin sophomore from Woodmere, N.Y., is the first female pole vaulter at the school.

TURN ON'S



CAN TWO LIVE AS CHEAPLY AS ONE?

SURE. THE WIFE AND I SPEND ALMOST AS MUCH AS OUR SON IN COLLEGE.

Student Faces On Campus



TOP ROW - From left: Steve Lemons, Galveston; Elizabeth Schiel, Alta Loma; Franklin Brantly, Alta Loma; Patty McNeal, Hitchcock; Ernie Duimly, Dickinson. BOTTOM ROW - From left, Ruben Torres, League City; Nell Peek, Alta Loma; Raymond Wiltshire, Texas City; Claudia Murello, Alta Loma; and Tom Moth, Alta Loma.

Increase In Journalism Enrollment Has Been Noted

COLLEGE STATION -- With a 230 per cent increase in student enrollment in 10 years, Texas A&M University's Journalism Department is the first to admit that journalism is becoming increasingly popular as a course of study for young people.

However, recent gloomy predictions concerning the job market, or lack of it, for journalism graduates do not hold water, declared Prof. C.J. Leabo, head of TAMU's Journalism Department.

"Recent reports show that newspapers do not have room for the flood of journalism graduates," Leabo noted. "The fact is, however, that journalism jobs are virtually unlimited, when journalism is correctly considered as the field of communications."

He pointed out that newspapers are only a small consumer of journalism graduates. In fact, only 29 per cent of each year's crop of cub report-

ers apply for newspaper work.

"Many of them are going into magazines, an enormous market for journalism graduates," Leabo explained. "Advertising, electronic communications, and public relations are also open and lucrative markets for journalism graduates."

Closer to home, recent graduates from TAMU's Journalism Department are working in a variety of communications jobs, including free-lance film making, reporter/photographer positions, wire service, magazines, and public relations.

"Of the graduates from our program we have been able to keep up with," Leabo noted, "the only ones who aren't working are wives located outside major media markets and those who chose to teach or do graduate work."

"We have found," he continued, "that any graduate who is free to move has been able to find a job,

usually in an attractive position. One recent graduate is an associate editor at a major agricultural publication, and another is with one of the wire services."

Leabo, who worked for the Associated Press on the West Coast and in New York City for more than 15 years, believes the rush to journalism in America's colleges and universities is a combination of several factors.

"First," he said, "they see a chance to combine career training with a broad liberal education. Many students are interested in a socially-involving profession, and of course, many see the glamour involved with the many big news stories which have broken in the past few years."

He contended that although more students might wash out of journalism programs as a result of the phenomenal increase in student loads, he

believes that those who graduate with journalism degrees will have no problem finding a satisfying job on the communications job market.

Texas A&M University's Journalism Department experienced one of the highest growth rates in the nation last year, with a 42 per cent increase in student enrollment. The department offers two sequences for journalism training--news/editorial and agricultural journalism.

"Our ag journalism students really have it made," Leabo commented. "We simply can't begin to fill the demand for agricultural writers. These kids can pick and choose from several job offers, and can locate just about anywhere they want."

Leabo credits a growing favorable reputation for journalism education at TAMU as the major factor in his

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Student Spotlight

By BILL McGARVEY
Staff Reporter

Marvin Kinsey is in his second semester here at College of the Mainland. He plans to go here another year and then transfer to the University of Houston. He says that he has always been interested in art and hopes to be an architect, specializing in residential and commercial building.

His hobbies include swimming, surfing, antique cars, foosball and pool. He was a member of the swimming team for three years at La Marque High School and played on the water polo team there for two years. He owns a blue, two door, 1950 Studebaker Champion. Since parts for Studebaker's are scarce, Marvin belongs to several Studebaker clubs which help him to get parts whenever he needs them. In case anyone is interested, he is willing to sell the car for \$500.00. It can be seen almost anyday in the C.O.M. parking lot. You can't miss it.

Marvin likes to surf and as soon as the water warms up, plans to spend a good deal of his time doing just that. He says this summer he would like to get a new board, a split tail, single fin, John Dole. Until then, he will have to make do with his old board, which was cut down from a longer one.

He says he enjoys going to C.O.M. because it is close to home and easily affordable. He also likes the instructors here and the general atmosphere, which he says is very friendly.

Job Opportunities

There will be job opportunities in maintenance and service work with Federal agencies throughout the Gulf Coast area. These jobs will mainly be in warehouses, shops, supply rooms, supplies and materials, work around construction sites, or similar duties.

The best job opportunities will be in Beeville, Corpus Christi, Houston, and the Rio Grande Valley.

To apply, one must fill out an application and supplementary questionnaire, concerning ability and reliability. The names will be on a list for a year or until all the eligibles have been used, whichever comes first.

To obtain forms and take tests in this area, the center is in Houston, Rm. 104, US Customhouse, 702 Caroline St., Houston 77002. The phone is 226-5501. Send the completed forms back to the Customhouse.

FISHING CONTEST - Jerome Urbanek won first prize in the fishing contest held at Lake Eckert and sponsored by Phi Theta Kappa at COM





Over 200 students from area junior and senior high schools participated in the recent New Careers in Graphics seminar held at College of the Mainland. Representative schools included Hitchcock, Santa Fe, La Marque, Dickinson, Ball High of Galveston, Clear Lake, Clear Creek, Texas City, and Friendswood. Students listened to speakers representing various graphic firms such as the Graphic Arts Technical Foundation, Eastman Kodak, Addressograph-Multigraph, A. B. Dick, UTMB, and COM.

Photos By Marilyn Turner

**SOLUTION TO
DOUBLE CROSS-UP No. 6**

AUTHOR: Stephen Crane
 TITLE: The Open Boat
 QUOTATION:
 A singular disadvantage of the sea lies in the fact that after successfully surmounting one wave you discover that there is another behind it just as important and anxious to do something effective in the way of swamping boats.

- A. Shortsighted
- I. Ravage
- Q. Pachyderms
- B. Twisted
- J. Abacus
- R. Eggs on
- C. Effortless
- K. Nativity
- S. Numerous
- D. Penthouses
- L. Eaves
- T. Bituminous
- E. Humiliation
- M. Trajection
- U. Off and on
- F. Extension
- N. Halfway
- V. Avoiding
- G. Neanderthal
- O. Eats
- W. Taffetas
- H. Chitchat
- P. Outwiti

Books For Summer Reading

Over the past months many good books that make interesting reading have come out from various publishers. There is a great assortment of types of books, so everyone should be able to find one to fit his interest. Try to read a good book this summer!

From the Houghton Mifflin Company, 2 Park Street, Boston, Mass. 02107, come all types of interesting books. One such work is *THE FUN HOUSE*. It is about Harris, a muck-raking journalist who has just written an expose of a British mining company in Africa, and although he is hot on the trail of another business scandal, sets off a well-deserved mini-vacation to Amsterdam. Aside from losing his briefcase before take-off and encountering some rather strange people along the way, it's a routine trip until the plane ride home when an old "friend" Harris has trouble remembering plants an LSC-laden bottle of gin on him. Harris suddenly finds himself in big trouble with the law.

Several strange events then follow, including delves into the drug scene. Back at the square one, Harris shows up in court only to find his defense sabotaged, his influential friends deserted, and the long arm of the law getting uncomfortably close. The finale is a whirlwind affair including political intrigue and business fraud.

Another good suspense novel is *BLACK DOUGAL*. It is a paradox of such villainy that leaves us happier and a mite more human.

On the sports side, *SCREWBALL*, is an excellent biography of New York Mets pitcher, Tug McGraw. It will fascinate every sports lover. For nature lovers, there are several new books: *A FIELD GUIDE TO MEXICAN BIRDS*, *A FIELD GUIDE TO SHELLS*, *A FIELD GUIDE TO TREES AND SHRUBS*, *THE SEA AND THE ICE*, *DESERT*, *THE AMERICAN SOUTHWEST*.

Other interesting works from the HMCO. are *THE IMPERIAL PRESIDENCY*, a definitive study of the role of the Executive, as it was conceived and as it has evolved; *YEAR ONE OF THE EMPIRE*, a play dealing with the events of the Philippine War, wherein Americans for the first time moved to brutally suppress nationalist aspirations abroad; *SPLENDOR AT COURT*, traces the emergence of extravagant spectacles during the Renaissance; and *THE BEST AMERICAN SHORT STORIES 1973*.

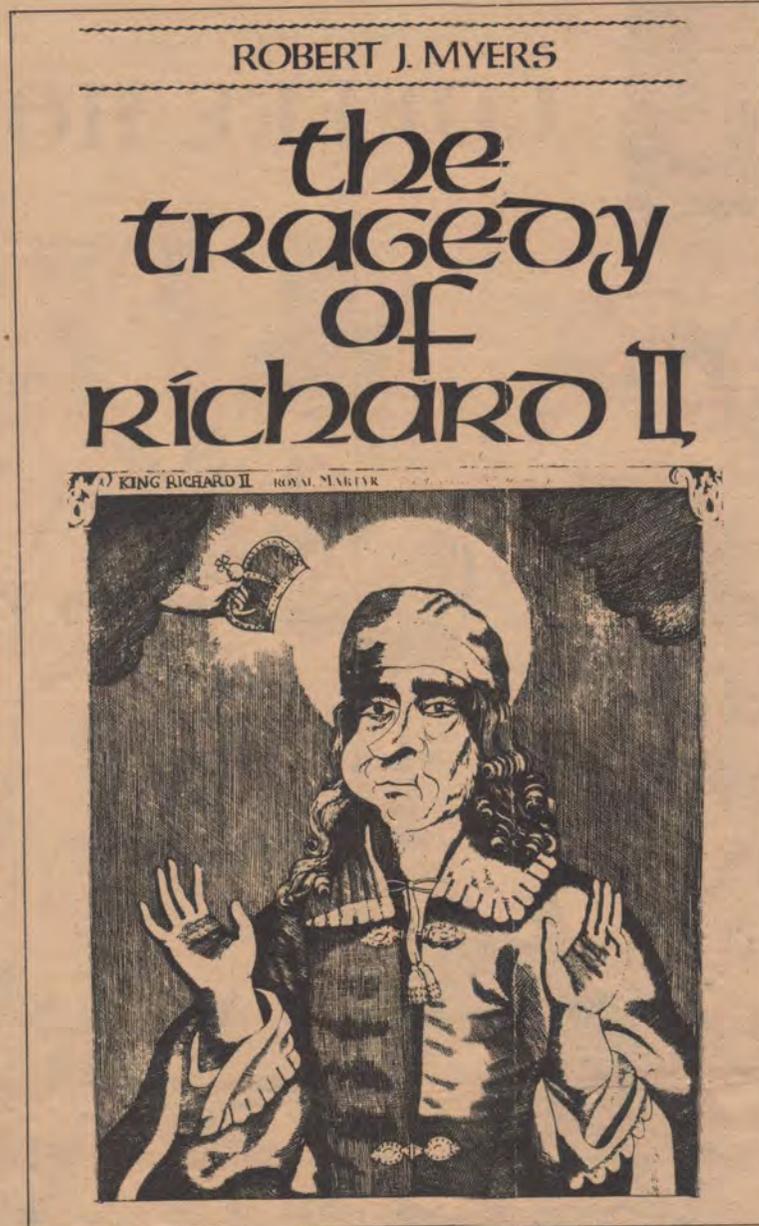
The Farrar, Straus & Giroux, Inc. press has many outstanding books published such as *ETHER, GOD AND DEVIL* and *COSMIC SUPERIMPOSITION*. These companion volumes, long out of print, are now presented together for the first time so that the reader may better grasp their essential unity. In *ETHER, GOD & DEVIL*, William Reich describes the process of functional thinking and reveals how the inner logic of this objective thought led him to the discovery of cosmic orgone energy. In *COSMIC SUPERIMPOSITION*, Reich steps beyond the character structure of man to an understanding of how man is rooted in nature. The superimposition of two orgone-energy systems which is demonstrable in genital embrace is revealed as a common functioning principle that exists in all of nature. Concluding this work, Reich returns to the human sphere "to ponder about the greatest riddle of all: the ability of man to think, and by mere thinking to know what nature is and how it works."

Other works are: *CITY POLICE*, *THE FATAL GIFT*, *HEIRS APPARENT*, *GOETHE'S FAUST*, *THE AGE OF THE AVANT-GARDE*, *REMBRANDT'S HAT*, *THE DELTOID PUMPKIN SEED*, *BOUGHT AND SOLD*, *MIRACLE CURE*, *ALL THE WAY HOME*, *THE SPRING ON THE MOUNTAIN*, *PARADISO*, *MY BELIEF*, *SHELLEY'S MARY*, *THE MAN-EATING MACHINE* and *REFLECTION*.

The latest from the Stephen Green Press, Box 1000, Brattleboro, Vermont 05301, is *LOON IN MY BATH-TUB* by Ronald Rood. Also released is *FARM TOWN; A Memoir of the 1930's*. It is a pictorial history of rural life in Horton, Kansas, between 1935 and 1940. Farming there was much the same as it was elsewhere in the nation—neighbors trading work to harvest the cash crops, a barnyard with a few cows and hens, plus a pig or two, for the family's food. This was subsistence farming during the hard times of the Great Depression just before modern large scale specialization ended that way of life. Wes McManigal took the photos for the book. Gant Heilman bought these, then chose those for use in *FARM TOWN*. He went to Horton with these photos and talked with some of the people in the pictures. The text for the book is drawn from the comments they made. Since he knew that people would ask "Whatever happened to Horton?" Mr. Heilman took his camera along and did some "after" pictures to go with McManigal "before" photographs. The result is *FARM TOWN: A Memoir of the 1930's*, an evocative portrait of a bygone era in America's heartland.

Are you an aspiring writer? Then check in *Writer's Digest Books*, 22 East 12th St., Cincinnati, Ohio 45210. One such book is *WRITING POPULAR FICTION*, for the whodunit writer, the science fiction novelist, the part-time and the will-be writer, the writer who is successful, and the one who thirsts for success; for the educator, the critic, the editor; for anyone who wants to learn the "whats", "hows", and "whys" of category fiction. . . . The author, Dean Koontz, shows how to master any category of popular fiction—science fiction, fantasy, Gothic romance, mysteries, suspense, Western, erotica. He then demonstrates how to apply knowledge of a genre to other categories in order to become a selling, successful novelist. Another book along these lines is *WRITING FOR CHILDREN AND TEEN-AGERS*, Lee Wyndham's highly regarded text on how to write fiction for juveniles. Another book from this press is *WRITER'S MARKET*, 174, which contains the name, address, editorial requirements, name of editor and rate of payment of 5,178 markets for freelance writers.

The Iowa State University Press, S. State Ave. Ames, Iowa 50010, has released several good books for journalists and student publications. These are: *LIBEL: A BASIC PROGRAM FOR BEGINNING JOURNALISTS* and *LAW AND THE STUDENT PRESS*. This book is the first ever published which focuses on law as applied to the freedom of the press for student publications. Early chapters deal with the problems of censorship, libel, and obscenity. The authors have selected cases brought against school officials and student reporters and editors to illustrate the climate of the courts during the years from the late 1960's to the early 1970's when student rights



were being violently demanded. This book should be of special interest to advisors and administrators connected with high school, junior college, and college publications. Other works from this press are: *DEMISE OF THE DEMOCRACY*; *THE COPPERHEAD PRESS IN IOWA*; *THE RED GODS CALL*; *U.S. TRADE POLICY & AGRICULTURAL EXPORTS*; *ART AND FASHION IN CLOTHING SELECTION*; *WORLD FOOD PRODUCTION, DEMAND AND TRADE*; and *STUDENT PILOT'S FLIGHT MANUAL*.

One really great thing that has come out of Watergate is the book *THE TRAGEDY OF RICHARD II: THE LIFE AND TIMES OF RICHARD II (1367-1400), KING OF ENGLAND (1377-99), COMPARED TO THOSE OF RICHARD OF AMERICA IN HIS SECOND ADMINISTRATION*, by Robert Myers, published by Acropolis Books Ltd., 2400 17th St., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20009. The cast of characters in Myers' version of Shakespeare's classic includes King Richard; Queen Pat; Princess Tricia; Richard's advisors Lord Haldeman, Lord Enrichman, the Bishop of Graham, Sir John Dean, Lord Henry; Duke Agnew and his advisors, Sir Victor of Gold, Sir George of Bush, Sir Charles of Percy; and, of course, The Clangbird. The other Victor of Gold, the former press secretary to the modern day Duke Agnew, has called the new play "An outrageous fabrication of 'The War of the Rose Garden'." My attorneys, along with those of Mr. Shakespeare, will see you in court." Nevertheless, it will be published along with beautiful Shakespearean illustrations, lest the parallel be lost. Other works from Acropolis are: *SECRET WARFARE*;

CLEARCUTTING: A VIEW FROM THE TOP; *THE AMERICAN FILM HERITAGE*; *TENNIS FOR EVERYONE*; *AN APOLOGY FOR PRINTERS* by Ben Franklin; *MONSTER HUNT*; and *PACIFIC PARADISE ON A LOW BUDGET*.

For intelligent Western reading, the OU Press, 900 Asp Ave., Room 350, Norman, Okla., 73069 has several good novels. An example of this is *PASO POR AQUI* by Eugene Rhodes. His book captures the free, lonely, self-reliant, skilled, eternally optimistic essence of his West. *END OF TRAIL* is a work about James Fraser's sculpture of the same name. It is the story behind the restoration and enshrinement of the "Pieta of the West", as the author calls it, and the story of America's most famous husband and wife sculptors. The Frasers' story includes his designing the buffalo-Indian-head nickel, and famous men. Together Fraser and his wife, Laura, adorned the facades, bridgeheads, parks, and public halls of America with some of its finest monumental sculpture.

For general interesting reading, Penquin books have several books. *STUDENTS! DO NOT PUSH YOUR TEACHER DOWN THE STAIRS ON FRIDAY* by Alan Jones is the true story of bedlam and buffoonery in a ghetto school. It is a funny book—but it is also a shocking and vitally important book.

Other titles are: *ANY OLD WAY YOU CHOOSE IT*; *THE DISCOVERY OF AMERICA*; *COMING OF AGE: THE U.S. DURING THE 1920's AND 1930's*; *WAR AND PEACE*; *A WHALE FOR THE KILLING*; *MARY WOLLSTONECRAFT*; and *HOW THE GOVERNMENT BREAKS THE LAW*.

By KAREN REX

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department's rapid factor in his department's rapid increase.

"We have a very broad, strong profession orientation on our faculty," Leabo pointed out. "Four of our five full-time faculty have more than 15 years professional experience, as well as advanced degrees."

"Our students are doing a good job for their employers, and are usually working in responsible positions soon after graduation," he went on. "Our course of study is extremely broad in nature, and leaves our students to choose most of their courses from electives, rather than regimented academic requirements."

He added that this broad course of study better prepares TAMU's journalism graduates to tackle any task set before them, be it political writing, public relations, science reporting or photography.

Citing one TAMU journalism graduate who is now a top writer for a national news magazine, Leabo said that TAMU's graduate performance is impressing editors and information directors, and they are letting their satisfaction with their Aggie staffers be known.

"This is true for graduates of other Texas universities," he claimed. "With 10 per cent of all accredited journalism departments in the country being located in Texas, I believe this state is becoming the heartland of American journalism."

He said that although the Midwest and Ivy League schools enjoy the reputation of being tops in journalism training, their enrollments are quite small compared to Texas institutions, and students are encountering more difficulty in gaining entrance to the traditional journalism leaders.

"We are training more people, and our graduates are getting more interested now in ability than academic pedigree, and I am convinced our graduates, with their wide, liberal academic background, are prepared to meet the challenge of communicating in this complex, diversified society of our."



GOOD SEASON . . . Baseball time is here again, not only in the major leagues, but on the sandlots, even at Miami Beach where lovely Hedy Prescott poses prettily waiting for the game to get underway.

World Rulers

Cats once ruled the world, according to a Chinese legend. But one day a council of the oldest and wisest cats concluded the world wasn't worth their effort. The fable relates that they turned the task over to the next highest form of animal life, man, and cats have been retired ever since.

High Growing!

In Nepal, farmers prefer rice to other grain crops and cultivate the highest paddies on earth, as high as 9,000 feet above sea level.

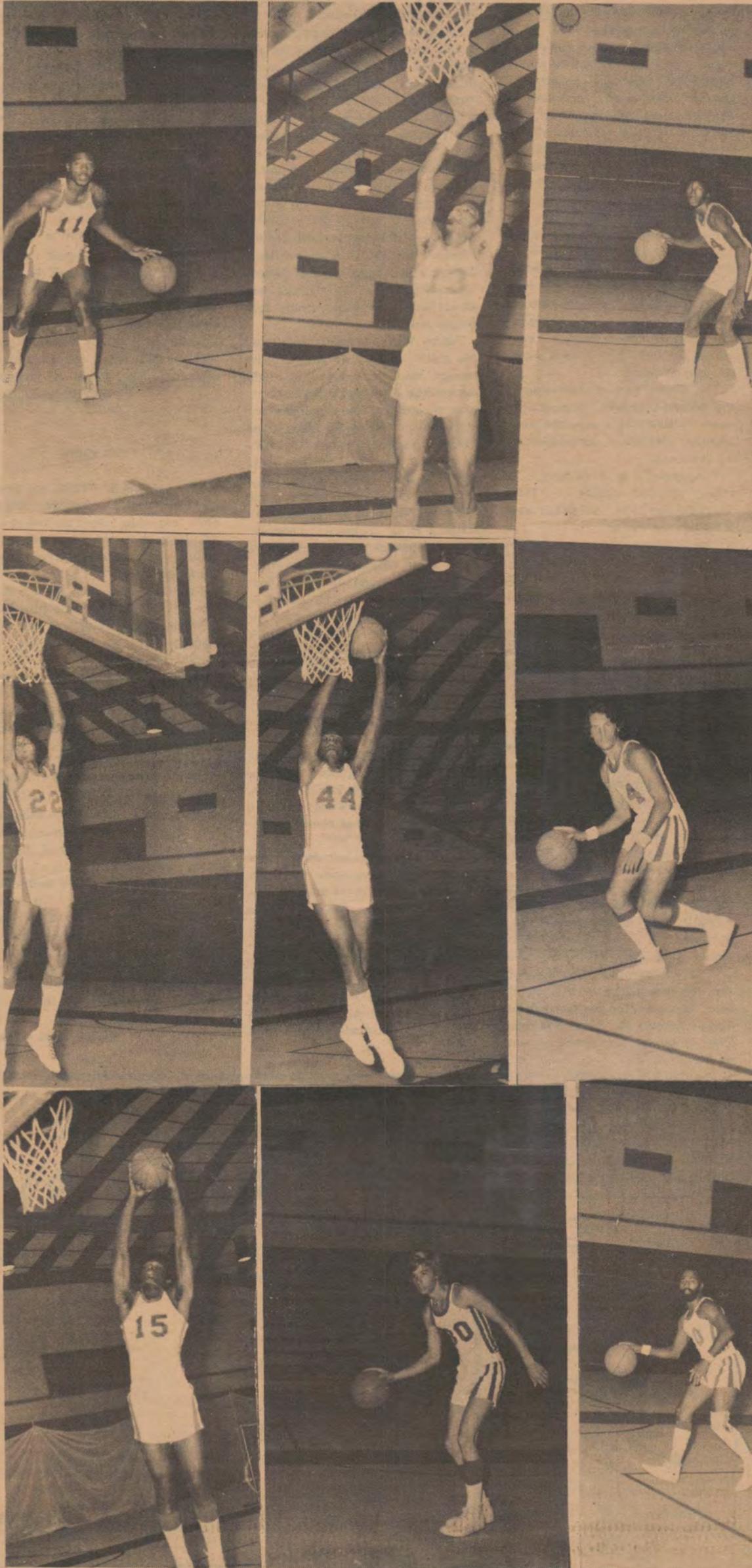
RIC AND CARL COFFEE HOUSE



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SALUTE TO THE CHAMPS!!!!

Photos By
Marilyn Turner and Jerry Anderson



SPORTS



AT COM

By SPACE WASHINGTON

VOLLEYBALL

CONGRADULATIONS to COM Co-ed volleyball team for taking third place on a most points scored basis in the Alvin Tournament.

Others to participate in various events were: Colen Blackburn, 2nd, table-tennis; Robert Ruiz, badminton doubles; singles badminton, Tony Aguilar placed 2nd, in women's table tennis, Rockann Ellis placed 2nd; Anita Vanhavaverbek placed first.

Additional participants were Wayne Heckler, and John Parker in tennis doubles; in singles, Rick Stevens and Mike Johns; in Women's doubles, Karen Williams and Teri Hildenbrand. Only Debbie made it to the quarter finals in women's singles.

GOLF

With three matches completed the COM golf team is tied for the Conference lead with Brazosport College. With one regular season meet and the

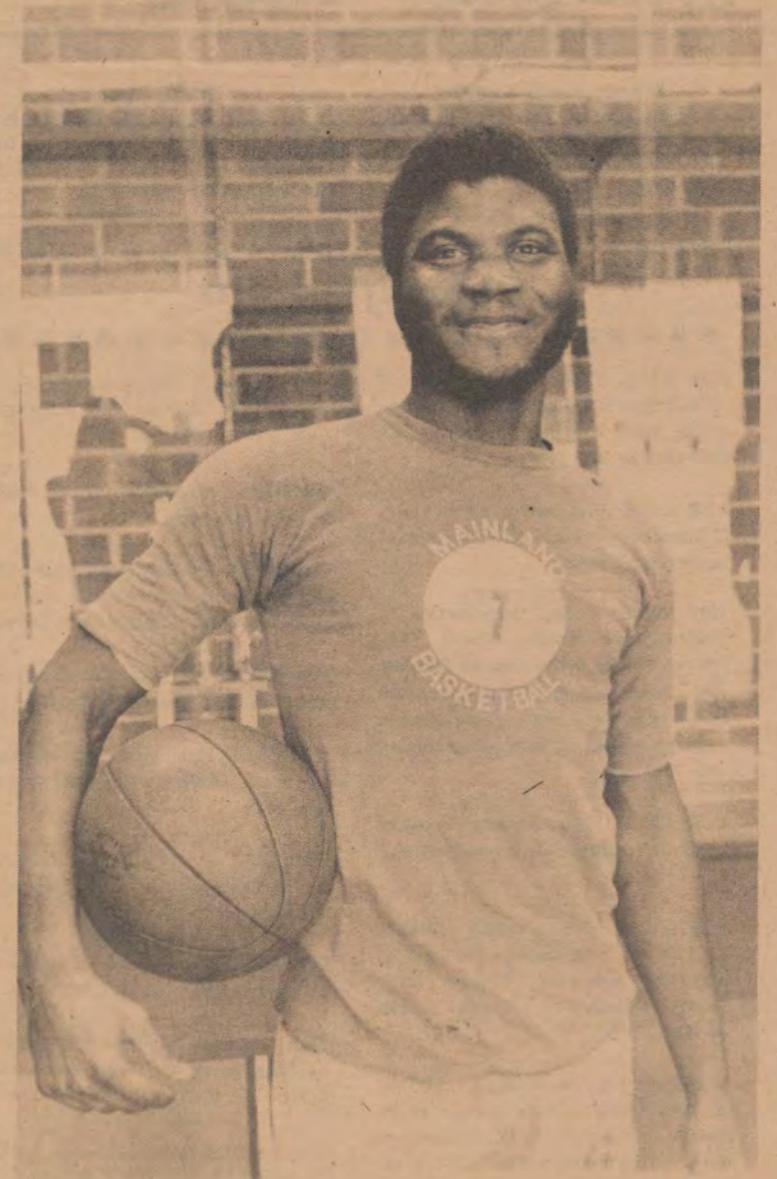
Conference tournament to be played, both teams have accumulated 12 points. The complete standings are as follows:

1. College of the Mainland - 12 pts.
2. Brazosport College - 12 pts.
3. Wharton Junior College - 5 pts.
4. Alvin Junior College - 4 pts.
5. Galveston College - 4 pts.

POOL

In the semester's long awaited Men's Pool Tournament, Jerome "Yachty" Scott under extreme pressure from the "Hot Shooting" Issac "Pancho" Tolliver, came away with 1st place trophy, literally by the skin of his teeth. Making an impressive showing was Arthur Edison, who was 3rd.

Others competing were as follows: Jose Trevino, Mark Smith, and Clemson Stevens.



ARTHUR JACKSON

May Astrology Aspects

By JAN HELPENSTILL

♈ ARIES - the Ram. Fire, Cardinal. (March 21-April 20) Control your temper, or else serious hassels could develop. Try to be helpful and friendly. Money could be a hassel if you don't watch what you spend.

♉ TAURUS - the Bull. Earth, fixed. (April 21-May 21). This month will bring excitement to your life, through parties, evenings out and a new romance. Health is very important, so watch it or your health could cause you some problems.

♊ GEMINI - the Twins. Air, Mutable. (May 22- June 21) There can be an adventurous turn to your career through your ability to seize an opportunity which appears suddenly. Income and budget stabilize but there must be a balance so that the latter does not exceed the former.

♋ CANCER - the Crab. Water, Cardinal. (June 22-July 23) Lifes' problems will smooth out. Yet, watch those who make light promises about money matters.

♌ LEO - the Lion. Fire, fixed. (July 24-August 23) You will be making many new friends in May, as spring brings more people out-of-doors. A new hobby is in the making, because of this a new business opportunity will open up.

♍ VIRGO - the Virgin, Earth, Mutable. (August 24-September 23) Spring fever is your problem but you will soon get your head together. Now it's a good time to consider new business deals.

♎ LIBRA - the Scales. Air,

cardinal. (September 24-October 23) Keep the scales balanced with all your friends. Yet, it may tilt when romance enters your life. Don't hesitate to let friends and family know your opinions.

♏ SCORPIO - the Scorpion. Water, fixed. (October 25-November 22) Your job can be extremely rewarding, urging you take a big step up. You and a love go step by step back over your relationship and unjust recriminations may surface.

♐ SAGITTARIUS - the Archer. Fire, Mutable. (November 23-December 21) Finances could cause hassels in May. An old friend could surprise you by starting an incident which might bring an end to your friendship.

♑ CAPRICORN - the Goat. Earth, Cardinal. (December 22- January 20) You have thoughts about the future and some decisions which you have to make. A new business venture will be available.

♒ AQUARIUS - the Waterbearer. Air, Fixed. (January 21-February 19) Problems that arise should be minor unless you let them get out of hand. Try spending more time with old friends while making new ones.

♓ PISCES - the Fish. Water, Mutable. (February 20-March 20) Pisces can expect much excitement on the date scene. Friends and lovers combine and recombine; you find yourself constantly mulling over a list of newly unpaired companions and like what you see.

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CULTURE CORNER



RECORDS

Very Special Love Songs recorded by Charlie Rich on Epic 1974.

Charlie Rich brings a maturity to country and western music that is lacking in some other performers. His is more mood music than so much musical melodrama. But still there is a little sentimentality in some of the songs on one of his new albums, "Very Special Love Songs."

His first cut on side one, "A Very Special Love Song", does not have the real country flavor; it is a universal recording, sounding good for any style. "Take Time to Love" is also on side one but it kind of drags, a strong beat is missing. However, "A Satisfied Man" also on side one makes up for it with a strong tempo. "A Field of Yellow Daisies" concludes the first half. It is a rather non-descript piece.

The album kind of detereates on the second side with "Almost Persuaded" which is a pure bar room hillbilly song about temptation and its close call.

The second side is revived to an extent with his singing of "There Won't Be Any More" which has made it high on the charts.

"He Follows My Footsteps" is a piece following country music traditions of a theme of strong family feeling. "Stay" is another one about family and infidelity.

All in all it is not a bad album to drink beer by on a Saturday night.

By JO LYNN SMITH
SAINTS & SINNERS,
JOHNNY WINTER,
COLUMBIA RECORDS.

Being a long standing fan of Johnny Winter, I hate to have to admit that I don't believe his latest album **SAINTS & SINNERS** is exactly up to par. There is no really outstanding guitar work on the album, and Johnny Winter wrote only two of the songs on it. The album does have some highlights though.

The highlight on side one is an old Rolling Stones song "Stray Cat Blues". Johnny always seems to do a good version of any of the Rolling Stones songs that he records, and this is no exception. This song offers the best guitar work on the album. The acoustics are really great. Winter handles the vocals just right. This is by far the strongest song on the album.

The highlight on side two is "Hurtin' so Bad". This is one of the two songs on the album that Johnny wrote. It is a slow, soft, brassy kind of blues that Winter handles very well. It's too bad he doesn't do more of this kind of work on the album. Also,

the vocals are handled very well, and the brass is well balanced with the rest of the instruments.

Unfortunately, the rest of the songs aren't nearly as well done as the highlights. In spots the music is not at all well balanced. In the song "Blinded by Love", the words are not even clear over the music. The same is true for "Riot in Cell Block #9". Also, some of the songs seem like fillers on the album. "Feedback on Highway 101" has the feel of the old Johnny Winter as on the album **LIFE STORY**, but the string section seems out of place. All I can say for "Boney Maroney" is, it's nice to know Johnny Winter has a sense of humor. The only thing that "Thirty Days" has going for it is some pretty fair boogie piano.

Johnny Winter is known mainly for his guitar work. This album, sadly enough, does not contain any really outstanding guitar work like the previous recordings. The highlights are his work on "Stray Cat Blues", and "Hurtin' so Bad", in which he really catches the power of the song. Johnny's slide guitar on the songs "Rollin' 'cross the Country", and "Riot in Cell Block #9" are not outstanding at all compared to his usually excellent style. The guitar work as a whole, though smoothly done, lacks the vigor and enthusiasm that Johnny ordinarily carries. Johnny is a really talented artist, and I hope that he doesn't slack off on his work like so many others tend to do.

By GREG BURNS

MOVIES

Woody Allen, one of the funniest men in the movies, plays a hilarious lead role in the movie **THE SLEEPER**. From the very start Woody is placed into the most strange comedy situations you have ever seen.

The story starts out with a topic we all love to dream about, the future. Woody is frozen in the nineteenth century for a common cold and by some quirk of fate was left in the hospital for a century. Later he is unfrozen and placed into a comedy situation.

The comedy starts when Woody runs from the authorities and makes his get away by stealing a car with a girl in it.

Woody while trying to get away acts like a robot servant in a couples house, steals a giant fruit from a garden and steals the president's nose.

The movie is put together extremely well and I think it will keep you in stitches most of the time. It is a movie straight out of the Woody Allen's wild and strange imagination.

If you are in the mood for horror flicks you have to see **THE BAT PEOPLE**, starring Stewart Mers. The film depicts the horror of a man turning into a bat.

The film starts with a man and his wife going on a guided tour of a cavern where the man is bitten by a bat. From that moment on the man is not the same and gradually turns into a bat.

If you want to see a horror flick with a new twist and a surprise ending you have got to see this one.

By WAYNE HAMILTON

THE STING

The movie, **THE STING**, stars Paul Newman, Robert Redford, Robert Shaw and other favorites. The movie is set in the depression era of the 1930's, in that gangster paradise known as Chicago.

Robert Redford plays a small time con who teams up with a pro, Paul Newman. Together they work at putting the sting on Robert Shaw, big time con man.

Newman and Redford's gang set Shaw up for the sting in an interesting and entertaining way. Excitement and enthusiasm grows as Redford keeps getting into tight places and almost blowing the whole deal.

Changing the scenes, using old time black and white pictures and the silent movie music, added that delightful air of the 30's. The costuming and the portrayal of the way of life depicts that part of America's history. The hard feelings of the depression are overlooked, for this is a light comedy about cons in the 30's, not the harshness of the depression.

The ending of the movie is different and delightfully surprising. The Sting, will make you laugh, sigh and gasp as they take you through the con world of the 1930's.

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