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Student Elections Draw Small Crowd

Teresa Cauk
Brings in
Most Votes

Teresa Cauk gathered the most votes of any candidate with 111 votes in last Tuesday's student senate election. Don "Shep" Shepherd pulled 106 votes to dominate the sophomore senate election.

This year's freshman senators are Jerry Bloom, Teresa Cauk, Mike Davidson, Louis Hunter, Tom Leonard, and Henry Westmorland. Sophomore senators are Mirika Foxworth, Don "Shep" Shepherd, Sharon McKenna, Max Montgoig, Ray Meyers and Donnie Smith.

Approximately 200 people voted in the election which was considerably better than last year's turnout. Due to a problem, the final tally was not given until Wednesday morning.

Cheerleaders Announced

Tryouts for Comet Cheerleaders were held September 23 in the Student Center. Two hundred students turned out to vote September 26.

It was a close race but the new cheerleaders are as follows: Teresa Cauk, Melissa Brister, Linda D'Asemme, Judy Carrier, Carol Boyd, and Beverly Pruitt. The cheerleaders advisor will be Beverly Douglas from Continuing Education.

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Student Spotlight: Columbian Beauty

This month's Spotlight turns to Miss Norma Garcia from Columbia. Norma is 5' 3" tall, 100 lbs., and has brown hair and green eyes. She is beautiful, sweet and full of laughter.

She has lived in the States four years and resides in Texas City with her family. Norma enjoys playing the guitar and drums, and eating. When asked what her favorite foods were, she giggled and said, "Anything and everything as long as it's food." As far as music is concerned, Norma chose Helena as her favorite singer. "She's beautiful, sweet and full of laughter." (Both are from South America.) Norma's favorite song is "The Night Chicago Died." Norma's ideal book is Papillon and she enjoys watching Donald Duck and horror films.

Norma has yet decided on her major but she would like to go into the field of dentistry. She finds the students and faculty at C.O.M. very friendly and helpful and she has no complaints concerning our college.

Norma is planning to be married January 3rd to Ray Lease from Texas City. They have decided to spend their honeymoon in Columbia.
Editorial

Vending Machine-itis

I have noticed that the vending machines in the Tech Voic building are not the best in the world. They give out cold, rotten sandwiches which can cause some people to become ill, and some people to become ill before they get to the vending machine. Some people give out cold, rotten sandwiches and the others give out cold, rotten sandwiches. It is easy to get a cup of coffee from a machine, and find a roach floating on top of it.

Another day, I witnessed someone push the button for coffee and cold coffee came out. My friend received cold, chocolate water instead of hot, whipped chocolate. The coffee machines are made not to give change, and when you don't have the right amount, that is a pain in the neck. I believe there should be something done about this. Where do the students start, from the top or the bottom? How do we get things done about the vending machines? If we did try, would anything by done? Please speak out about the conditions which these machines are in, and give your views about them.

Glo Button

[Editor note: THE MAINLAND COMET staff is checking into the above problem and will present a report in a future issue.]

Enrollment at College of the Mainland continued the dramatic upward trend of the summer sessions with 1925 students registering for the fall semester, an increase of 23 per cent over last year's enrollment of 1553.

The sharpest increase was registered in the Academic Division, with particular emphasis in the professional programs, such as engineering, pre-med, pre-law and pre-dentistry.

George Thomas, Associate Director of Admissions, pointed out that history and chemistry courses noted an increase of over 10 per cent. He also pointed out that the foreign language program had expanded to include French and German, in addition to Spanish.

"This is the first time we have been able to offer a broad foreign language program for our transfer students and we hope to expand it further as the need arises," Thomas explained. "An overall increase of 10 per cent was noted in Technical Voca­tional programs, with many evening courses, including Electrical Technology and Welding, closed out early due to popular demand.

"Registration for December 141 doubled over last year's figure, with many more women enrolled this year than ever before," commented William Perry, Associate Dean for Technical-Vocational Programs.

Enrollment at College of the Mainland for the 1925 academic year was registered by veterans.

"We have many women who have raised their families and decide it's their turn," Ferden explained. "Many of them enroll with a degree goal in mind, while others come with personal enrichment in mind. When we're reaching this broad a spectrum of students, I feel College of the Mainland is meeting its commitment as a COMMUNITY institution."

One of the most dramatic increases—approximately 30 per cent—was registered by veterans.

We concentrated on an outreach effort to let veterans know what College of the Mainland had to offer them," observed Dwight Fullingim, Assistant Director of Veterans Affairs and Student Recruitment. "In addition, when the veterans came in to see us, we were able to offer them individualized attention in preparing their programs," he added.

Another factor in C.O.M.'s strong enrollment increase, which is counter to recent national trends, is the opening of the University of Houston at Clear Lake City.

"Many residents are becoming aware of the fact they may take the first two years at C.O.M. and then transfer to the new campus for their baccalaureate degree," Ferden commented. "With inflation coming on an ever-increasing factor, many people will decide to complete their college education locally at a fraction of the cost they would have to pay at an institution away from home," he added.

Ferden pointed out that some courses are still open under continuing education, and interested persons should contact the Admissions Office for detailed information. The phone number is 938-1211, Ext. 264 (357-1631 in Dickinson and the Clear Lake Area.)

COM Graduate Receives $2000 Scholarship

LATEX Conference Held at COM

Improving junior college instruction was the concern of the first El Conjunto LATEX conference held September 13 through 15 at the Mainland, El Conjunto LATEX is an informally appointed Committee of Laredo Junior College, Laredo City College, College of the Mainland, University of Houston at Clear Lake City, Galveston College, and Alvin Junior College, as well as representatives from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

"This first conference was really a step to a beginning," observed Ray V. Feiger, Director of Coordinated Bilingual Studies, at Laredo Junior College. "Our basic purpose was to share ideas and materials, as well as to set up a means of cooperatively developing new instructional materials for biology, history, mathematics, chemistry, physics, English, and Spanish."

Doris Benford, Jr., a recent graduate of College of the Mainland, has been awarded a $2,000 scholarship by Mission Support of Dallas, to be used toward his studies at Houston Baptist University, where Doris is now majoring in music and playing the violin. "This scholarship was given by the son of Rev. D.L. Benford, pastor of the Rising Star Baptist Church in Texas City. He received his Associate in Arts degree from C.O.M. in 1973, studying piano with Susan Smetzer, nationally-known pianist and artist-in-residence at the college. He also studied music theory with Larry Stanley, new­ist and artist-in-residence at the college. Doris studied with Susan Smetzer, nationally-known pianist and artist-in-residence at the college. He also studied music theory with Larry Stanley, new­ist and artist-in-residence at the college. The music department recently announced that Dr. Doris Smetzer will be the new music director for the college's new music department.

"Doris was our first piano major when the music department was established," commented Mr. Smetzer. "He's a very talented pianist and I'm confident we'll be hearing about him in the years ahead."

Benford considers music an integral part of his life. Looking ahead, he intends to continue combining his musical talents with his church activities.
Q. If you could, what would you like to change at C.O.M.?
A. I find everything satisfactory but I do think student activities need to be improved.

Karen Atkinson, Program Adviser
Charles Carraway, Student

A. There needs to be better eating facilities and more trees.

Mitch Roberts, Student
Liz Crum, Student

Cherri Gordon in "Bus Stop"

Cherri Gordon, a sophomore in C.O.M.'s Fine Arts program, will play a cynical restaurant owner in "Bus Stop," opening at College of the Mainland's Arena Theater on September 27 and running September 28, October 4, 5, 11, and 12. Cherri will be remembered for her robust performance as the sharp-tongued woman in C.O.M.'s recent production of "The Taming of the Shrew." She played the same role several years ago in Clear Creek High School's production of "Tiddler.

The cast features such seasoned performers as Frank Myers, La Marque, who played the lead in "The Taming of the Shrew," as well as many other local productions; Margaret Rastering, as Cherri, a Texas City High School graduate who last appeared in "Arsenic and Old Lace," and Cherri Gordon, who will be remembered for her role as the tart-tongued wife in "Tiddler on the Roof."

A special season ticket is being offered for the first time which features 6 plays plus the "Messa" for $11.00, or a saving of $2.00. The special rates for students, senior citizens and C.O.M. Foundation Patrons is $6.00.

For reservations, or additional information regarding season tickets, please call 938-1211, Ext. 225.
Errors." The young Comets are seen as fitting and totally un­coming from nowhere was the first basketball scrimmage of the year.

The early seasons are always the roughest on any college athletic department, especially with limiting factors such as a low budget and the difficulties in recruiting for a new school. Having survived what could be called a lethal dose of apathy, the college sportsmen are eagerly anticipating further improve­ment in last year's all-time left-hand column status.

Since the champagne day when the College of the Main­land Comets were christened Comets partaining to athletes were merely part of a little effort as was put into the athletic department, especially in the major concern was basketball, the news is welcome news.

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From the Houston Rockets and Kentucky Colonels exhibition game at 7:30 p.m. Admission will be $3.00 for adults. The matinée piece. See at the south end of Memorial Stadium on Spencer Hwy.

COM Artist Don Thornton, instructor and artist-in-residence at College of the Mainland, showed Saturday, the 80-pound, 11 foot, all-steel sculpture he donated to the Dickinson Library.

In commenting on the gift, Thornton explained: "I wanted to do a really big piece and also wanted it to be enjoyed by as many people as possible." He added that the Dickinson Public Library Committee paid for some of the material for the second piece as well as pouring the concrete slab.

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First Team All Conference Player, in addition to his All­Tournament honors at the Bradley, Marshall, Texas, playing there due to graduation. However, Blass Receives Scholarship

Jeff Blass is scholarship winner.

College of the Mainland's Athletic Director, Dan Travis, has announced that the recipient of the college's first scholarship for Sports Information Director will be Jeff Blass of League City.

The purpose of offering the scholarship was to attract someone with a sport's background who was capable of writing material that would keep the public better informed on sports activities at the college. Jeff's duties will be to write news releases relating to the school's athletic programs and also prepare promotional brochures.

A 1974 graduate of Clear Creek High School, Jeff brings with him an athletic oriented background, having participated in several organized baseball leagues as well as a member of a Clear Creek Football squad. When asked how he became interested in the position and scholarship he said, "I've always enjoyed athletics and since I want to keep in touch with them through a career in journalism, this opportunity seemed ideal.

Future plans for Jeff include attending the University of Mis­souri, after College of the Main­land.

Benson Continues Basketball Career

Edward Benson, 6'5" star forward of College of the Main­land's basketball team, will be missing from the 1974-75 roster due to graduation. However, Edward will don the basketball uniform of Wiley College in Marshall, Texas, playing there under a full athletic scholarship. Highlights of Benson's career easily make a thick and hefty scrapbook. Benson came to C.O.M. from Sam Houston High School in Houston. Since that time, he has received many outstanding accolades. He has been Team Captain of the Comets since 1972, as well as a First Team All Conference selection in the Gulf Coast Jr. College Intercollegiate Conference both years of his stay at C.O.M. The 1972-73 Season saw him become Most Valuable Player, in addition to his All­ Tournament honors at the Bra­Rossport and Alvin tourneys.

Benson continues to enjoy athletics and since I want to keep in touch with them through a career in journalism, this opportunity seemed ideal.

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COMET SALUTES STUDENT SENATE


Senate Researches Two COM Courses

The Student Senate is going to research and evaluate two of College of the Mainland’s courses. History 135 is going to be looked into “Y-a committee composed of a cross section of COM students headed by Tom Leonard and Louis Hunter. Some problems with the Self Paced English course are being checked by Jerry Bloom and Mike Davidson.

The special door committee set up to see if anything could be done to make the doors in the College Center easier to open reported that they had discussed the matter with Bob Smith and that there was not much that could be done about them.

A committee of Bloom, McKenna and Caudk are checking into the feasibility of purchasing a small refrigerator for the purpose of people who want to bring their own lunch and have some place to keep it cold. There will soon be a “Bitch Box” set up in the College Center for complaints to the Senate.

Ex-Marine Is COM’s First On Campus Police Officer

by CLIFF MABRY

Joe Rotramel, an ex-marine of 21 years, is COM’s first on-campus police officer. Mr. Rotramel has experience as a member of the Galveston County Sheriff’s Department where he mainly patrolled the Dickinson area.

In a meeting with Stanton Celvert, Ed Brown, Joe Faulk, and Bob Smith, Mr. Rotramel clarified his position and purpose on campus. First, as a certified police officer, Rotramel has authority to make on the spot arrests when the situation calls for it.

In the past, COM officials had to call the Texas City Police Department before they could come on campus to make an arrest. This was a cumbersome process that needed change.

Approved by COM’s Board of Trustees, Rotramel is confident about his being a positive addition to college personnel rather than a negative one.

“I really want to see them (students) get a good break.” Rotramel, a student himself, realizes what an education means and is not offended by intelligence.

Communication poses the biggest problem for the new police system. If Mr. Rotramel is needed, call the college operator and she will locate him.

“When asked his philosophy on marijuana, Rotramel made it clear he would not “make a point of” busting people. However, if a student came on campus disturbing the peace and in an uncontrolled state, he may expect to be searched (for weapons) and sent to jail.

Office Rotramel will be on hand for all special school events such as movie copies. In the event of an unruly drunk coming to that event, Rotramel will ask that a friend take him home. If the drunk persists, he will sleep it off in jail. Being a policeman, Mr. Rotramel carries a pistol. A small controversy seemed to swell about this, but it dissipated in a few days.

When asked if the Student Government was upset by Rotramel’s weapon, Steve Bierman replied, “We’re trying to do other things than buck what’s going on.”

Officer Rotramel said, “It’s the man behind the gun that counts.” Rotramel says he’s concerned about young peoples’ attitudes about policemen and hopes to make a good impression on the Student Body.

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There is a time in every man’s education when he arrives at the conviction that envy is ignorance; that imitation is suicide; that he must take himself for better, for worse, as his portion; that though the wide universe is full of good, no kernel of nourishing corn can come to him but through his toil bestowed on that plot of ground which is given to him to till.

RALPH WALDO EMERSON
Amnesty Controversy continues

by RON BURLESON

Let’s face it; amnesty for deserters and draft dodgers is one of the most controversial political moves of recent years. President Ford’s amnesty program has been condemned by organizations such as the American Legion and the VFW for being too lenient. Other organizations such as VVAW have condemned it because it is not lenient enough. Where is the happy medium? Whatever happened to compromise? In order to get a clear picture of who is right in a case such as this, a review of the situation.

The first fact that must be realized is that the majority of people of VFW’s point of view have been influenced by, or are themselves veterans of wars other than Vietnam. Amnesty in World War I or World War II was unthinkable and unjustly so. The situation was different. Those wars were unavoidable. We were defending ourselves. We had an objective. We reached that objective, and the war was over.

But what about Vietnam? What was the purpose or objective? Was there an objective related to any situation other than the Vietnam War? The reason why some people decided not to engage in the Vietnam conflict was not cowardice, it was because they could not see why, if they should die, would anyone profit but the large corporate concerns, who profited from the war? I am thankful that some men put their lives down to crush the Third Reich, but when I think of the unfortunate Americans who died in Vietnam, I feel ashamed.

Vietnam was an obscenity. I feel it is only right to let those men come home who refused to participate in that obscenity. What can we gain by holding a grudge? We need to get the country back together. Let’s forget past differences and work together to solve the more important problems in America.

Guest Editorial

Dog Fight “Sport” Revived

by TOM HERMAN

I want to bring to your attention a matter which I feel many of you would react to as strongly as I do. On the “Today” show recently, a Roger Caras, a well-known naturalist, talked about a new and increasingly popular so-called “sport,” dog fighting.

This sport is particularly popular in the South and Southwest. The fighters sometimes travel several states and areas around 4 or 5 a.m. Hundreds of thousands of dollars are bet on these fights and prostitution and illegal drugs are pedaled on the sides lines. The fights are conducted in much, the same manner as in Korea. Dogs are trained to eat and dislike the same manner as those of the old-style “cock-fights,” using dogs instead of roosters. The dogs are specially bred and trained for this purpose, and they must be able to fight to the death. If they do not fight, they are killed, and the owners, who plunge into their own pocket. Some 30 to 40 kittens and adult cats are used in the training of one dog. The kittens (later on the adult cats) are tied up, legs to tail, and then dangled helplessly in the center of the ring. The dog in training then becomes infuriated by the cat’s screams and he attempts to attack it. The trainers then put the cats up and down on the ends of poles, satisfying the dogs until finally in their ultimate fury they are allowed to disembowel the cat. After about 10 cat or dog the dog has destroyed, it is believed that he has acquired a sufficient taste for blood and he is ready for the arena.

This matter is to be brought before Congress in the near future. It is hoped that a bill will be made into a federal offense.

Another rather startling fact is that these people actually have a magazine promoting and advertising the fights. It was discovered that this literature has actually been published by the US Post Office equipment and is then circulated through the mails.

Mr. Caras suggests that you write to your legislators if you are appalled by this deplorable situation.

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McNutt Speaks at Conference

by TERESA CAULK

Q. WHAT TYPE OF STUDENT ENTERTAINMENT WOULD YOU ATTEND AT COM?

McNutt: Student—I would attend College of the Mainland’s sporting events, pot-smoking and roller-coaster contests (just teasing on the last two).

Q: JIM TREE, Student—I would attend baseball games. Would you attend a basketball game?

McNutt: If the team was good enough, I would go.

Q: LEROY AUGUST, Intramural Director—Would you attend dances that had rock and roll music?

McNutt: Possibly—depending on the kind of rock and roll music.

Q: DONNA BEREND, Student—If you could attend any type of entertainment that was held on Saturday night, what kind would you attend?

McNutt: Student—If I could attend any type of entertainment that is held on Saturday night, I would attend a disco dance with good music.

Q: CANDICE BENSON, Student—Would you attend dances that have a variety of music?

McNutt: Depends on the kind of variety of music the dance has.

Nursing Program Praised

by MARIE REMFRO

Have you ever had a strong desire to help others; whether they are the elderly, the young, or the sick? Do you feel comfortable in a hospital? Then, the career of a Registered Nurse may be right for you.

Through a two-year Nursing Program and the passing of the State Board of Nursing Exam, one may become a Registered Nurse (R.N.) from the College of the Mainland. The students are instructed in hospitals and in the nursing classes conducted on campus.

The purpose of the program is to prepare students to become skilled in giving direct patient care and to promote health in the community. The student must have determination, good study habits, and two years of undisturbed time to become a dedicated Registered Nurse.

Kim Decker, one of four males in the Nursing program, was asked how he fits in the almost completely female nursing program at COM. Kim felt, “There are more opportunities in the nursing field for a male. There is a greater demand for male nurses because there are certain jobs that a man is more qualified to perform in the clinical area.”

Within two months, 24 COM students have taken the first phase of the nursing program obtained jobs. This proves that College of the Mainland has an excellent nursing program that prepares its students for their jobs exceptionally well. There were 320 requests for graduates from the program. Requests were made nationwide. Sherrin Grimes, one of the first nursing program graduates, has worked for a month in Clear Lake. She works in the Labor and Delivery Division. On October 30th and 31st she will be taking her State Board of Nursing Exam, and if she passes she will officially be a Registered Nurse.

“Most important—when you enter the nursing program, whether COM or another one—don’t expect the classes to be the same as you are used to. The program is a full time affair for two years,” Sherrin stressed. “The classes take grading is different. "If you can’t get right into the program when you apply, take the academic course and get them out of the way. I recommend ‘Medical Terminology’ as one of your electives. This course is not part of the nursing program, but it will help you in the program.”

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Features

The Record Shop:

Twitty Sings Country
by DONNA BEREND

I'm not sure how many "goat-roper-ettes" we have on campus, but for all you "goat-roper-ettes," I recommend Conway Twitty's "I'm Not Through Loving You Yet" on MCA Records.

The song is all "Nashville," with the true "country" steel guitar sound and all the down-to-earth emotion that can be expressed only through country music. Of course, if you like to dance close with that dreamy guy or gurl, everyone, every song on this album is just perfect for your next get-together.

Conway has recorded an album that speaks from the soul about love, both the sadness of love lost and the happiness of love found. As far as "country" is concerned, this is "where it's at."

The first two songs express both sides of this coin. The title song, in a slow waltz beat, is one of those songs that can bring memories from the heart. "Pure Love" is in a more "up" beat and, expressing the happiness of true love, is true to its title.

For a change in tempo, there is "I Changed My Mind" which has just a hint of a Latin beat. You can choose your own style of dancing for this one.

Side two's "She Fights that Lovin' Feeling" shows exactly what I meant when I said that only "country" can express, in just so many words, the deepest emotions that can be felt. The honesty in the lyrics of "Before Your Time" can only be felt from the heart.

A slow waltz beat with a mandolin sound is the basis for "That's Asking too Much of the Wise." Also in three-four time is "Your Leaving Left Me Still Loving You," the title says it all.

What I consider Twitty's greatest recording ever is "I See the Want To in Your Eyes," a tearjerker. Wayne Carson, has brought both insight and understanding into his lyrics and combined them with a moving melody. All this song needed was Conway's distinctive style of singing. It's a moving combination.

Other than the "steel," this album is backed by great "fiddles," guitar, "picks," and piano playing. It also has his bass and rhythm that can't be beat.

For those of you who don't care much for country music, this album is at least worth listening to once. If you aren't moved by the sound, then listen to the lyrics. All you'll need with this record is an open mind, a glass of "Suds," a "friend," and dim lights. For those of us who "groove" on "country," the last three items are all that's needed.

CIGARETTE PACKS Needed for IRON LUNG

Please bring all your empty cigarette packs to Victoria Smith in the non-print media section of the library. The empty packs will buy time for a little girl in an iron lung.

Which way to Plymouth? We're ready for feast!

 COM Offers New Class

A new class in keypunch operation will be offered at College of the Mainland beginning November 1st, according to Bill Hacklemann, instructor in the Business Division.

The course, Data Processing III, covers the basic operation of the IBM Model 029 card punch machine through the study-process method. Special topics include the development of program cards, organization of data and applications of the keypunch in office procedures. Near the end of the eight-week course, the students are also introduced to the IBM Model 069 verifier and the IBM 129 card data recorder.

"Through the use of the audio-tutorial method of study, students in the class can practice daily at their own convenience and that of the staff," Hacklemann explained.

Persons interested in enrolling in the second section of Data Processing III are asked to contact the Admissions Office, 938-1211, Ext. 264.

SPOTLIGHT:

Jerry Bloom
by TERESA CAULK

Our Student Spotlight for November is 28-year-old Jerry Bloom, a Freshman Senator at COM.

Jerry, a "friend" to many, enjoys his college, his career, and his life as a student at COM. He dislikes the liberal policies, good faculty communication, and being treated as an adult at COM. He dislikes the architecture of COM and the lack of student enthusiasm at the college.

Jerry plans on becoming a marriage counselor. He resides in League City with his wife, also a student at COM, and his two children, ages 7 and 3. Jerry claims that he is unique because he is attractive and already has a Freshman "Senator at COM. This summer Jerry hopes to be a Freshman 'Senator at COM. This is his idea.

Jerry Bloom, our Spotlight student for this issue, claims he is "unembarrassable."

Yesterday is a memory, Remember it.

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Spotlight:

Jerry Bloom
by TERESA CAULK

Our Student Spotlight for November is 28-year-old Jerry Bloom, a Freshman Senator at COM.

Jerry, a "friend" to many, enjoys his college, his career, and his life as a student at COM. He dislikes the liberal policies, good faculty communication, and being treated as an adult at COM. He dislikes the architecture of COM and the lack of student enthusiasm at the college.

Jerry plans on becoming a marriage counselor. He resides in League City with his wife, also a student at COM, and his two children, ages 7 and 3. Jerry claims that he is unique because he is attractive and already has a Freshman "Senator at COM. This summer Jerry hopes to be a Freshman 'Senator at COM. This is his idea.

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The MAINLAND COMET staff visited the DAILY SUN office last week. Pictured are Brenda Greenough, John Balione (instructor), Bill Byous, Margie Rentro, and Jeff Blass.
Entertainment

NATIONAL DANCE COMPANY OF MEXICO

“Fiesta Folklorico”

The Mainland Comet

Student Program’s Council Presents “Fiesta Folklorico”

by BRENDA GREENOUGH

On Saturday, November 9, at 8 p.m. at the La Marque High School Auditorium, the Ballet Aztlan of Mexico City will present a FESTA FOLKORICA featuring fifty dancers and singers, including Mariachi, Marimba and Jaracho bands.

The Ballet Aztlan of Mexico City has just finished a triumphant tour of the major cities of Europe and Asia and is receiving high praise from the press and the news media in its current equally-triumphant tour of the major cities and cultural centers of the United States.

TRYOUTS

A CHRISTMAS CAROL

Nov. 1 thru 4

(See related article)

A CHRISTMAS CAROL
Auditions Are Scheduled

Tryouts for College of the Mainland’s production of a perennial Yuletide favorite, Dickens’ A CHRISTMAS CAROL, will be held Friday, Nov. 1, at 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, Nov. 2, at 10 a.m.; and Monday, Nov. 4, at 4 p.m.

The production, to be offered in the Arena Theatre on December 17, 18, 30, and 21, will be co-directed by Julie Dupuy and Bea Websterlin. Ms. Dupuy is well-known in the Texas City-Galveston area for her theatrical experience. In addition, she directed many children’s productions and has had her own children’s theatre. Ms. Websterlin has also been active in community theatre and has recently served as producer for all Mainland Community Theatre productions.

Auditions will be held for a variety of parts for 10 children and 12 adults of all ages. In addition to on-stage roles, people are needed for make-up, costume designing and constructing sets, as well as handling lighting and sound.

“This is a play in which the entire family can become involved,” commented Ms. Websterlin. “Everyone has some specialized talent to offer in making this play a meaningful experience,” she added.

For additional information, please call 938-1211, Ext. 346 or 945-6342.

Fine Arts Schedules Coming Events

November 1, 2, 4—Tryouts for A CHRISTMAS CAROL—Fine Arts Center, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Nov. 2, 10 a.m.; Nov. 4, 7:30 p.m.

November 12—Air Brush Techniques-Demonstration—Bob Riegel—Fine Arts Building F-135, 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Demonstration 9:30-11 a.m. and 12:30 to 2 p.m.

When a man gets too old to set a bad example, he starts giving good advice.

Demonstrations Held in Fine Arts Center

by MARGIE RENFRO

On October 7 and 8, students demonstrated in Room F104 in the Fine Arts Center. That is, they demonstrated their beginning “break the ice” exercise in their Introduction of Speech 131 class.

One of the most unique demonstrations was presented by Debbie Corrigan, who showed step by step the technique and art of applying make-up, using Mike Nekow’s face as her prop. Some of the other demonstrations included how to make household handicrafts and how to give electrical shock.

At the beginning of the course, the students gave impromptu speeches while being video-taped. Critiques of each student were written by the class to help the student improve himself. Another video-taping of the students will take place at the end of the semester to show their improvements.

If you are interested in this course and would like to hear more, contact the instructor, Don Bass, Ext. 218 or 216.
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Sports

Sports Talk:

by JEFF BLASS

I almost got my first big break as far as stories go this past week but the pissing off that went out to be lake warm and turning stale. Due to reasons given me by the upper echelons of the Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Athletics Dept., I had to douse the fires of curiosity for the sake of my colleagues. I was of hope that this might be my chance to break out of the classic Jimmy Olson syndrom and be the guiding light into that Kent-hood. Alas and alack, maybe next time. I imagine that those of you who are troubling yourself to read this are a tad bit interested as to what the big news flash was that I ran across. I emphasize "a tad bit" because the sad fact of the matter is that it will probably bore you to tears.

You see the whole beef started when our school was forced to trim down its basketball schedule for the sake of Gulf Coast Jr. College Intercollegiate Conference unity. We were building too good of a education and "pinmanship" with Pam Moore averaging 159 averages respectively. The women popped the pins

The trouble with being a leader today is that you can't be sure

COM Comets Shape Up For Final Scrimmage of Season

Thi Comets recently traveled to Baytown to take on the tough Lee College Rebels in their third basketball scrimmage of the season. The final was a close 81 to 74 with the COM cagers losing but On

The trouble with being a leader today is that you can't be sure...
**Odds & Ends**

**Club News**

by MARGIE RENFRO

CHESS CLUB — Would you like to improve your game of chess, or learn how to play chess? If the answer is yes, then attend the weekly meetings on Fridays at 12:30 p.m. at College of the Mainland, in the Student Center. Everyone is invited. If you have any questions, contact John Hubisz, Ext. 229.

**PHI THETA KAPPA — Phi Theta Kappa, Honor Society, welcomes the old members, prospective members, and interested persons to attend the meeting on Monday at 12:30 p.m. Phi Theta Kappa will be meeting in Room L171 in the Student Center. For further information contact John Hubisz, Ext. 229.

**ASTRONOMY CLUB —** The Astronomy Club invites everyone interested in Astronomy to attend their meetings on Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. in the LRC Teaching Auditorium in Room L131. There is no age limit and everyone is invited. Contact John Hubisz, Ext. 325.

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**SPECIAL SERVICES** — The Maintenance Department has been rendering special services above and beyond our normal duties such as: changing tires, hot-shotting batteries and pushing vehicles to get them started. The number of people at the College has increased to the point, where these services demand more time than we have manpower. It has become necessary that the Maintenance Department discontinue this type of service as of October 16, 1974.

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**Recycle Your Throw-aways thru COM Deposit Stations**

whimsical wit

A new computer in the Department of Pensions in Pretoria, South Africa, broke down when it came to the pension of a Mrs. Malcolm-Smith. Never programmed to differentiate between a hyphen and a minus sign, it was trying to subtract Smith from Malcolm.

**Prepare For Tomorrow**

The volume of the world’s knowledge is doubling every 10 years. Look at the facts:

- Ninety percent of all the scientists who ever lived are alive today.
- More mathematics has been created since the beginning of the 20th century than in the rest of history combined.
- About three-fourths of all persons working in industry ten years from now will be directly or indirectly producing products that have not yet been invented or discovered.
- More than half of today’s highschool students who live until the year 2000 will probably have to undergo vocation retraining at least once because their old jobs will be obsolete or their work taken over by machines.

What does all that mean to those who are on the job today are attending school? One thing: Prepare now for tomorrow.

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All programs presented in College Center
Tech-V Lot Is Rocky Issue

by MARGIE RENFRO

Numerous complaints have been made concerning the Technical-Vocational parking lot. The complaints are based on three basic factors: the unpaved parking lot, unmarked parking spaces, and non-regulated traffic directions.

Because of these factors, problems have resulted, such as: it is impossible to have a clean, shiny car since every time the car is washed—dust covers it. I understand that the dust from the rocks is harmful to the paint on cars. Rocks fly and scratch the cars. Rocks were used to stop water puddles from forming, but water still stands. Rocks hurt feet and damage hose when walking the distance between the car and the building.

Arrows or signs are needed to direct traffic to enter each lane of the parking lot in one direction. Chances of accidents or scratches would lessen under this type of traffic directions.

More cars would fit in the parking lot—at the moment one car used about two parking spaces. People will not be trying to squeeze between cars as often. People will also have a better idea of where they can park. In all, the lined parking spaces will help regulate the parking of cars.

Students who take night classes have a more serious complaint. Have you ever tried to find a parking space in the Tech-Voc parking lot at night or even around 6 p.m.? This parking lot is overcrowded and very disorderly. Cars squeeze in between other cars. Cars pass each other in opposite directions in a single lane. The sides of roads are lined with cars—some cars even block other cars in.

This article has so far spoken for the students, faculty, and staff who use the Tech-Voc parking lot, now let’s hear the other side of the story.

According to Joe Faulk, “Parking is not as much a problem as more classrooms, desks, and chairs.” Joe Faulk feels that students need to cooperate and drive slower. The parking lot is not ideal, but better than last year. Most would rather walk on loose gravel than in potholes with inch-deep water. Gravel is brought out to fill holes when potholes form.

After speaking to Ed Brown, it was found that negotiations have been going on for two years concerning the Phase II Contract for COM’s Tech-Voc parking lot. They are still trying to resolve the whole question of clearing up potholes.

Joe Hoover, one of the architects, “...is advising and recommending not to accept the parking lot as it is.” The contract is not closed and the college has not paid for all of the parking lot work.

When the parking lot was constructed, there was a heavy rain and a chance was taken on proper moisture of soil. A decision had to be made with the college pressing to have the parking lot finished. However, this lot was the last one to be completed.

You have now heard from both sides of the story about the parking lot. If you have any comments on the Tech-Voc parking lot, feel free to write what you feel and have it printed in THE MAINLAND COMET. Drop your comments in the Journalism Box in the Information Desk in the College Center.

The next stop, educationally speaking, was the University of Houston, where Dr. Yorn earned her doctorate in psychology last May. While at UH, she served as Assistant Director of the Reading Clinic, a position which involved the coordination of teaching fellows in the instruction of an undergraduate course entitled “Effective Study.”

While at UH, Dr. Yorn also taught courses in Introductory Psychology, Effective Study and Psychology of Adolescence. She conducted a counselling and testing practice at the college’s Counselling and Testing Center, and also administered psychological tests and diagnosed problems of children for the Harris County Child Welfare Unit.

At COM, Dr. Yorn teaches introductory to Psychology and Child Development and Growth. She finds the wide cross-section of students a tremendous source of stimulation.

“When you have middle-aged women and recent high school graduates contributing their understandings and values, the result is a stimulating class experience for all of us,” she commented.

In addition to her teaching duties, part of her working day is spent in working as a research associate for COM’s Education Research Department.

“Our current project is following up on 50 former students to determine how well College of the Mainland prepared them for the next step in their lives,” she explained.

Research, especially pure research, is a deep and abiding interest, especially in the areas of human learning and the process of test-taking and measurement and language learning.

It takes to be a good researcher is a curious mind and a determination to take nothing for granted,” Dr. Yorn declared with firm conviction.

Her curiosity has been honed to a pulsing level. Her findings have appeared in articles which she has written for such prestigious professional journals as JOURNAL OF EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY, JOURNAL OF COUNSELING PSYCHOLOGY, BRITISH JOURNAL OF SOCIAL AND CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY, JOURNAL OF PSYCHOLOGICAL RESEARCH and others.

Although she has lived in the United States for 8 years, Dr. Yorn still remembers at the freedom and upward mobility that most people here take for granted. “Korean parents would practically starve themselves to provide the educational opportunities which are fully available here,” she commented. “Experience has shown that education has one of the highest priorities in the Korean value system.”

“The results of this system are evident in her own family: One brother graduated from Ohio State University and is now a Dean in a Korean University, one sister is a librarian at USC and another teaches philosophy at a Korean college, while her other sister is studying to be an art curator in Germany.

Dr. Yorn’s philosophy of life is essentially based on an Oriental fatalism, laced with western pragmatism and drive. She expresses herself with wit and an exotic meld of precise sentence structure and the campus slang she acquired during her years in the academic world.

Although her life is now centered in Texas City, Dr. Yorn has not forgotten her birthplace. In fact, she looks ahead to the time she can translate psychology books for Korean students who have little access to the latest finding in this field.

“I’ve found a warm, open, and intellectually-stimulating home here at College of the Mainland,” she declared with the massive grin that illuminates her face.
Is It Laziness Or Necessity?

by JERRY BRYANT

In response to the recent editorial concerning the slovenly imagery (or laziness as it was termed) provided by our students in the College Center, I would like to extend the following rationale for such behavior.

First of all, it has been conveyed by many means to the students that the College Center (theels) is an outlet from the academic rigors of the classroom, an area of rest, relaxation, and casualness. As for sleeping on the couches, from what little I understand it is a biological necessity, especially for a student from Houston or La Porte (two I am aware of) who attend 8 a.m. classes, must stay here all day, prance every day, play a basketball game on some nights and then return home and work until 2 or 3 a.m. and begin the grind again the next day. I am sure there are other cases even more extreme. I have been known to recline on a couch myself for a few moments.

Relative to how the situation looks to visitors, I do not feel the students are obligated to perform for them in any unnatural manner. Let's leave the entertainment to the proper committee. Furthermore, I am sure our students receive enough negative feedback from other groups regarding their personal appearance (clothes, hair, posture, etc.). Must we continue the trend?

Finally, in respect to the reference about the neglect or lack of college traditions, I believe the comment is based upon a misconception. I consider this a time of transition, rather than a time of the past. How about it, let's find something more relevant to bitch about!

What's Happened to Christmas?

by DONNA BEREND

I was at first surprised to see the short, almost flippant answers some of our "Chatterbox" interviewees gave to the question "what does Christmas mean to you?" Then I began to consider what Christmas has really become for most of us. I'm sad to think that it really has come to mean presents and bills.

It's still a holy day in our home, with the central theme the celebration of the birth of Christ, the Son of God. Each year we read the scripture relating to this holy season and try to emphasize that, because it is Jesus' birthday, we should think more of giving to others than of just what we will get.

There are those who argue that the probable date of Christ's birth was sometime in April or May, in the year 7 B.C. They also argue that Christmas was originally a pagan holiday celebrated during December as the days began to lengthen (the holiday of lights). Then the Christians designated December 25 as the day to celebrate Christ's birth. This date closely coincided with both the old Jewish and pagan holy days and so became a Christian holy day as well.

Now it is to be a new pagan holiday to "worship" materialism. Christmas has become a hectic season of spending more money than one can afford on cards, gifts, and parties. It seems that somewhere, somehow, Christ gets lost in heaps of mail, wrapping paper, hangovers, and bills.

How did we stray so far from celebrating the birthday of the Holy Child? But most important, how do we get back? I don't know the answers; I wish I did.

And so comes my Christmas wish to all my brothers and sisters, not only at COM, but throughout the whole world that we all may find glory in the coming of the Christ as did the angels, shepherds, and wise men on that first Christmas day.

Christmas Sales Expected to Be Low

by RON BURLeson

With sky rocketing inflation, strikes, food and energy shortages and an unsure stock market, the Christmas season is looking a little bleak to most merchants this year.

According to US News and World Report, sales on most items in stores are down even though this is the time of year that people usually buy things. The economy isn't looking too good and a lot of folks are holding back on the usual Christmas time shopping spree.

Most store owners say they expect to sell less this year. This has caused some setbacks in Christmas decorations, but an increase in advertising and the number of sale items offered.

Competition among stores will be higher than ever before as more customers are shopping only for the items on sale. This trend will produce more discounts and price cuts if the public continues to shop wisely and look for the best values.

The only thing we as consumers can do to effectively hold the line on inflation is to refuse to pay such ridiculous prices for things we really don't need. Even if we have to sacrifice a few things now, in the long run we will be much better off if prices go down.

Senior Citizen's Bazaar

Spend the last Saturday of December shopping for the Christmas in Aisle 2, located in the Student Center. There are many new and exciting items for the senior citizen to enjoy. Open to the public 12:00-4:00. ARTS & CRAFTS FOR SALE
The Record Shop:

'Wrap Around Joy'

by JUDY GARRETT

It seems like each time I listen to a Carole King album for the first time as a whole, I never pick up any variety. It all sounds the same until... I take each song separately. Then and then only can I find the hidden ingenuity in every phrase and every measure of her music. You really have to listen to her songs more than once to get something out of them, and probably it's because they are of such high quality. But after being exposed to her rhythm and sounds, it doesn't take long to come down with Carole King fever.

I think her newest album, Wrap Around Joy, being her 7 or 8th album, proves that the Carole King fever is incurable as well as contagious. The new album contains "Jazzman" and "Gentle Me" along with ten others. It's because they are of such high quality. But after being exposed to her every phrase and every measure of her music. You really have to listen to them more than once to get something out of them, and probably proves that the Carole King fever is incurable as well as contagious. The new album contains "Jazzman" and "Gentle Me" along with ten others.

As a very talented musician and vocalist, she writes almost all her songs which adds to her uniqueness. I'm sure you will like Carole King in her newest album, Wrap Around Joy. I did.

 Careers:

Police Profession Goes Professional

by MARGIE RENFRO

In the past, the Police profession was practiced by amateurs. Little education was required and inadequate compensation was offered. Society has always demanded the Police who makes daily life or death decisions affecting the community he serves? Now, a more responsible approach is being taken involving the Police profession.

At COM three programs are offered in the Law Enforcement Division. An associate in applied science degree serves as a terminal program or can be transferred to a senior institution. A general law enforcement program is offered with a one year certificate. Another program, Evidence Technician, is offered with a one year certificate.

The Law Enforcement programs are taught through classroom instruction and laboratory experience. This prepares the student to function as either a generalist in any law enforcement agency or an evidence technician operating in a crime laboratory or mobile unit concerned with photography, collection, preservation, and physical evidence.

Many people believe there are limited types of jobs in Law Enforcement, but there are many offered. Other than the Policeman and Policewoman, there are Criminal Investigators, FBI agents, Treasury agents, Narcotics agents, Highway Patrolmen, Identification Technicians, and numerous others. These professionals, with specialized interests and abilities are needed to recognize and fill the needs in the department of investigation.

Howard Katz, chairman of Law Enforcement, is more than willing to answer any questions you may have concerning this division. Mr. Katz's office is in the Tech-Voc Building and an appointment can be made by calling Ext. 286.

Santa Claus American Style

He was the patron saint of European schoolboys during the Middle Ages, a saint who was thin, very tall, quite strict, and extremely serious.

Early Dutch settlers brought this saint to the New World, and American writers and artists changed him. Washington Irving wrote of him as the guardian of New York City in his Knickerbocker's History of New York. The saint was described as a jolly fellow with huge breeches and broad hat, and he was smoking a long pipe. Additionally, he rode a wagon over trees and houses and dropped gifts from his huge pockets down chimneys.

In 1852, Clement C. Moore pictured him in his famous A Visit from St. Nicholas as a rounded, jolly person with twinkling eyes, a red snub nose, and a white beard. The saint's long pipe was reduced in size; the wagon was changed to a sleigh; and his Dutch clothing altered to a suit that was trimmed with fur. The sleigh, of course, came complete with reindeer, probably borrowed from the Scandinavian settlers in America. Oddly enough, the name Santa Claus was not mentioned.

Then, Thomas Nast, the cartoonist, changed the saint even more in his famous picture, "Santa Claus and His Works," which appeared in Christmas, 1866 issue of Harper's Weekly. That picture is exactly what Santa Claus looks like today, together with sleigh, reindeer, toys, and stockings hung by the fireplace.

"Wrap Around Joy" by JUDY GARRETT

QUESTION: WHAT DOES CHRISTMAS MEAN TO YOU?

MAY STICKNEY: Presents!

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Sure... And if you have no expensive gifts to present, give some love away.

Scott Perthuis Elected Vice President

Scott Perthuis is College of the Mainland's new Student Senate Vice President. Scott had been elected to the Senate as a sophomore representative in the earlier Fall election.

Scott took 88 votes to win over Debbie Liebhart with 35 and Sharon MacKenna with 20 votes. The vote totals indicate the usual light voter turnout. Joe Hendley

December 9, 1974

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**COM Applauds Sanders**

Don Sanders, talented folk singer and composer, returned for a second engagement at College of the Mainland on Thursday, November 21, in the College Center.

Sanders had received rave notices on his concert tours from coast to coast. One music critic observed, "Everytime I hear him pay, I come away impressed by his feeling for people, by the way he entertains and communicates with us."

John Wilson of the Houston CHRONICLE commented, "He has developed that unusual capacity to laugh at himself and at the foibles of society."

Described as a "troubadour and a rugged individualist of the old school," Don Sanders' repertoire consists of laughter and love, of roaches, humans and mechanical beasts, of death, life, America and the Universe. His words must be checked on all levels—Don Sanders didn't get a degree in philosophy without sometimes pondering the deeper meanings.

Sanders recently produced, arranged and marketed an album which received an enthusiastic reception.

The coffeehouse was sponsored by the Entertainment Committee of the College Center Programs Council.

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**Dickens' Play Presented for Christmas**

Celebrate the Christmas season with the Mainland Community Theatre's production of Charles Dicken's "A Christmas Carol."

The cast includes several children, many from families of the faculty and staff at COM. Several COM students also participate in the play.

According to Bea Weberlein, the play offers good entertainment for the entire family. It may be seen from December 17 to the 21, at 8 p.m., in the Fine Arts Arena.

On December 13 and 15, at 4 p.m., the Mainland Chorale, directed by Larry Stanley, will present a multi-media presentation of Handel's Messiah, in the Teaching Auditorium. The concert will begin at 4 p.m., costing one dollar per person.

All persons interested in participating in "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum" should contact Bea Weberlein for tryout dates. Also, persons wanting to learn stage lighting are requested to contact Mrs. Weberlein as soon as possible.

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**Senior Citizens' Bazaar Benefits Memorial Fund**

A Senior Citizens Bazaar, sponsored by College of the Mainland's Senior Citizens Program, will be held on Saturday, December 14, in the Center College, 1 to 4 p.m. The general public is cordially invited.

Special booths, such as Granny's Pantry, White Elephant and Friendship, will be set up to sell baked goods, hand-made quilts, Christmas decorations and other unique, hand-made items.

Other groups may secure booth with a $2 donation which will go, together with all proceeds, to the College of the Mainland George Gue Berry Senior Memorial Fund.

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**COM Administration Council Proposes New Alarm System**

At a meeting of the COM Administration Council, November 26, a new Campus Alarm System was proposed.

The new system will be as follows:

- Three long bells (20 seconds each) - Return to buildings

The new system was proposed by Mr. Brown and it was the consensus of the Council that it should be used to replace the present system. Copies of the new code have been posted throughout the Campus.

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**Reviews:**

**Art Should Please the Common Man**

by JOE HENSLEY

Recently the COM Gallery was visited by three fine sculptors' exhibits. Several English 131 classes viewed these exhibits as part of their class work. These students were to choose one of the pieces of art and analyze it. Much to their surprise the exhibits ranged from a wide variety of talent to absurdity.

Very few found an overwhelming urge to spend $650 on a cookie cutter. I realize it must have taken much time and patience to produce this "piece of art," but its appeal is questionable. Perhaps English 131 art critics are not the most knowledgeable critics of art, but I believe that these students do know what they like and what they would be willing to pay for it.

What the artists of today need is an approach to appeal to the wants and budgets of the common American consumer and to those who have little or no knowledge of art. This would seem to be one of the most profitable ventures one could undertake. After all, as the old adage says, "If it has to be explained, is it worth seeing?"

'The Happening' Is for Christmas Season

by CLIFF MABRY

"The Happening," by John Wahtera, is a heart-warming story comparable to "Miracle on 54th Street."

Digby Bell, a poor but happy artist, delivers the true meaning of Christmas to orphans who cannot afford Santa Claus.

Digby lives with his pregnant girlfriend, Blossom, while taking in stray cats and people to his warm, abandoned building that he calls home. Digby's happening finally involves the neighborhood preacher, Big Mohammed (the local black militant), and the mayor. Complete with a light show and a flying dove of peace, Digby delights the crowd without commercializing Christmas.

This short book deserves a five star rating by any critic. It has been called a hippie Christmas Carol. I call it a must for those who would put a price tag on Christmas.
The most important sports revelation that I have run across lately was brought to my attention by Dr. John Hubisz, the head of our Physics Department, when he explained to me the reason for the little ropes which were spotted all over the field. According to him, these ropes were left there by the builders because the exact location of the structure was never decided upon. If the gym needed to be moved a few inches one direction and then all of a sudden to be done was to obtain the use of some good strong back and then proceed to tug and pull where needed to get the many ropes supplied.

Surely this must shift the riddle that has been plaguing our minds for the past few weeks. For those of you who are in the dark as to the situation, I suggest a quick trip out to the gym where upon investigation one will see many small ropes surrounding the base of the building. These are the handy features which I spoke of in the above. When these ropes are shifted the only thing on your mind was keeping people away from the area and to think they would let the clock run so you could split and find a place to thaw out.

TOO MUCH BULL AND TURKEY DEPT: I recently had the cold pleasure of seeing the Longhorns make fools out of the Aggies up at Austin. The College Station Cadets looked as if they were going to get the best of Texas in the Turkey Day battle. They played as enthusiastic as you feel after putting on that annual November bloat. After the first forty-eight seconds the game took on a completely different color. By color I don’t mean burnt orange, but rather that of a dull and bitter cold winter gray. I nearly froze to death up in those stands. Like an idiot, I only wore a watertight suit for any sport except against the University of Texas. ”Why don’t you come to Texas and Jack Frost a heavy price.” Texas was whipping those Aggies so bad you couldn’t even shake a stick at it. I got to the point where the only thing on your mind was keeping the cold out and think my headgear would keep the clock run so you could split and find a place to thaw out.

CHEERLEADERS: I wanted to mention how much the Comet Cheerleaders have been adding to the games which they have attending so far. Their routines and spirit have been excellent and we should all be proud and enthusiastic about the fine job they have been doing.

Of course and Boyd was nearly left out in the cold the other night when the comets played Angelina. It seems as though the rest of the cheer chicks had other plans that evening, leaving Carol and The Lone Angelina cheerleaders. Let’s hope that this year’s cheerleaders don’t fade out of the picture especially after they have shown us such good efforts up to date.

THE EARLY BIRD DOESN’T ALWAYS GET THE FATTEST WORM DEPT: The way the bowl game teams have decided this year is really a puzzling matter. Why do they decide who will play in what bowl when teams as many as two games left to play in the regular season? It appears as though the only problem the bowl officials have for some of the teams who are bowl bound.

The Cougar’s Commodore of U of H just lost contest to a stubborn Tulsa team which mean very much to the outcome of the game to meaningless to them. It is not ridiculous to think that no matter how much pride in winning some team may remember that they still might relax if they know they have achieved their goals so easily.

In argument, you could site the case of Baylor who had to fight a real uphill battle in order to win. The threat of no post season appearance might have spurred them on to bigger and better things. Nevertheless, it still makes sense to me that the bowl officials should wait until all the conference games are over before deciding on the winner. That way we can see who really wants it when the struggle starts to get ripe with age.

BOWL GAME PICKS: While in the midst of catching a few zzz’s last night a sudden brilliant revelation pounced upon my brain. There was a blinding flash of light and a thunderous voice which graced me with the divine knowledge of who is going to win the seven big bowl games coming up over the holidays. Why I was single out from amongst the multitude is a mystery but the fact remains and I feel it is my duty to let all of my schoolmates at COM in on the scoop. With this information on who is going to win we can all prepare for some of the games being the main problem. It is apparent that the Comets haven’t done so hot at the free throw line either. As a matter of fact, they are only rolling the charts at about 60% from the charity stripe. The Comets have proven to be one of the teams leading rebounders and is a very capable scorer. Randolph Lynch and Joel Harden have been steady performers for the Comets each providing his own aspect to the game. Lynch has been a superb ball handler and quite a threat on defense while Harden is the consistent scorer and performer who can be counted on game after game.

John Parker and Ricky Reagan are the Comet bench strength who will be relied upon heavily for some of the games they face, the Mainland College men are pretty much taken to the cleaners. They then proceeded to take two at home against Howard County and then the Comets demolished Texas South most 113 to 76. These two games showed what the Comets are capable of.

As far as individuals go the players that comes to mind is old agile Arthur Jackson. Arthur is averaging over thirty points a game and can be counted on for a major portion of the rebounding. His buddy Byron Thompson has surprised the fool out of a great many of us this season. Byron, who hasn’t played a lick of organized basketball before, has proven to be one of the teams leading rebounders and is a very capable scorer. Randolph Lynch and Joel Harden have been steady performers for the Comets each providing his own aspect to the game. Lynch has been a superb ball handler and quite a threat on defense while Harden is the consistent scorer and performer who can be counted on game after game.

Looking back, the Comets have only really been waxed once. The first game of the season against Angelina the Mainland men were pretty much taken to the cleaners. They then proceeded to take two at home against Howard County and then the Comets demolished Texas South most 113 to 76. These two games showed what the Comets are capable of.

The next game with Schreiner Institute at Kerrville was one of good effort but a bad shooting eye at the free throw line. The Comets lost this one 86 to 88 but the team played valiantly.

Angelina was back in town the next and there may be many reasons for the Comets loss. If the first half of play for the Comets was any indication of just what to look for from them then we can safely assume that the Comets just may be the team to beat in Gulf Coast Jr. College Conference. Good coaching and some fine attitude from the players have provided us with some top winning efforts so take time out from your busy schedule and watch a Comet game. The program could be developing into something pretty big.

The game that was scheduled for December 12 against Schneirner has been canceled.
COMING EVENTS

CHRISTMAS BUFFET - The annual Christmas Buffet and Reception will be held Wednesday, December 11, at 12 noon, in the College Center. The buffet, sponsored by the Student Life Division, is for all faculty, staff and students. The cost is $1.50 per person and reservations may be made through Karen Atkinson’s office. The reception, sponsored by the Student Center Programs Council, is free to all faculty, students and staff and it will begin at 1 p.m.

COM SINGERS - The Student Center Programs Council presents the annual Christmas Buffet, sponsored by the College Center Programs Council, is scheduled for Thursday, December 12, from 8 p.m. till, in the College Center. The year’s dance will feature a popular local band, EEZE. The cost is $1 per person with a COM ID card and $1.50 per person without ID cards. Tickets may be purchased at the door or from any College Center Programs Council member. Everyone is invited.

REGISTRATION - Final registration and fee payment for the 1976 Spring semester will be held on Thursday, January 16. The deadline to file your applications for admission is Wednesday, January 8. The first day of Spring semester classes will be Monday, January 20. January 20 and 21 are days set aside to correct schedules whether it be the college’s error or the students'. Students who took advantage of early registration which was held on November 25 through 27, and December 2 through 6, must remember to pay their fees by Friday, January 10. According to Gary Forde, Assistant Director of Admissions and Records, “If students who pre-registered do not pay their fees by January 10, their class cards will be returned to the card files and they will be required to go through advisement and registration on January 16.”

CHRISTMAS EXTRAVAGANZA - The first annual College of the Mainland Children’s Christmas Extravaganza will be held Saturday, December 21, in the COM Arena Theatre. Dickens’ “Christmas Carol” will be presented at 10 a.m. with Santa Claus arriving at approximately 11 a.m. All faculty, staff and students are invited to bring their children or neighbors. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Notify John Hubiaz if you plan to attend and how many children you will bring.

Bring a small gift for each child you plan to bring to the General Adult Education office no later than Wednesday, December 18. Please mark the gift clearly (no tags) with the child’s first and last name.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

FEMALE PIPE SMOKER? Yes, Karen Rex, who also favors sleeping in the College center, does smoke a pipe, as she is shown doing in the above photo.

COM Comets Clobber GCC

The COM Comets clobbered the Galveston Community College basketball team Tuesday night with a final score of 115 over 54. Byron Thompson scored 23 points and captured 20 rebounds during the game. Arthur Jackson led the scoring with 32 points, while John Parker led with 10 assists.

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**Contact Larry Augist Concerning Poetry Contest**
Choose Courses Wisely

It is very important to be careful in the selection of courses at College of the Mainland for students who plan to transfer to a four-year college or university. Each student needs to be aware of the courses that will transfer and the ones that will not.

There are three major groups that courses fall under. One group is courses that are transferrable to any and all colleges. These courses are normally considered Freshman and Sophomore classes and consist of your basic English, History, Physical Education, Biology, Mathematics, etc.

The second group is courses that some will transfer and some will not. This is usually according to your major and/or what university you plan to transfer to.

The third group is courses that definitely will not transfer. This group includes all non-credit courses and some of your technical-vocational training courses.

According to George E. Thomas, Associate Dean Academic Programs, "Choosing a major field of study and the selection of courses a student should take is a complicated task. Each student, whether he has chosen a major or not, should consult with a faculty advisor or a counselor who can help him select the courses that will be transferrable to another college."

Once a student has selected his major field of study and a university which offers a bachelor's degree in that field, he should write the Admissions Office of the university for a current copy of their catalog and study the freshman and sophomore courses suggested. Then his counselor at the College of the Mainland can work with him to select the courses offered at COM that will transfer to the university. Early in the student's last semester at COM, he should apply for admission to the university and ask the College of the Mainland's Records Office to send the University a transcript of his grades.

Those students who have not decided on a major field of study should take those courses in group one, courses that will transfer to any college or university. Your counselor can select these courses for you and can perhaps aid you in deciding upon a major.

A testing center in the Administration Building is available for students to aid in the selection of a major field is available for all students, even those who have selected a major, to take advantage of this opportunity. Students take a series of tests which determines which fields you are stronger in and which you are weaker in it. It can easily determine which field of study a student is more suited for.

All courses should be completed with a grade-point average of at least 2.0 (a "C" average). Actual grades and semester hours are transferred to the college or university the student transfers to.

George Thomas urges each student to consult with the University of Houston at Clear Lake in deciding upon a four-year college to transfer to. According to Thomas, "It is close and they are working with College of the Mainland on the development of some four-year and transferrable semester hours. Although University of Houston at Clear Lake is open for a limited amount of courses at the present, construction of the new facility is expected to be completed by the fall of 1976. At that time, they will be able to offer a complete schedule of the various Bachelor Degrees for College of the Mainland students. I urge each student to carefully consider this university."

COM Veterans Organization Formed

by CLIFF MAIRBY

The veterans of COM met on November 15 to form the COM Veterans Service Organization, the first of its kind at COM.

We were pleased to see a turnout of twenty-four veterans. It was decided that those not in attendance did not know about the meeting.

Sonny Butts, Chairman of the Membership Committee of the U. S. V. O. was the guest speaker. He informed the vets of the advantages in having a VSO.

First, most vets don’t fit into the 18-year-old, just out of high school bracket. The VSO helps vets through the “Readjustment Blues” offering fellowships to those who have been through the same thing.

The COM VSO plans to have an office where vets may direct questions about benefits and counseling. It was decided that night that students who aren’t able to contact the veteran representative, may have the VSC fellowships.

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The VSO educates vets on little known benefits, such as the Texas Veterans Land Act which enables vets to go to any state college, tuition free, after the federal bill has been used up. The vets attending the meeting; decided to hold the next meeting; in the Student Center, on December 13, to nominate officers and elect a constitutional committee. As I see it, the VSO’s best function is to provide a collective voice for veterans on campus.

There was only one question on the exams, but the students could not answer it. So he submitted his paper with these words instead of an answer: "Who knows? A Merry Christmas!"

When the test paper was returned, the teacher crossed out the "Merry Christmas" and wrote below it: "Who passes, you fail."
I've been invited to a party,
It's to celebrate the birth of a Child.
But I have no gift to take Him,
I have nothing to make Him smile.

I've searched through the tinsel and sparkles
Of each and every store for miles.
I've asked all my friends what they're giving,
They have no more answers than I.

It seems they think more of receiving
Or of giving something to impress a friend.
The children are all badgering Santa
For a sack full of toys for them.

Just as I was about to despair of my search
And not even go see the Child
I heard a voice inside me saying
"Don't look without, look within."

So I searched my soul for the answer
I got down on my knees and I prayed
"Oh, Lord, what can I give Your Son,
What gift should I give on His birthday?"

I heard no voice from heaven
But I know the answer just the same
The only gift He wants of me
Is my good deeds, done in His name.

by Donna Berend
Vandals Strike TV Lounge

See Page 7 for MORE details

Comet Tilt Breeds Confusion

BY MATTHEW COOPER
Comet Sports

A controversy has arisen over the alleged beating of a basketball referee by College of the Mainland players at a tournament held in Laredo January 11. Richard Taylor, a Comet player, has been suspended; and as a result of an administrative misunderstanding, two Conference games have been forfeited.

The incident began when Arthur Jackson of the Mainland Comets received his fifth personal foul, with eight seconds remaining in double overtime. The score was 66-63 in favor of the team must have sixty seconds to put the ball into play. The officials, however, did not assess the Laredo player a technical foul for improperly touching the ball. After the game had ended, Ken Anthony, a Comet manager, went up to referee Garcia and made certain derogatory remarks. Garcia placed his hands on Anthony's chest and pushed him backwards. Richard Taylor, then struck Garcia a single blow to the forehead. Players, coaches, and security guards were successful in preventing any further problems.

This account has come from written reports by Head Coach, Jerry Bryant; Assistant Coach, Bill Montague; Cheerleader sponsors, Beverly Douglas and Sally Hudnal; Team Manager, Ken Antony; and College of the Mainland basketball team members.

The media in Laredo has turned the incident into a mudslinging contest. The rather one-sided news accounts specifically share the views of the Southern Basketball Officials Association and Laredo Junior College administrators. The Laredo news media has played up the incident to have been an attack on official Garcia by three Mainland players, who supposedly punched on and knocked Garcia to the floor, with "Rich" Taylor allegedly landing two punches. Obviously time and investigation will determine who is right.

On January 13, a meeting was held between President Taylor, Dr. Mortvet, Mr. Travaille, and Coach Bryant. The matter was turned over to Travaille who immediately suspended Richard Taylor.

After receiving written reports of what happened at the game, Travaille turned the matter over to Coach Bryant. In turn, Coach Bryant lifted Richard Taylor's suspension. Richard Taylor continued to receive written reports of what happened at the game. Travaille turned the matter over to Coach Bryant. In turn, Coach Bryant lifted Richard Taylor's suspension. Richard Taylor continued to receive written reports of what happened at the game.

Travaille is presently involved in further investigation of the incident. He is soliciting reports from other coaches at the tournament who saw what happened.

"As far as I'm concerned, the matter is still open," Travaille said Wednesday January 29. "Certainly, no one player can condone the use of force on an official, he does feel that "we have punished them (the team) unnecessarily."

B A R B S

By PHIL PASTORET

Almost any week now you can begin to watch all the programs you missed last fall.

A cynic is a fellow who has long been convinced about things you're just beginning to learn about life.

The CIA is whispered to have installed a Capitol cloak-and-dagger room.
Detente Imperative

By CLIFF MABRY

Organ Staff

Robert Frowick, a U.S. Department of State official, spoke at College of the Mainland January 31, describing US-Soviet detente as a move to progress from a situation of confrontation, to a system of negotiations.

Frowick, officer in charge of the political section of NATO and the Atlantic Military Affairs Office, emphasized the benefits of detente to be increased trade through reduced trade restrictions and diminished threat of nuclear war, due to increased cooperation by peaceful negotiations.

Dubbing Gen. Charles DeGualle the "Pioneer of detente," Frowick credited the former French President with improving Soviet-Chinese relations when DeGualle visited Peking and Moscow in '66. The first official moves by the US toward detente came about when the Nixon administration came to power in '69, which marked the beginning of Henry Kissinger's history-making career as Secretary of State.

Frowick quoted Kissinger's description of detente as being "a process of improved relations as time goes on.

But Frowick labeled Kissinger as the "key architect" of detente, who see detente as an "important part of the face of possible nuclear war.

The Soviets officially moved toward detente in '75 when the Soviet Union and Red China set aside their differences, giving the US some free hand in negotiating with the Western World.

Frowick said the Soviets have the most to gain in regard to Western technology, but they also have Kissinger's view of detente as the only alternative to nuclear warfare.

Mabry Elected Vet President

The COM Veterans Service Organization elected officers and appointed three committees on January 31.

The club's first slate of officers includes Cliff Mabry, President; Jim Abshire, Vice President; Chris Thurso, Secretary-Treasurer; and Nathaniel Boone, Sentinel.

The president then appointed an entertainment committee, a constitution committee, and a communications committee.

Paul Walker will chair the entertainment committee whose goal is to propose and plan activities and parties off-campus.

Jim Abshire chairs the constitution committee that must draft a constitution for the members' approval, in time for the next meeting.

Hal Jackson will chair the communications committee and that committee will print a newsletter before the next meeting.

The communications committee will decide and advertise the date of the next meeting, but the meeting will definitely be held at College of the Mainland.

Detente, according to Frowick, includes three main objectives: The Strategic Arms, Limitations Talks (SALT), the Mutual Balanced-Forced Troop Reduction conference (MBFR), and the Conference of the Security and Cooperation of European Countries (CSCE).

Frowick noted a marked leveling off of tensions in the SALT talks with the agreement by President Ford and Soviet Secretary Leonid Brezhnev, made in Vladivostok, limiting the number of nuclear delivery vehicles to 2,400 and placing a ceiling of 1,200 on the Multiple Independent Reentry Vehicles (MIRV's).

The first results of SALT were seen in the summit meeting of '72, when Brezhnev agreed to setting up MBFR and CSCE talks.

Frowick predicted the SALT conference will concern itself with reductions of strategic arms by 1980.

Frowick thinks the MBFR talks will reach a plateau by mid-'75 with an agreement of bilateral troop reductions, partly to Congressional pressure led by Senate Majority Leader Mike Mansfield.

Frowick directly involved with the CSCE and tried to emphasize its importance while summarizing the conference's achievements.

The primary goal of the CSCE is to set up a nato summit conference of the U.S. and European countries. It will include the communist-block countries, although Albania has chosen not to participate, because of its close alliance with Red China.

The summit should take place in mid-'73, although the all-important leveling off of tension is still a matter of concern.

Frowick, when asked if the Kissinger view of detente is the only alternative to nuclear warfare.

Since 1935, the number of pedicycle-motor vehicle deaths has more than doubled while the number of pedicycle deaths in use has increased 20-fold.

However, the proportion of deaths occurring in adults has steadily increased since 1960, The Whitney Ann Spindle. Persons 15 years of age and older accounted for more than one-half the deaths in 1973 compared to one-fifth in 1960.

Dr. Fred Taylor, President of College of the Mainland, was installed as one of the Directors of the Texas City-La Marque Chamber of Commerce.

Dr. Taylor was elected to the three-year post last October, but took office at the annual Chamber of Commerce banquet on January 30.

Trolleys took their name from the power source, two overhead electric lines. Electricity was collected by a small carriage, or "trolley," attached to a pole on the car roof.

Taylor Installed

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Egg Machine

To help Pennsylvania farmers dispose of an egg surplus in 1938, slot machines dispensing hard-boiled eggs for a nickel each were installed in cafés and taverns throughout the state.

Perception Pays

In 1886, Joseph Hobson Jagger won over two million francs at Monte Carlo in eight days of playing the roulette wheel. He came to be known as "The man who broke the bank at Monte Carlo." An expert on spindles, Jagger suspected one of the roulette wheels of a faultly spindle and watched it for over a week. Thereafter, he bet on the numbers turning up with more than just mathematical probability and won his fortune.
Comets On Ball

By MATTHEW COOPER
Comet Staff

The Comets worked hard over the holidays amassing a 146 season record and a second place tournament spot. The tournament held in Laredo January 11 and 12 was preceded by a 120 to 72 win over Texas Southern in Brownsville, January 10.

In the Laredo tournament, the Comets won two straight, beating Concordia Lutheran 85 to 80, and Shiner Junior College 86 to 70.

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Back in Conference action January 16, the Comets won out over their neighbors across the causeway, Galveston College, in a 100-86 stomp. The Comets drove to another conference win in Brazosport January 20, beating them 94 to 88.

In an action packed game in Alvin January 22, the Comets won 74-72. The decisive point was made at the buzzer by Arthur Jackson from the top of the mid-court circle. Jackson averaging 20 points a game.

He attributes his high scoring average to team movement, and especially to assists from his teammates Randolph Lynch and Craig Reggins. Statistically, the Comets look very good, averaging 90.8 points per game.

Defensively they are holding their opponents to 74.3 points per game, a figure that Coach Jerry Bryant is pleased with. Coach Bryant added the team's defense has "come around since the first of the year."

The Comets have remained unbeaten in 18 consecutive conference games, winning six so far this season. It appears that there will be more exciting action to come, so come on out and support your team.

C.O.M. Movies

In keeping with the current nostalgia trend, College of the Mainland has scheduled a movie festival featuring the "Masterpieces of the 40's."
The next feature is "The Great McClinty" (1940) which will be shown on February 15 in the College Center at 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Subsequent movies to be shown are: THE EXILE (1947)

Post Now Playing

Houstowners look forward to a happy springtime event every year, it's the Houston Post Spring Art Festival, when the entire community enjoys viewing the outstanding works of art created by junior high and senior high school students.

This year, the Art Festival entry deadline is Friday, April 11. The exhibition of finalists' works will open on Saturday, April 19 and continue through May 11 at the Museum of Fine Arts, Masterson Junior Gallery. Students or their teachers who wish to obtain more information regarding the Houston Post Spring Art Festival for 1975 may write: The Spring Art Festival Coordinator, The Houston Post, 4747 Southwest Freeway, Houston, Texas, 77061.

Intramural Sports Benefit Students

By MATTHEW COOPER
Comet Staff

To participate in Intramural sports is to benefit—such are the thoughts of Leroy August, Intramural Sports Director for College of the Mainland.

The idea many people have that with a game of any competition, but the most important attitude is that playing the game is winning. You don't have to be a star to shine in Intramurals.

To further these concepts, Mr. August has come up with a schedule of events that promises to be a fun filled and satisfying bill of fare. Coming up this month, there will be a women's pool tournament February 19 at 12:30 for all you Virginia Slims out there. Also, there will be a mixed doubles bowling tournament February 20, come with your partner anytime between 1 and 5 and bowl them over.

Here it comes, the big one we have all been waiting for—a Spades tournament will be held March 13 at 12:30.

The future holds more exciting and entertaining action in Intramurals this semester. Mr. August says that his department is open to suggestions and welcomes any opinion. He wants you to "tell me what you want.

Let's all get together, have fun, and benefit through Intramurals.

Forum Now Playing

Steve Guus, a slave and Lewis Parken, Jr., a dealer in courtesans, discuss a business matter in "A Funny Thing Happened On The Way To The Forum," playing at College of the Mainland on Jan. 30, 31, Feb. 1, 4, 7, 8, 13, 14 and 15. Tickets are $2 for adults, $1 for students and Senior Citizens. For ticket reservations, please call 938-1211, Ext. 227.
Colleges, Universities Here To Charm Students

More than 45 college and universities will be represented at College of the Mainland's annual College Day to be held Feb. 18 in the College Center from 3 to 5 p.m.

Seniors in the area's high schools are invited to come on campus to talk with the college representatives, as well as to gather catalogs and other pertinent printed material.

"It sometimes takes a personal discussion for a student to decide if a particular college or university is the one he's looking for," commented Dwight Fullingim, Assistant Director for Student Recruitment at COM. "This is an opportunity for a senior to talk to quite a few representatives in a relatively short period of time."

The following institutions will be represented: Angelo State University, Austin College, East Texas Baptist College, Hardin Simmons University, Houston Baptist University, Huston-Tillotson College, Incarnate Word College, Lamar University, Mary Hardin-Baylor, McMurry College, North Texas State University, Our Lady of the Lake College, St. Edward's University, St. Mary's University, Sam Houston State University, Sam Houston Univ, Army ROTC, Southern Methodist University, Southwest Texas University, Stephen F. Austin State University, Texas A & I University at Corpus Christi, Texas A & M University, Texas A&M University, Texas A & M University, Texas Christian University, Texas Tech University, Trinity University, University of Houston at Clear Lake, University of Houston College of Pharmacy, University of Saint Thomas, University of Texas at Austin College of Education, University of Texas at Austin Office of Admissions, University of Texas at San Antonio, University of Texas School of Nursing at Galveston, and Galveston College.

PIANIST GIVES CONCERT

Roberto Eyazaguire, a nationally-known pianist, will offer a free concert at College of the Mainland, Arena Theatre, Tuesday, Feb. 25 at 4 p.m.

Dr. Eyazaguire first came to the United States from Peru as a scholarship student. He spent one year at Rollins College, Florida and then moved to New York City, where he studied piano with the international concert artist Claudio Arrau. He earned his master's degree in music and his Ph.D. degree in Historical Musicology from the University of Miami.

COM IS ON V.O.E. BANDWAGON

The faculty of the College of the Mainland's Technical-Vocational Department is ready to answer any questions regarding vocational education and it extends an invitation for interested persons to visit with them during National Education Week. The College is located at 801 Palmer Highway (FM 134) in Texas City and the Tech-Voc Building is open from 8 to 10 p.m.

On Location

Out of the classroom and into the welding shop College of the Mainland faculty and staff members who took advantage of a three-day workshop to learn welding. According to Jerry Vaughan, Chairman of the Division of Industrial Education, the course was offered as a means of letting other areas of the campus become more familiar with the facilities in the Technical-Vocational Building. Left to right:

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COM Loop Win String Ended

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Go Team!

Win Conference
By JOE HENSELY

Comet Staff

Remember all those Tarzan movies that used to be on the tube all Saturday afternoon? As many people know, these stories were taken from a series of books written by Edgar Rice Burroughs. Burroughs was born in 1875 and wrote 91 books which were translated into 32 languages with uncountable numbers of copies sold.

However, don't think that all these works were about the great vine swinger, because the adventures he wrote of stretched from Africa, to the moon, to Mars and to the center of the earth.

To conclude his moon series Burroughs wrote two novels "The Moon Men" and "Red Hawk". In 1969, earthmen land on the moon and the moon men return to earth and conquer mankind.

The leader of the Moon Men and Julian, the leader of man, are killed and the hope to beat the invaders is lost. In fact, technology regresses to the point that the Moon Men have to execute any law breakers and traitors with a knife by an executioner called the "Butcher".

The Americans revolve in the early 2,000s but are defeated. This ends the Moon Men. Red Hawk continues nearly 400 years later with Julian the 28th leading the earthlings in a final attack on the Moon Men who have been pushed back to present day Pasadena.

A strange coincidence in Red Hawk, as one might gather from the title, is that the earthmen are nomads who wander the plains on horseback. In fact, they resemble the American Indian so much it's surprising. It does one's heart good to see the Indians win.

So, science-fiction freaks, if you're looking for something different and of good quality, try one of Edgar Rice Burroughs books, which are available at most Dalton Book Stores and T.G. and Y.

Edgar Rice Burroughs, author of the Tarzan series, did more than write about jungle swingers. Science fiction fans should take notice of one of the great writers who wrote 91 books that were translated into 32 languages. If you liked Tarzan movies, imagine some of the flicks his other books would make.

Fine Arts Schedule

From the southern-most side of the campus, we have the Fine Arts Building. Inside this building we have Carol Veth, Instructional Assistant in Humanities, who likes to let people know the artistic happenings. Which brings us to our purpose of this article, to let you know what we know. So, without further delay, here we go.

FEBRUARY 13—At twelve o'clock, the Houston Baptist University Choir will give a free concert in the Student Center.

FEBRUARY 13-15—The play "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum" is performed in the Arena Theatre. Tickets are $2.00 for adults and $1.00 for students and senior citizens.

FEBRUARY 17-21—the Gulf Coast Junior College Intercollegiate Conference will sponsor an art show. This is a traveling exhibit of student art works from the six college members of G.C.J.C.I.C. These are: Wharton, Lee College, Galveston, Alvin Jr. College, Brazosport, and COM.

FEBRUARY 23—Susan Smeltzer will perform on the piano at The Museum of Fine Arts in Houston. She is sponsored by COM, and it begins at four o'clock.

FEBRUARY 23—Concert pianist Roberto Eyzaguirre will give a free concert in the Arena Theatre at four o'clock. The time is late so that area school children and teachers may attend. Roberto is on the staff of Houston Baptist College and holds Ph.D. in Historical Musicology. He has performed in Italy, Germany, S. America, England, Holland and New York's Carnegie Hall.

MARCH 3—There will be a Black artist show at COM. The show will feature works by many of the area Black artists.

MARCH 5—Susan Smeltzer will give a solo concert at COM at 3 p.m.
Opinion Page

Student Help Is Needed

By CLIFF MABRY
Managing Editor

Rather than devote this editorial to trite lambasteins of student apathy, allow me to enlist your aid in the production of your school paper.

As I see it, education strengthens one's mentality through the use and exercise of the mind for the betterment of the community, and in broad terms, humanity itself.

The exchange of ideas, whether or not they be congruent with the majority, strengthens one's mentality for the betterment of humanity itself.

College of the Mainland should be thought of as an intellectual community, but without a written exchange of ideas, we can hardly view ourselves in that light.

Under new management, the Comet will strive to communicate the feelings of the student body, faculty and staff, and the taxpayers of the Mainland community.

There are many things exceptionally good about COM, but these things remind me of the tail of a comet; dull and barely noticed.

On the other end, deficiencies of the school burn incessantly, clear to the naked eye, as they should.

Counting on the readers' voice, our Comet shall blaze through the spring semester with equal emphasis on bad and the good.

Give us your opinions in writing, on any subject, on or before the first Wednesday after each publication of the paper, which will be on the stands every other Monday, beginning February 10.

Also, we welcome personal want-ads, free of charge, to be placed in the journalism box at the information desk, in the Student Center, along with any other material intended for our use.

If anyone wants a reporter to cover a particular story, contact us through the journalism box, or by calling me at 836-6419.

Using your thoughts and ideas, the Comet will be representative of the entire COM community, instead of reflecting the views of five individuals.

The exchange of ideas, we can hardly view our world without a written exchange of ideas, we can hardly view our thoughts and ideas.
Students Enrollment Down 5...

By Dwayne Colvin
Comet Staff

For those of you who think that there are more people out here this semester than last semester, you’re wrong. It only seems like it. Actually, we lost five students. Technically, this semester has seen more students enrolled than last spring.

The population last spring was 1,533, when compared to this spring’s 1,664, we find that we have a quite dramatic increase of 25 per cent.

“We’ve reversed a trend which saw our spring enrollments register below that of the fall semester,” commented Dr. Stanton Calvert, Acting Director of Admissions. “What we find most interesting is the fact that the growth is about equal in our academic and our technical-vocational program, which would seem to indicate we are serving a wide cross-section of the community,” he observed.

George Thomas, Associate Dean for Academic Programs, pointed out that the increase in the academic program was “across the board” in the transfer courses, such as English, History, Sociology, Political Science, Math, and Chemistry.

Enrollment in the Division of Industrial Occupations continued the steady increase registered last fall, with classes in Auto Technology, Drafting and Welding closing early.

In the Division of Business, the sharpest growth was in the accounting, data processing and management courses, according to Ms. Dorothy McKuitt, chairperson.

“These fields which have a steady demand for competent people,” Ms. McKuitt pointed out. “We’re seeing people who are making career changes with this fact in mind, as well as those in the field who are upgrading their skills.”

The veteran enrollment kept pace with the campus-wide increase according to Dwight Fullingim, Assistant Director of Veterans Affairs. “We registered 150 veterans, bringing the total number enrolled to 639 or a 30 per cent increase over last fall,” he noted. “We tried to sit down with each new veteran to help him plan his program and general goals.”

Another factor in COM’s increased enrollment is the opening last fall of the University of Houston at Clear Lake City.

“With the ‘stagflation’ our economy is now experiencing, many residents are deciding to begin their education at COM and complete it at UH-CLC,” Dr. Calvert explained.

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French Cathedral Damaged

(Anchors News Service) — Parishioners of the Rheims Cathedral in France are demanding that the church be given a “purification ceremony” following a concert there by German avant-garde band Twen-

erine Dream. The churchgoers were upset by the smooching, littering, depe-

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Smeltzer Goes To Carnegie Hall

By DWAYNE COLVIN
Comet Staff

"Among early childhood influences which later helped to mold my perception of art and life, I especially recall those memories in Sapulpa, Oklahoma on my grandfather's farm when I became very sensitive to wildlife and nature. This was my first real awareness to the subtleties of sound." So begins the character sketch by Susan Smeltzer which helped to win her the Fullbright Grand to study in Vienna, Austria. Susan is the Artist-In-Residence in the Fine Arts building to teach piano.

Don't get your hopes up, for she gives private lessons only. Before you get too discouraged, remember that you can hear her concert on March 8 in the Arena Theatre at 3 p.m. She will present the same concert that she will give at Carnegie Hall on April 18.

She will play Chopin, Copeland, and several others. The reason she will play the same concert is because Susan feels that you cannot test yourself too much, especially when you are going to play in front of the toughest critics in the country.

Miss Smeltzer has had an illustrious career at the keyboard, which began when she was nine years old, which is when she gave her first concert in front of 200 people in her home town of Sapulpa.

Actually, she began playing the piano when she was five years old, but she confesses, the high point in her career occurred last January 16, when she made her debut at Brahms Hall in Vienna. One reason that this was such a thrill, was because Vienna is where all of the greats played, and Susan has always had a love for Beethoven, Brahms and all of the other greats.

To be truthful, Susan Smeltzer is actually Susan Snyder. She uses Smeltzer because it is her maiden name and the one that she has played under since she began her career.

She met her husband in Vienna. He was also studying there on a grant from Rice University.

Susan thinks that music in some form should be practiced by everyone. According to her, "Music is a fine outlet. It gives one a chance to express your inward emotions and express emotions of others."

Susan said that she has already set aside the money for her concert in New York, because she feels that one should eat well before performing.

Speaking of money, these trips that she and other like her take are not paid for by the theatre. They either come out of the artist's pocket, or are paid for by sponsors, as in Susan's case.

Her sponsors for her upcoming tour in New York are, Allied Chemicals in New Jersey, and Textron Corporation in Rhode Island.

Together, these companies are giving two thousand dollars to bring Smeltzer to Carnegie Hall.

Susan said, like all other artists, that she is temperamental, and was a brat, but throughout our interview, I found her a very friendly and nice person.

I am sure that the entire college joins with me in wishing Susan Smeltzer the best of luck in New York and in all of her concerts to come.

Outhouses In Trouble

(Earth News) A measure of the nation's week is the sluggish condition of the National Portable Sanitation Association, which represents some 178 manufacturers of portable toilets—the kind you see around construction sites. According to Larry Miller, the association's director in Washington, the nationwide market for portable outhouses was down 30 to 40 percent last year, due largely to constipation in the building industry.

The scholarship program got off the ground for one semester.

In December hopes were raised that the money would be donated, but nothing came of it. As of now there is no athletic scholarship program at COM and the citizens committee is now defunct.

It is sadly true that COM is the only college competing in our Conference without a scholarship program. This incident has hurt the credibility of the college with its student athletes. The COM athletic programs have lost students as a result. Most disheartening though is the lack of support of the COM district communities.

Athletic Scholarships Cancelled

By MATTHEW COOPER
Comet Staff

Lack of community interest has resulted in the cancellation of the athletic scholarship program at C.O.M.

The athletic scholarships program was created by a citizens committee with 12 active members in June, 1974. The committee was created to provide community input to the athletic department.

The committee recommended that the College begin an athletics scholarships program to attract better athletes and therefore more community support.

The amount specified as needed by the athletic department was $7000. Of this amount $1500 could be provided by the COM Foundation. The citizens committee assured the athletic department that they could raise the rest.

By the Fall semester of 1974 no money had been raised by the committee. The $1500 allotted by the COM Foundation was utilized and after certain individuals were pressured, $600 one-sixth of the amount promised by the committee was donated.

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Birchers Plan University

(Earth News) The arch-conservative John Bircher Society has announced plans to open a full-scale university somewhere in California by 1979. The university would offer degree programs in law, medicine, science, engineering, and the liberal arts according to Charles Armour, the society's western district governor in San Marino. Armour says a site has not been chosen. He adds that the institution will be "non-political."

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EcoLogy Class Takes Trips

By JOE HENSLEY
Comet Staff

"It's a class you want to take, not have to take," was one member of Dr. Rham's ecology course feelings about the class. Dr. Rham said that the nine men in his class was ideal for field trips because only ten will fit in one of the school's vans. He also felt that the class size would grow as it become more widely known.

The class did a study on the campus lake learning to use the aquatic sampling equipment to take bottom samples and to run water chemistry tests.

The class has been on one field trip to the Gulf Coast Waste Disposal Authority located in Texas City. They also plan to visit the Texas City Sewage Disposal Plant.


dr. Rham Scope It out

Another trip is being planned to Stubbeefield Lake. This will be an overnight trip, to classify the animals and plants around the lake.

So if you're looking for something different that is relevant to the world around you this is the class for you. All nine members really seem not only to be getting a lot out of it but enjoying it at the same time.

Breast Cancer Program Is Given

By JOE HENSLEY
Comet Staff

"Reach To Recovery" was presented the 12 of February by Clyde Harris, Sr. of the Galveston Co. Service and Rehabilitation Dept. in connection with the American Cancer Society. Harris gave a talk and showed a film on breast cancer and self-examination programs.

Her main service is to ladies who have already had breast surgery or a breast removed. Volunteers visit the patients while they are still in the hospital bringing them several shopping lists concerning bathing suits, sportswear, and a complete list of false breasts ranging in price from $3.00 to $130.

All volunteers have had a masteectomy or some type of breast surgery. They also go through an 8 hour orientation course and a two day training period so to be acceptable in working with this serious situation.

On the lighter side of losing a breast, Harris related a story about a lady who had a false breast that was inflated with air, a flower was pinned on her and it popped. Another lady had a false breast filled with a few ball bearings to keep it slipping. She went to get on an airplane at Hobby Airport when she couldn't get on because she kept tripping the metal detector.

Mrs. Harris said that much more attention has been paid to breast cancer since the recent operations on Mrs. Ford and Mrs. Rockefeller. She also noted that more cancer is found during cancer drives each year.

The "Reach To Recovery" program started in 1953 in New York. In 1963, it was adapted and endorsed by the American Cancer Society. However, the program has only been in Galveston Co. for about one year. It was also brought out that breast self-examination once a month and a complete medical check up once a year will set your mind at ease about breast cancer.

Unfortunately, only 60 people came to the talk. It is also unfortunate that most of those present were not students. This speaker was presented at no cost to the students.

Recreation Calendar

The following schedule for recreational programs at College of the Mainland has been set for the spring semester:

Adult Recreation—Monday through Thursday, 7:15 to 10:00 p.m. (pool opens at 8:15 p.m.); family recreation—Friday and Sunday, 7:00 to 10:00; senior citizens recreation—Saturday, 10:00 to 11:00; recreation—Saturday, 8:00 to 10:00.

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Like human fingerprints, no two snowflakes are identical. Amos, a co-founder of "MabRich", says his name is peculiar "just like Mary Ann. Two words!" Heinrich is a freshman Spanish major from Galveston.

Paul Ray, and this writer, are the co-founders of "MabRich", a new language that's sure to be news. Gary Fucket and the Union Gap is his usual request in all the local pubs.
Fails Wins
Frank Arthur Fails, III, a sophomore psychology major, won the first COMET "Guess What This Is contest" when he correctly identified the picture as a swatika.
Because of his penetrating intelligence, Frank was the winner of a large coke and this interview.
Some people thought the contest was too difficult, but Fails said, "It would've been too hard for the average student." When asked what his reaction was to winning, Frank said he was "calmly cool."
The COMET will have a contest each issue, but don't call Karen Alleece with answers. Come by the COMET office any Wednesday between 2:30 and 7:00 on the second floor of the Student Center.

Vets Plan Party
The COM Veterans' Service Organization will meet on Friday, March 7, at 7:00 in the Student Center with a "dutch treat" party afterwards at the HofstraGaden in Dickinson.
Jim Abshire plans to present a constitution for the members approval. Definite plans are to be made in regard to petitioning a change in the PE requirement.
Anyone with any material for the VSO Newsletter should put it in the VSO box, in the Veterans Office, on campus.
All students receiving any type benefits from the Veterans Administration are invited to the meeting. Feel free to bring wives, husbands, and dates for the party.

Comets Lose Conference
By MATTHEW COOPER
The Comets lost the GGC/TC title February 13 by failing to Alvin Junior College, 74-67 in overtime.
The Comets have an 8-4 conference record this season, with two of those losses by forfeits. Alvin has a 9-3 conference mark, losing to COM three times.
After an evenly pitched battle in the first minutes, Alvin took the lead 8-4 and held it through the first half. At halftime the score was 32-28 in favor of the Dolphins.
Five minutes in to the fourth quarter the Comets tied the game 41-41. The lead shifted several times during the last quarter. Finally, the two teams went into overtime 51-51.
The Comets gained an early lead in overtime. However, they got into foul trouble giving Alvin four of seven free throws and the Conference title.

Mechanics Test Offered
The Testing Center at College of the Mainland now has on hand a supply of applications and informational bulletins for the auto and truck mechanic tests offered by the National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence (ASE).
Tests are administered in Houston. However, the Voluntary Mechanics Certification and ASE certification Test Program may be offered in the area of the Mainland if a minimum of 20 persons register for a single test. The deadline for this registration is March 21. If fewer than 20 persons register, the tests will not be available again at COM until November.

Big Brothers...
By RAY DOBYNS
Big Brother and Big Sister programs have become the rage in this country and Canada.
Big Brothers-Big Sister movement came into existence on Dec. 3, 1956 in New York City. Over the years it has grown in numbers where thousands of boys and girls are helped each year in over 200 agencies in the United States and Canada.
Now, what is a little brother and little sister?
Little brothers and little sisters are kids eight to sixteen years of age who do not have a father or mother living in their home and do not otherwise have the benefit of male or female guidance. One parent is absent primarily because of divorce, desertion or death.
They qualify for membership on the basis that they and their parent want and need the services of this agency. These two prerequisites are a part of the many considerations in the assignment program.
What is the purpose of Big Brothers-Big Sisters?
Any child who has little opportunity to enjoy his basic childhood right to the love, understanding and example of a worthy man or woman receives through his organization assistance in the development of his total person. This is accomplished by providing the child with mature identification, friendship, and guidance. What is the intake policy?
With certain exceptions any parentless child from the age of eight to sixteen is eligible for the agency's services. However, before a child can be considered for membership, his parent or guardian must apply to the agency. This must be made to the Board of Directors, which either accepts or rejects the applicant on the basis of the recommendation.
The Gulf Coast Big Brother-Big Sister program for this area has now grown to the stage where they are ready to submit to Austin. This will enable the club to get the organization "off the ground" and to receive their tax exempt number.

Big Deal
A Big Deal

Tilt Lights Up
By MATTHEW COOPER
New light has been set on the basketball dispute that occurred in Laredo January 11. Reports from several coaches present at the game have conflicting variations of the story. Rick Taylor's suspension stood for the rest of the season, based on his own report that he hit referee Iadro Garcia.
"I'm only dealing with his (Taylor's) admission." Dr. Montvedt, Dean of Instructions said February 13. Dr. Montvedt also stated that he treated this as a very serious matter.
As far as COM officials are concerned, the matter is closed.
The reports of the other coaches through confusing did bring out some interesting points.
There was no misbehavior by the Comets prior to Taylor's bout with the referee. This include unlikely hand gestures, some warmup jackets were thrown at the official and the officials was shoved by the team manager.
After the fiasco, there were several shouts of "Give the first place trophy to the red," from both spectators and team.

SEX
'Show Me'
(Earth News) What may turn out to be the most controversial book of 1975 is a children's book called "Show Me." Its editor, Paul De Angelis of St. Martin's Press, describes it as a sort of "Joy of Sex" for children.
The book, which features large and elegant photos of lots of naked kids, is designed as a serious sex education manual. The big difference between it and other attempts is that the photos depict children engaged in what some folks will almost certainly consider pornographic activities.
In a style written for children, the text discusses the entire range of human sexuality in blunt, no-nonsense language. De Angelis admits that the book will stir controversy when it's released in May. But he says the publisher is confident that it will pass all legal tests, and major retailers are already beginning to order it. The book originally appeared last year in West Germany where it weathered a serious court challenge as obscene. It went on to become a strong best seller there following dismissal of charges.

Comets Lose Conference
By MATTHEW COOPER
The Comets lost the GCC/TC title February 13 by failing to Alvin Junior College, 74-67 in overtime.
The Comets have an 8-4 conference record this season, with two of those losses by forfeits. Alvin has a 9-3 conference mark, losing to COM three times.
After an evenly pitched battle in the first minutes, Alvin took the lead 8-4 and held it through the first half. At halftime the score was 32-28 in favor of the Dolphins.
Five minutes in to the fourth quarter the Comets tied the game 41-41. The lead shifted several times during the last quarter. Finally, the two teams went into overtime 51-51.
The Comets gained an early lead in overtime. However, they got into foul trouble giving Alvin four of seven free throws and the Conference title.
How To Get The Most Out Of Your Textbooks

A textbook, properly used, can be invaluable to you in any course. It can make the course easier for you; it can add to the knowledge you gain in the classroom as well as prepare you for classroom work; it can and should serve as a permanent resource book for you after the course itself has been completed. The following six steps have proved to be successful in using textbooks, and they can easily be applied to any assignment.

SURVEY THE ENTIRE BOOK

Before you read your textbook, make a brief survey of the author's method and intention so you understand how he has ordered his material.

Read the preface carefully to acquire a sense of the author's major purpose in writing the book, his approach to the materials, and the structure he is following.

Scan the table of contents to grasp the organization and scope of the book. As you read particular chapters, review the table of contents to remind yourself of the larger context the author has in mind.

Read the concluding chapter or final paragraphs of the book. The author will often stress and summarize those major points that he has demonstrated specifically in individual chapters.

Glance at the book as a whole and at the apparatus that supplements the text: chapter headings and summaries, reading suggestions, questions, chronologies, discussion questions, graphs, pictures and diagrams. In a short time you will have a sense of the author's overall techniques which will help you read the book more profitably.

Before you read a chapter in the text, survey the author's main ideas. Read whatever headnotes or summaries appear in the chapter. They provide a clue to all of the main concepts that the author is stressing, and they serve as a handy outline.

Examine the headings and subheadings of the chapter or gain a sense of its main ideas, organization, and direction. The arrangement of these headings often will suggest which topics are primary and which are subordinate.

READ FOR THE MAIN IDEAS

The author intends to convey a central concept in any given chapter of his book, and you should concern yourself with that concept rather than worry excessively about details. By concentrating on the main idea, you will find that facts and supporting evidence are much easier to remember. Periodically ask yourself what the author is trying to say in a particular section of a chapter.

Co-ordinate your class notes with your reading. Good lectures or class discussions should further illuminate the perceptions you have derived from your reading. Keep a separate set of lecture notes. Like your textbook, lecture notes will serve as a basic part of your knowledge in later years, and you will find yourself returning to them for guidance.

Read your assignment before the class discussion. Not only will this technique cramping for examinations unnecessary, but it will give you con­­fidence in your own ideas. If you wait until the professor and other students discuss an assignment before you read it, you will lose faith in yourself as an independent reader. Read the material regularly and discuss it in class so that you are constantly aware of your ideas. Your verbalization of reading material will reinforce it in your mind.

Summarize whatever you have read. After finishing a paragraph, chapter, or section of the text, repeat the major points of the material you have read. See if you can jot down the general ideas in the section you have just completed. If you can, you will find that most of the supporting details will return to you rather easily. In addition, when you resume your reading the next day, your brief review will serve as an encouragement to begin the next assignment. By noting the major points of your reading, you will find that your preparation for an examination is a relatively simple matter.

"How to Get the Most Out of Your Textbooks", appearing here in three installments is the first of a new series of AAP STUDENT SERVICE articles designed to help college students develop their own learning methods. A complimentary complete copy will be sent to you if you write to the professor and to other students. Make certain that you are an active participant in class and that your reading plays an active part in your classroom work.

UNDERLINE AND MAKE MARGIN NOTES

Mark your text freely and make marginal notes. Bracket key phrases and put light check marks around significant points. After you have read a few paragraphs, return to your markings and underline phrases or sentences that seem most important to you. Be careful to select only the main ideas. If you underline judiciously, you will have a clear idea of the most important material you have read when you interview.

Writing in the margins can also be helpful. Challenge the author directly in the margins of the text. Ask questions, disagree, modify statements, rephrase concepts in your own language. By actively engaging the author's ideas, you will read more alertly and you will remember better what you have read.

Note taking is an individual matter and each student will have to decide upon the best technique for himself; but there is no question that to make your learning active and to retain what you have read, you must take notes. These notes will be very useful at a later time, reminding you of your immediate reaction to specific passages in the textbook and revising information that you have forgotten.

A journal or reading log proves useful. After you have read a section or a chapter, transcribe your thoughts so that you will have a personal and active encounter with the textbook. You may want to be more formal and synopsize whole chapters in a book. In addition, the transcription of your thoughts to paper will be of great help in reviewing and in writing subsequent essays or term papers.
Fun At The Dance...

Photos by Dwayne and Joe

all hearts at COM center
Trikers Race For Posterier's Sake?

No Hope For June Grads

(Earth News) June graduates are going to have a worse time than ever getting jobs, according to the College Placement Council's annual winter employer poll.

The poll shows an unexpected 4 percent drop in job openings this June as compared to a year ago. It's the first overall drop in job openings since the Council's annual winter employers poll.

It's equally dismal for new Ph.D.s, who will be getting 17 percent fewer job offers this June than last year.

Bill Sowers Joins COM

By MARY DANACEK

COM Public Information

Bill Sowers, College of the Mainland's newly-appointed Instructor-Coordinator of MidManagement Programs, arrived on campus after showing his way to the highway in New Hampshire.

As he describes it: "It was a great feeling to throw away that snow shovel, get into my car and head south."

The move may have been unexpected, but the trip to Texas was part of Sowers' carefully-researched system approach to planning his life.

"I did a detailed study to determine where the action was in terms of community colleges and found that Texas was a leader," he explained.

"I then wrote to every junior college in the state—and here I am," he said with a grin, adding that he was convinced the community college movement would have the most significant impact on the nation in the coming years.

Sowers and his wife apply the principles of sound business management to their personal life.

Students at COM who are nearing graduation may find the book, "Directory of College Transfer Information" helpful.

This new publication, listed in the Reference section of the Library, is designed to aid those students who will transfer to a senior college immediately upon graduation from a junior college or community college, and those individuals who wish to continue their education at a later date.

The directory includes lists of:

1) Colleges which accept two-year college students
2) Colleges which grant junior status to two-year college students
3) Colleges which accept transfers of students in good academic standing
4) Colleges which admit graduates of two-year business colleges
5) Colleges which admit disciplinary dismissals
6) Colleges which accept academic dismissals
7) Colleges which offer FINANCIAL AID SPECIFICALLY FOR TRANSFERS
8) Colleges which accept correspondence in transfer
9) Colleges which accept transfers from unaccredited colleges
10) Colleges which accept non-matriculated students as transfers
11) Colleges are arranged alphabetically by state
Licor Not Against law

By CLIFF MABRY
Managing Editor

Last semester, an article supported by the Student Government was published in an anonymous article in editorial form, which caused a stir on campus. The article discussed the issue of liquor on a state-supported campus, particularly at Student Center events, and the different perspectives on the matter.

The author expressed the view that having liquor on a state-supported campus is illegal, as per state law. On the other hand, the dis-...
The Houston Baptist University Singers gave a concert in the student center during the college hour, Tuesday the eleventh of February. The University Singers are under the direction of Paul Green. February 25 Roberto Espigadre, a professor of music with a doctorate in Historic Music from Houston Baptist College, will give a free concert at 4:00 p.m. in the arena theater.

**'The Battle At Culloden' Reviewed**

BY LOCHIE FOWLER

This film was viewed in History of England class on February 7. It told briefly of the events in 1745 in Scotland and England when the Jacobities made their second and final attempt to put the Catholic Stuarts back on the throne of England.

The film was well presented, and the battle scenes was served better by the absence of color. It's one thing to read that the Jacobities of 1745, and the English did battle at Culloden, it's quite another to observe that battle. One simply doesn't link the atrocities of war with the simple line: "at Culloden the Scots and English met in battle." I think the awful fact of actual brutality in those times was well presented.

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**The Dove--A Good Movie**

For all of you turkeys out there who think that a new movie named "The Dove", is just another rewritten version of "Love Story" or "Romeo and Juliet", Uncle Dwayne is here to enlighten you. Fear not though, for you are not alone in your way of thinking. Kid Flash here also thought that it wasn't going to be more than a half-baked attempt to warm the cockles of my heart, make me cry in my beer, and make various other effects happen to my body. As the Mormon Tabernacle Choir breaks into a round of the "Hallelujah Chorus", the kid admits that he was wrong! Quick, a hundred lashes with the sound-track from "The Way We Were" for me! The show was not only above my expectations, but it far surpassed them.

One can't possibly blame me for possessing these doubts, though.

My case for the defense is as follows:

1) No Big Name Stars. This in itself is enough reason to stay home and watch "Wall Street Week" on channel 8, right? With big name stars playing the same type role in all of their movies, you know what to expect. With a lot of unknowns, you don't. One point for our side.

2) No Publicity. Going into a movie knowing nothing about it is like going into a war unarmed, you've got nothing to defend yourself with. The only good point is that you don't know what to expect, so you can't be disappointed.

3) This last fact isn't revealed to anyone until once in the theatre and firmly strapped into the seat. Ready? Maestro, a drum roll, please. The Dove was produced by the Dove-ish "army" so unbelievably unkempt and dirty, the non-color made this even more evident, and the very brutality of the battle scenes was served better by the absence of color. It's one thing to read that the Jacobities of 1745, and the English did battle at Culloden, it's quite another to observe that battle. One simply doesn't link the atrocities of war with the simple line: "at Culloden the Scots and English met in battle." I think the awful fact of actual brutality in those times was well presented. The movie was physically exhausting, besides being almost too factual in places, particularly the scene where the wounded men, lying in a pile of wounded and dead bodies, continued to twitch and jerk. But aside from the actual battle, the movie proved informative; the only problem being the narrator's British accent, which made him somewhat difficult to understand. Prince Charles Edward Stuart (Bonnie Prince Charlie) came across as a very weak figure in all respects, from his physical makeup to his mental capacities. The film's portrayal of this crusty, romantic figure made me wonder how this "pompous ass" ever got the Highland Scots behind him in the first place. They had to have overlooked a lot in their Catholic seal.

One important piece of information was overlooked, and this was the Oath of Culloden which the Highland Scots (those who managed to survive) were forced to swear, and I was a little disappointed for this oath was the basis for the North American Scots' Allegiance and loyalty to the Crown during America's Revolution. All in all, I think this was a good film, definitely anti-war in content and making its point well. I can well understand why it won an award.

**Take A Bath With A Friend**

(NEW) If there is to be a need to replace "streaking" as the campus pastime for 1975, it just might be communal bathing. Already, group baths are becoming an integral part of after-class life for some students at the University of California at Berkeley.

Following a hard day of classes, student neighbors here now take to big backyard tubs to sip wine, exchange tales of the day's woes, read poetry, and soak their troubles away.

One participant, Jennifer Bayless, says, "It's not really sexual. It's a mental and physical bond experience, a social activity. I've taken baths alone and with other people, and I definitely prefer bathing with others." Students desiring information as to how to build or buy a hot-tub can contact Clive Scullion at 2222½ Parker Street, Berkeley, Calif. 94704.
College of the Mainland has from student participation in the community. Unfortunately, traditional means of participation such as voting to accept or reject this constitution will be held soon.

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II. Structure and Name
III. Officers Duties
IV. Decision Making Process
V. Student Bill of Rights
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VII. Adoption and Amendment

PROCEDURE

ARTICLE I. Rationale
The community college student, who is often a commuting student, has some unique developmental tasks. He is, in most instances, more closely tied to his community, his family, and his past than the conventional student. He therefore finds it more difficult to be open to developmental experiences and to establish a sense of connectedness with the total structure of the college than does the resident student who is able to separate himself from the community of his past and form new primary relationships, within living groups and social groups on the campus. This situation then indicates the primary needs of community college students in the dimension of a campus life. The community college student has little need for control—there is often enough of this in his existence at home and in the community. He does need the feeling of having a group which is his own, the college, some structure or organization. Involved with this belongingness are the developmental tasks which may be accomplished in a structure which offers it: the opportunity to express opinions and be heard, the worth of opinions realistically reflected; the opportunity to participate in the decision making processes of the institution and see the production of worthwhile results; the means of establishing relationships within a group; the opportunity to achieve a purpose with other members of the scholarly community.

The basis of the institution from student participation in policy and decisions must be profit from student input just as students benefit from interaction with their peers. The community college has always ascribed to this philosophy. Unfortunately, traditional forms of student government tend to set up barriers both to student involvement and to the interchange of ideas. The annual breakdown of the traditional student government at College of the Mainland has brought to a halt student input by standard structured means. It is for this reason that a new vehicle be created whereby student involvement is made as accessible as possible, and

More Basketball Hassles

By MATTHEW COOPER

Comet Sports Editor

President Taylor recently submitted a proposal to the Board of Trustees that would do away with intercollegiate basketball at COM. The proposal, which caused concern from many sides was ultimately defeated.

Moves to reorganize the athletic department under the Office of Continuing Education and to discontinue the scholarship program were also included in the proposal.

Taylor said in an interview April 4, that one of the main factors in the decision to discontinue the basketball team is that the Gulf Coast Conference has dropped its basketball program. According to Taylor, "What this institution is interested in is more participation for the dollar."

He cited that there was only 875 people in attendance at all the basketball home games put together. He added that the concept of athletics at COM is participation. "We're concerned with what is best for the goals of the institution, not for a certain group," Taylor said.

On the reorganization of the Athletic department, Taylor commented that the proposal is not to do away with the department. "Over 90 percent of the action over there is of a continuing education nature," Taylor said. In order to make the program more efficient and to retain the full compliment of physical education instructors the move is definitely needed, according to Taylor.

The athletic scholarship program will have to be discontinued simply because the college does not have the money. The money could be raised through raising the bookstore prices, like many other schools, but Taylor said this would only be beneficial a few students.

At this time Taylor has no plans to reintroduce the proposal, but this does not discount the possibility that one of the other trustees will.

Dan Traville, chairman of the athletic department, declined to comment on the proposal.
Opinions

Vietnam—AWASTE
By PAUL RAY HENDRICH
Guest Editorialist
"Da Nang has fallen to the Communists at last. Those were the words of a senior official of the South Vietnamese government. After reading and seeing this in the newpaper, I was left with a feeling of sadness for the South Vietnamese, but more important, sadness for the American lives that should never have been lost in an undeclared war. I myself have served in Viet Nam, before, during, and after the war. I was afraid against American involvement in the Vietnamese Civil War. As one who was there and came back with no wounds or injuries, I can only consider myself lucky but at the same time also have feelings of guilt for myself and other Americans who took part in someone else's war. There was no way I could have asked for an American victory in Viet Nam and now all hope for a South Vietnam victory is lost. South Viet Nam will likely fall completely to the Communists.

Whether they become Communists, capitalists, or anything else, a country of any concern to the American people. The loss of 55,000 American lives was a terrible price to pay for a war we never won or ever won enough to make it worth while.

To continue to support Viet Nam and Cambodia would only make a mistake that should have been corrected long ago. For now let's hope the American politicians will be more concerned about America's problems and devote their full attention to America."

Opinions On Economics
By RAY DOBINS
Comet Staff
The past ten years has been a confusing period for the economists of this country. It's been a time of great economic change, but because the economists have been so caught up with the problems of the nation's economy and the problems of the world trade, it is a time when, it is often said, the economist has been too busy to think about the major issues of the nation. In all respects, however, an economist will at all times be an economist and as such he must be concerned with the major issues of the nation and the world trade. Today, there is a gloom that has set in on the minds of the economists of this country. They have no answer to the inflation-recession. It has never been better for the economist than this country. There are no history books to go to, They're like a bunch of attorneys without a law library. Lost in confusion.

Our top economists today are running the country and running it as well as they can. So. The men, in their 50's and 60's are the ones who were hit by the Great Depression. They are the men who are being hit by the inflation-recession of today. They don't have the answer to the inflation-recession. It has never been better for the economist than this country. There are no history books to go to, They're like a bunch of attorneys without a law library. Lost in confusion.

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"King of Hearts"

By PAUL RAY HEINRICH
Critic At Large

Facing the prospect of another boring day during our Easter holidays, I decided to go to a movie. There was nothing going on, I found myself going to the ancient Broadway Theatre in Galveston viewing a 1966 French film by the title of King of Hearts.

King of Hearts is set in a small village in Northern France in 1918 near the end of World War I. The retreating Germans have planted a large bomb triggered to destroy the town. The Germans have planted a large bomb to destroy the town, but the Germans kill him before he can tell the British where it is.

Plumpick, a lovable and intelligent man, John Duns Scotus. A conservative, he is so engrossed in his military duties, that he did not notice the town's citizens and their King of Hearts.

The comedy and sadness of these patients and their King are very well balanced. Upon Plumpick's successful dismantling of the bomb and the return to the asylum, the people that make wars are the insane ones. The movie ends on a happy note as Pvt. Plumpick leaves the army and his past "normal life" and goes to live with his friends in the asylum.

College of the Mainland's Liaison Committee on Mexican-American Affairs and the leadership of the Mexican-American community recently met to discuss approaches to be used in encouraging Mexican-Americans to utilize the college's resources.

dissemination of financial aid information; and (4) the possibility of employing a bilingual counselor.

By RAY DORYNS

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Office of Student Services, Room 225

The conference, to be held in the auditorium of the Technical-Vocational Building, will be divided into three seminars an attendance at the most convenient time. The first seminar will be held from 12:30 to 2:00 p.m.; the second, 2:00 to 3:30 p.m.; and the third, 3:30 to 5:00 p.m.

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Students who took English 132 in the fall who have creative writing would like to submit this spring's literary magazine should submit work to Mrs. Pepper in Faculty Office of the LRC. All work must be submitted by April 20.

The word dance comes from the name of a highly learned and intelligent man, John Duns Scotus. A conservative, his followers, who became known as Dunsitans or Dunsitans, persisted so long in their blind opposition to change of any kind they came in time to be considered pretty dull.
Do You Canoe?
Faculty, students, and staff members will compete in a series of canoe races to be held on College of the Mainland's Lake Galaxy Park. Wednesdays, April 23 at 12:30 to 2:00 p.m. The Student Center Programs Council is sponsoring the event, which will feature a Gunwale Race, Sink-the-Canoe Race and Kangaroo Race.

Anyone interested in forming a team may sign up in Mrs. Karen Atkinson's office in the College Center. Entry fee of $2.00 for April 23 and $4.00 for April 29. Proceeds will be awarded and the grand prize is invited to come and cheer the teams.

Racquetball is scheduled from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Thursday, April 30. Prizes will be awarded to the winners.

New Music Fest In League City
Change the date on your calendar to April 5 and 6 to May 10 and 11, 1975.

The Bicentennial Music Festival has joined forces to bring everyone two days of extraordinary entertainment. The Bicentennial-League City Lions Village Fair and the City Lions Village Fair and the May 10 and 11, 1975.

The following is a list of rules to govern the campaign:

a. No candidate for any position is to be removed from all qualifications set down by the Constitution and By-Laws of the Student Association.

b. The Elections Commission, appointed by the president, shall hold a student body assembly before elections for the presentation of candidates, each with each having an equal, amount of time allocated for a campaign address.

c. No candidate may begin his campaign until after the time for defense or casting the ballot.

d. No person shall campaign within 30 feet of the polling areas.

e. No poster or advertising may be displayed forty-eight (48) hours after the election.

The campaign literature is to be displayed on the campus of College of the Mainland only. No other campaign literature put out by the candidates in their campaign must comply with requirements set up by the student body and of the Board of Trustees.

ARTICLE VII. Adoption of and Amendment Procedure Section 1. This constitution shall be presented to the student body in the fall of any given academic year. A majority vote of the student body or a majority vote of the Executive Council shall be valid as a part of this constitution when ratified by a two thirds majority of the student electors voting in a special election called for that purpose. The same procedure shall apply to the adoption of a new constitution.

Section 2. Amendments to this constitution may be proposed by a vote of a majority of the student body or by a majority vote of the Executive Council and shall be valid as a part of this constitution when ratified by a two thirds majority of the student electors voting in a special election called for that purpose. The same procedure shall apply to the adoption of a new constitution.

Section 3. This constitution shall have been ratified when approved by a majority of the students voting in a special election for this purpose.

"Women are just like good horses. You bring them out of parking lots, and you need them, and put them back when you are through."

John Owens, com student

Bookstore Briefs
Now until May 9, those of you who have high hopes of graduating should go to the Bookstore and get your cap and gown measured for your cap and gown. By the way, graduation exercises will be May 30.

Section 1. "Book Buy-Backs" start May 12 and go to May 30.
STAR SPANGLED GIRL

College of the Mainland's new production, is a Simon view of love and politics in the turbulent years of the late sixties. The play opens May 2 and continues on May 3, 9, 10, 16 and 17.

The plot involves two men who attempt to publish an "underground" magazine in their apartment and the whole some "girl next door" who attempts to undermine their publishing venture because she considers it "un-American."

The two young men, Andy and Norman, are played by Steve Forgus and Paul Williamson; the role of Sophie, by Pepper Smith, with Sally Harrell as the understudy.

Forgus, an employee of American National Insurance Co., has appeared in COM's TAMING OF THE SHREW, CHRISTMAS CAROL, and A MAN FOR ALL SEASONS. Williamson, a biology teacher at La Marque High School, where she played the role of Daisy Mae in L'il Abner. Admission for all performances is $2.00 for adults; $1.00 for students, senior citizens and all patrons of the College of the Mainland Foundation.

For reservations, please call 938-1211, Ext. 227.

-blood from the French.

HUMAN ANIMAL MATERIALS

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Eckert Award To Be Given

100 words or less, outlining the reasons for the nomination. Deadlines for entries is Monday, April 28, with the award to be presented at graduation exercises on May 25. The recipient's name will be engraved on a bronze plaque which hangs in the Board Room.

Some of the criteria to be used in determining the winner are: (1) Involvement in activities that promote "Humanhood through Brotherhood," (2) Active interest and activity 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 the Citizens' Advisory Council, College of the Mainland, Tex's Tower 77590 or brought to the Student Personnel Services Office. The final selection will be made by the Citizens Advisory Council.

An old-timer is a fellow who still bays a family magazine in which to carry one of these no-no publications.

A two-day program of festivities to celebrate Cinco de Mayo is now being planned by College of the Mainland and four Mexican-American groups in the Texas City-La Marque area (Club Latino, Familian Unidos, LULACS and the College of the Mainland Alumni). The opening event will be a dance on Saturday, May 3 in the Texas City-La Marque Nessler Civic Center from 9:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. with proceeds to go to a special scholarship fund for Mexican-American students at COM. On Sunday, March 4, the celebration will be held on the COM campus, with the Learning Resources Center serving as the focal point. Beginning at 1:00 p.m. and continuing through 6:00 p.m., the program will include mariachi music, a wide variety of Mexican food, folkloric dancing and poetry readings. A museum of Mexican art and history will be held in the Learning Resources Center at 2:00 to 6:00 p.m., featuring rare coin collections, authentic Aztec artifacts, and original historical documents of the Mexican Revolution.

A highlight of the celebration will be an exhibit of the work of 11 Mexican-American artists to be held in the Gallery of the Fine Arts Building at 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. The artists, all members of the Con Safo, Pin tores de Chicanos de San Antonio, are established artists and art educators in the San Antonio area. The general public is welcome.

To attend the festival, which commemorates Mexico's struggle in the 1860's to gain its freedom from the French.

OFFICIAL STAR SPANGLED GIRL

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The plot involves two men who attempt to publish an "underground" magazine in their apartment and the wholesome "girl next door" who attempts to undermine their publishing venture because she considers it "un-American."

The two young men, Andy and Norman, are played by Steve Forgus and Paul Williamson; the role of Sophie, by Pepper Smith, with Sally Harrell as the understudy.

Forgus, an employee of American National Insurance Co., has appeared in COM's TAMING OF THE SHREW, CHRISTMAS CAROL, and A MAN FOR ALL SEASONS. Williamson, a biology teacher at La Marque High School, where she played the role of Daisy Mae in L'il Abner. Admission for all performances is $2.00 for adults; $1.00 for students, senior citizens and all patrons of the College of the Mainland Foundation.

For reservations, please call 938-1211, Ext. 227.

-blood from the French.
Opinion

Third Party Slate

By RAY DOBYNS
Comet Staff

President Ford has been in office since August. In less than a year he has proved to be the most nothing President this country has ever seen. Sure he likes his job; what man would not like to spend his time at parties and never have to make a decision?

Congress has never been worse. Why they even exist this year is hard to reason. Do nothing, also! They should just vote themselves a raise and go on home.

Ford asks not for a honeymoon but rather a marriage with Congress. The perfect comparison with this is that of Jack and the late Al Onassis. Which of those two is Ford and which is Congress would be hard to tell. They're all well fish. This also holds true for both the Democratic and the Republican dogs.

I'm going to advocate a third party. This party is not going to be dominated by politicians, but by cartoonist. It is almost for certain that Al Capp and Walt Disney would have been completely in favor of the following for political office.

Mouse who is everybody's favorite. Vice President of course, would be Mickey Mouse who is everybody's favorite. Vice President would be Donald Duck. All he have to do is press the Senate and no one can understand him anyway.

There are several offices to be appointed and I believe this would be the following recommendations: Sec. of State: Charlie Brown. Sec. of Defense: Popeye. Sec. of Transportation: Road Runner. Sec. of Treasury: Daddy Warbucks. Sec. of Agriculture: Bugs Bunny. Press Secretary: Woody Woodpecker (ha-Ha, Ha-Ha)

C.I.A. Chief: Daffy Duck. F.B.I. Chief: Snoopy. Sec. of Education: Popeye. H.E.W. Head: Ll Abner. Chief Justice: Beetle Bailey. O.K., so now we have a third party ticket. This is just as good as being a member of the Third World Powers. We can tell the present Congress and the one term President what to do.

Looking in the future, there is one thing that scares me. Sure as hell, the Gallup Poll will come out with their poll. Results: Democrats—33 percent, Republicans—33 percent, Thirty Party 33 percent, Undecided—1 percent. Oh, well, in the long run does it really make any difference how that 1 percent vote?

I'm proud to be an American. I'm proud as I can be, But I wish I was a "doggie" And Ford he was a tree.

Contry to popular belief Colonel James Bowie did not invent the bowie knife. His brother Rezin Pleasant Bowie did.

Comet Gets Results

Chicano Art Exhibited

Vibrant, powerful, compelling is the word for the artistic exhibits that can be applied to the paintings of 11 talented Chicano artists on exhibit at the University of the Americas, Mexico City and a B.A. from Texas Western College. He is book reviewer for CHOICE MAGAZINE, a publication of the Association of College and Research Libraries and has exhibited internationally. Conas will be teaching at Casa Mexicana in Oaxaco, Mexico this summer.

LUCAS HINOJOZA graduated Cum Laude from Texas A&M as a Distinguished Art Student, receiving both his B.S. and M.S. degrees from that institution. He has won a second place prize from the Texas A&M University Art Association and has exhibited at Dos Caminos Art Gallery in Kingsville, Dav Patos Gallery in Corpus Christi, and Estudios Rio in Mission.

JOE FRANK ACOSTA was born in McAllen and attended San Antonio Junior College. His paintings have been exhibited at the Mexican-American Culture Center and St. Mary's University.

HENRY A. MARTINEZ attended San Antonio College on a two-year academic scholarship. He had worked as an art director and instructor in the junior college, having received several national symposiums on Mexican-American art, as well as contributed to several documentary and panel discussion.

MELESMO CASAS, an Associate Professor of Art at San Antonio College, received a Masters of Fine Arts degree from the University of the Americas, Mexico City and a B.A. from Texas Western College. He is book reviewer for CHOICE MAGAZINE, a publication of the Association of College and Research Libraries and has exhibited internationally. Conas will be teaching at Casa Mexicana in Oaxaco, Mexico this summer.

Three Chicano artists on exhibit at the Witte Museum, McNay Art Institute, UT (Austin) and University of Oklahoma (Museum of Fine Art) received an "outstanding Teacher Award" (including 32 counties in District 5) and he has participated in several national symposiums on Mexican-American art, as well as contributed to several documentary and panel discussion.

A unique Summer Honors Program for high school juniors of superior academic ability and achievement will be offered at College of the Mainland June 2 through July 9.

The enrichment program will feature two classes, a group encounter, speed reading, library skills, field trips, recreation and stimulating informal conversation. Six hours of college credit will be awarded for high school graduation and admission to any accredited college or university. Tuition and fees are $289.

Participants will be limited to 25, all of whom must have junior standing at Dickinson, Huchcoch, La Marque, Santa Fe or Texas City High School, an academic average of at least 88 and the recommendation of the high school principal as well as parent or guardian.

The program will include the following two courses: Human Development 132, a seminar course which will focus on personal growth objectives, reading improvement and library skills; and Humanities 331, which will profile three civilizations as viewed through their art, music, customs, religion and literature. The countries will be China, Greece and Japan.

In addition to the two classes, the group will meet daily for an informal lunch and conversation with a new personality each day. Topics of discussion will include such topics as politics, current affairs and other subjects selected by the students. Every Friday, the group will take a field trip to places of pertinent interest.

Interested persons must apply before May 1st to: George E. Thomas, Associate Dean for Academic Programs, College of the Mainland, Texas City 77590. All candidates will be notified of acceptance or non-acceptance by May 15 and participants will register under the college Concurrent Enrollment policy on June 2 for two credit courses.

For further information about this program please call 938-1211, Ext. 222.

Linenseed oil is used in the manufacture of putty.

GRAPHIC PRINTS SET THIS SUMMER'S STYLE

Tropic-color stripes and bullseye circles make up Robby Len's bikini and two-piece with cover-up, shown in the Dutch Caribbean island of Bonaire.
Fifteen Thousand Use
COM Recreation Facilities

Approximately 15,000 residents, ranging in age from eight to 80, use the recreational facilities of College of the Mainland recently, it was pointed out by Dr. Fred A. Taylor, President of College of the Mainland in a recent report to the Board of Trustees.

The need for facilities of College of the Mainland during the year, it was pointed out by Dr. Fred A. Taylor, President of College of the Mainland during the year, was noted that in the coming year, women's athletic programs and expenditures will be set up on an equal basis with men, which is a new policy, but is a legal requirement for all educational institutions.

As a result of the above data, Dr. Taylor recommended that basketball be discontinued on an intercollegiate basis, but retained as an extramural sport. At the same time, he recommended that the Division of Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Athletics be reorganized for a more streamlined operation, placing it under the supervision of the Division of Continuing Education and Community Services, with credit courses in P.E. remaining intact under the same qualified instructors.

"There's no one who feels more strongly than I that Physical Education activities are an integral part of education," declared Dr. Taylor. "My recommendations would bring about greater usage of our facilities by the taxpayer, rather than concentrating our attention too closely on that resource to be used by the TOTAL community rather than our institution for an athletic program which would involve a limited number of participants."

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The problem of receiving satellite television signals from the university has been tackled by men and women at Matcorola who have the skill and imagination to devise a unique solution. The new receivers eliminate the need for a large, expensive "dish type" antenna normally required as an input component of the motion of the vessel in the elevation of pointing the antennae directly at the satellite to receive signals from it.

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Nine Ball Corner Pocket Looks at Horseshoes

BY RAY DORBYS
Comet Staff Writer

The old game of horseshoes was a favorite of thousands upon thousands at one time. It's not heard of much anymore unless one is from the mountain regions of Tennessee, Kentucky, Virginia, West Virginia or the Texas City Sun. It's a game that should come back because of the trend is growing—but just because. Nine Ball is a fun game, but two games this printing, but rather publish some more stories on Nine Ball.

If it starts growing—then we'll have fun. Everyone has at one time or the other either played horseshoes or watched the game played. To our friends at the picnic at Carbide Park.

The pitcher must stand inside the stake so it leans. The pitchers box is a 6 ft. square. Your stake is 2 ft. high. The goal to shoot for would be to get a picture of the pitch. If you throw in the right way, it can get "sun" practice.

You get it wet. (Do you fellows know how to score in an plan.) We'll have fun. To our friends at the picnic at Carbide Park. Everyone has at one time or the other either played horseshoes or watched the game played.

The only place in the world where a cow is used is at the Canoe Races held last week in Eckhart Lake. Over 40 students and faculty participated in the one-and-a-half-mile race, which was carefully publicized as one of the finest intramural events of this semester. The only place in the world where a cow is used is at the Canoe Races held last week in Eckhart Lake. Over 40 students and faculty participated in the one-and-a-half-mile race, which was carefully publicized as one of the finest intramural events of this semester. The only place in the world where a cow is used is at the Canoe Races held last week in Eckhart Lake. Over 40 students and faculty participated in the one-and-a-half-mile race, which was carefully publicized as one of the finest intramural events of this semester. The only place in the world where a cow is used is at the Canoe Races held last week in Eckhart Lake. Over 40 students and faculty participated in the one-and-a-half-mile race, which was carefully publicized as one of the finest intramural events of this semester. The only place in the world where a cow is used is at the Canoe Races held last week in Eckhart Lake. Over 40 students and faculty participated in the one-and-a-half-mile race, which was carefully publicized as one of the finest intramural events of this semester. The only place in the world where a cow is used is at the Canoe Races held last week in Eckhart Lake. Over 40 students and faculty participated in the one-and-a-half-mile race, which was carefully publicized as one of the finest intramural events of this semester. The only place in the world where a cow is used is at the Canoe Races held last week in Eckhart Lake. Over 40 students and faculty participated in the one-and-a-half-mile race, which was carefully publicized as one of the finest intramural events of this semester. The only place in the world where a cow is used is at the Canoe Races held last week in Eckhart Lake. Over 40 students and faculty participated in the one-and-a-half-mile race, which was carefully publicized as one of the finest intramural events of this semester. The only place in the world where a cow is used is at the Canoe Races held last week in Eckhart Lake. Over 40 students and faculty participated in the one-and-a-half-mile race, which was carefully publicized as one of the finest intramural events of this semester. The only place in the world where a cow is used is at the Canoe Races held last week in Eckhart Lake. Over 40 students and faculty participated in the one-and-a-half-mile race, which was carefully publicized as one of the finest intramural events of this semester.
Canoe Race
Photos By
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and
Joe
Gunlock Gives
One-Man Exhibit

When Walter B. Gunlock became involved with College of the Mainland's Senior Citizens' Program approximately a year ago, he never dreamed it would lead to a one-man exhibition of his drawings.

Even more surprising than the exhibit, which will be held April 25 through May 16 in COM's Administration Building, is the fact that Gunlock has had no previous art instruction. He merely picked up a felt-tip pen one day and applied it to an art pad.

Since then, his work has attracted the attention of faculty and students at COM, as well as a loyal following of physicians at John Sealy Hospital in Galveston where he has been hospitalized several times.

Gunlock's style of expression falls within the Folk Art tradition. As an untrained artist, his work is flat in perspective, with no horizon line or two point perspective. His drawings are usually marine or mountain scenes, ornamental in detail. In commenting on his work, Don Thornton, COM's art instructor and art-in-residence noted: "Overall, Mr. Gunlock's work expresses a personal observation of life, a vigor of response and a charm that is our "Paradise Lost.""

He added that the exhibition was arranged by Lillie Durham and Rosemary Brown two COM art students, as a special project in an Art Appreciation class.

"The students did a great deal of research on Folk Art before they even attempted the exhibit," he explained. They found that in folk art, there is no essential and realistic fall­funness to nature, but rather an interpretation of the subject, an element of free, creative representation. After their research, they concluded Mr. Gunlock's work was well within the Folk Art category.

The students made all the arrangements for the exhibit, matted the drawings, hung them and prepared the promotional printed material.

"The students did a great job and were delighted with the project," Thornton commented. "Also, we would like to offer special thanks to members of the Senior Citizens' Program and Mrs. Sadie Pool, the Program's Coordinator, for their support.

The general public is cordially invited to the exhibit which is open 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday and 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Friday.

"In This Corner,
Ivan Bright!"

By DWAYNE COLVIN

Comet Staff

How many times have you heard, "He's all muscles but no brain!" Ivan Bright, COM court-jester in residence, says that phrases is his only real pet peeve. He participates in the Army for two years, Ivan got his start in the Army, where he felt he was being treated like weight-lifting and has been a loyal following of physicians at COM's Administration Building, is the fact that Gunlock has had no previous art instruction. He merely picked up a felt-tip pen one day and applied it to an art pad.

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Three Win In Skill Contest

TEXAS CITY-Three stu­dents in College of the Mainland's Division of Business won second place in office skill competitions at the State Leadership Conference of the Office Education Association held recently at Baytown.

The winning students are: Nancy Hickey, Clerk Typist II contest; Tusi Hobbs, Data Processing-Programmer I and Wynetta Foster, Data Process­ing-Keypunch. Certificate winners were: Diane Palermo, Shorthand I and Denise Lin­comb, Clerk-Typist I.

The three students will go on to compete with the winners from 50 states at the National Leadership Conference to be held in Chicago, May 14 through May 16. More than 3,000 are expected to attend.

In United Nations At COM

More than a dozen foreign accents blend with friendly ease in College of the Mainland's English As a Second Language class, as students learn to improve their ability to com­municate in English.

The course is taught on an individual basis, using language tapes and other instructional tools, but the major emphasis is on group interaction.

"The group is remarkably compatible, considering its members have come from all over the world," commented Bill Spillar, Director of Adult Basic Education. "Many have become friends outside the classroom and have helped and encouraged each other in improving their conversational ability in English."

Spillar added that the class produced a cookbook as a class project, with everyone con­tributing a favorite recipe of their respective country. Some of the countries represented in the class include Belgium, France, Germany, Peru, Mexico, Italy, Spain, Columbia, Korea and China.

Skills in speaking and listen­ing are emphasized together with reading such essential items as labels, directions and highway signs. In addition, language used in vocational situations is stressed.

"Both the daytime and evening class is open to new students on a continuing basis," Spillar explained. "Anyone interested in joining the classes should either call me or come directly to the class and register at that time.

Classes are held on the second floor of the Learning Resources Center on Monday and Wednesday, 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 to 9:30 p.m. Interested persons may obtain additional information by calling 838-2521.

Gingiss Visits

TEXAS CITY-Guest lec­tures on topics ranging from the虢t to the East to the Spanish colonization of the New World are presented in discussion classes which are part of the Foreign Language program at the University of Houston, Texas City campus.

In the foreign language classes, students develop skills in listening comprehension, reading comprehension and speaking and pronunciation.

Gingiss also provides students the opportunity to conduct research and develop their conversational abilities with native speakers.

"The foreign language program is intended to provide students with an understanding of the history, culture and society of the countries they are studying," Gingiss said.

Through discussion and homework assignments, students are given an opportunity to develop skills in speaking and listening in the foreign language.

Gingiss has been a member of the foreign language faculty at the University of Houston, Texas City campus, for several years.

She Loves Her Job

By DWAYNE COLVIN

Comet Staff

How many people have noticed that when a person really enjoys his job, he seems to exude a certain glow that radiates throughout the entire class? If you should ever happen to be in the classroom with Jenny Steib's classes, you too would experience this feeling. Jenny seems to be the type of person that the students, as a whole, thoroughly enjoy her teaching. The way she presents her lessons to the students, her dress, her classroom presence, and especially her personality make her students enjoy her classes.

Jenny Steib was born in Michigan, and moved to Texas when she was seven years old. Her parents were married for 43 years when her father passed away in January at the age of 74. Jenny attended a small college in Texas, and graduated in 1970 with a B.A. in History. She continued her education by earning an M.Ed. in Guidance and Counseling at the University of Houston. Since her graduation, Jenny has taught at a number of schools, and now teaches at the University of Houston, Texas City.

Jenny's classes are very lively and stimulating, and she always manages to keep the students interested. Jenny's teaching methods are very different from those of other teachers. She always tries to make the students feel comfortable and at ease, and she always tries to make her classes as fun and interesting as possible.

Jenny's classroom is always well organized and tidy, and she always has a smile on her face. She always tries to make her students feel important, and she always takes the time to get to know her students.

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Handy's View Of Kissinger

Robert Handy is Director of General Education and Community Services at College of the Mainland. In that capacity he was the American Coordinator of Great Decisions, a national foreign policy study-discussion program. Handey holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Political Science and History, a Master of Arts degree in American Diplomatic History and has done post-graduate work in the Chinese language and American-East Asian Relations.

The room reeked with dignity. Dark suits, balding heads, gray hair, obesity and very large cigars. The seating was intimate, the ceiling low, the floor a semi-circle, a relaxed conversational setting yet one which was above all, dignified. The Secret Service men were not at all secret, their presence made obvious by what appeared at first glance, to be their bearing aids. You were, when you noticed, the only one without that signal that this was not a Bellefonte convention.

At the front of the room, four or five feet from the first row in the semi-circle, rested a single chair, a sunken one; beside it was a pitcher of water. On each side, a couch, obviously reserved for the most dignified of the group. The setting was at once auspicious yet warm. I felt little discomfort at being only six inches without a tie and in a casual suit.

Handy the setting I expected it, I lived it. Involved a select group of forty to fifty persons in a private, off-the-record meeting, sitting with man some say is the most powerful in the world today--The Mitter-nich of the twentieth century--Secretary of State Henry Kissinger.

As I sipped my coffee and ob-served the group, waiting of course for Dr. Kissinger to arrive (had I been an employee for such a person?), I was struck by the realization that, while impressive, this room was, I was not overawed. There was no question but that the group was made of unusual stature: Louie Welch, Ambassador such and such, State Department, who had heard speak, some with whom I had previously conversed, Congressman, oil magnates, lawyers, and bank presidents. Powerful men, but still men and with limited power as compared to that which millions of working people like myself might want. How could they ever pull together. But then I remembered. I had been in-vited to this! I had represented an educational program called Great Decisions which had not been a powerful informed, involved and pulling together to democ-ratize American foreign policy.

It then occurred to me that last year I attended the National Great Decisions Conference, several of us, in testifying before the Senate Relations Committee, had noted that, as I myself had stated, the American people appear to be expressing a desire for a system whereby the priorities and needs of the people are expressed to their elected representatives, can be com- municated to the foreign policy professionals who then formulate foreign policy in cooperation rather than in conflict with popular desires."It occurred to me further, that only a few weeks ago, my friend Henry Kissinger had appeared before that same committee and, for the first time in history, had asked those Senators to offer their advice on foreign policy—as a reflection of popular wishes as an addition to their traditional concern.

Was my presence here today, I thought, not further indication of the Secretary's willingness to put greater stock in the opinions of the American people? Was that why I was not overly awed too, because I simply assumed that my pres-ence there was most ap-propriate? Perhaps, but in light of all that had passed, we were not more like me. Maybe there were and I was the only one who had succeeded in have gone without a tie.

Ironically, the meeting was "off-the-record." Kissinger cannot write what Dr. Kissinger had to say (if that makes me a privileged few, I am embarrassed by it). I can, however, relay to you my impressions of the man and some general comments about our foreign policy.

Within the minutes of my arrival, I found myself doing a double-take at a group of about five or six people who had en-tered from my left. I did so because at first glance I did not realize they were accompanying the Secretary. He was less than ten feet from me and I failed to spot him because he was dwarfed by those around him. (Expression one: Henry Kissinger is far greater in stature than in life. I was sur-prised. My image was of a giant of a man. He is, of course, though not in physical size. As he moved toward the front of the room, greeted those with whom he was familiar and took his seat. Expression two: His stature, his image, his voice when he is sitting.

He has a tremendous speaking voice immediately: no speech, no formality. The first question lost the audience, too, very detailed and related to oil (what else?). Third impression: I should be home painting my house!

But as the conversation developed I became more and more realizing the first question was not set the pattern. It was supposed to be further inquiries it became very clear that Henry Kissinger was profound in knowledge and in genius, truly deserving the Metternichian comparisons which I believe he is entitled to. Yet he was very human as well.

Having considerable respect for the new approach to foreign policy formation, I could not be as audacious as Secretary McNamara himself (or can I call him John?) who sat next to the Secretary and addressed him as "Henry" when he expected that (from Tower). So, when I did muster up the courage to ask my first question I managed to say Mr. Secretary. Thank goodness I did not call him Mr. Ambassador as did the gentleman preceding me!

His response was clear and articulate but not quite salie. So, a few minutes later I raised the subject again.

"Sir, as a long-time supporter of the Kissinger approach to foreign policy formation (he smiled) that is, policy based upon a rational assessment of national political, military and economic interests rather than ideology (and was very, very brightly) I am distressed about... being a moral issue for you (the smile faded). Has my original impression of your approach been incorrect or is your policy on a... aberration?" (Deep frown, a few mem-bers of the group laugh, someone, I get very worried, Kissinger looks mad). Fourth impression: You should not get smart with the most powerful man in the world.

The frown, however, was mere a statement and the answer was detailed, very rational and quite acceptable. I remember saying to a friend if jokingly asked if I would the Secretary. I felt humble enough to believe I was not going to stomp Dr. Kissin-ger on any topics questions. impression five: You will have a hard time stump Henry Kissinger but he isn't mind your trying.

I wish I could provide a word-by-word account of the session but do so might prevent another such opportunity. I am, on the other hand, conformer, as a result of this meeting. Our for-eign policy is, generally speaking, very rational and quite acceptable. I can understand why we don't read or hear it all but I am not willing to move in the opposite direction. I believe that in the area of foreign policy, the people must have a greater voice. To do so we must have a deep under-standing of the background and details of diplomatic

CO-OP HAS THREE APPROACHES

BY JOE HENSLEY

Coast Staff

Last semester a program started called CO-OP headed by Richard Potth. He started out with 10 students but now this program has blossomed to a total of 31 students and the CO-OP program has branched into three different divisions.

Richard Potth is the director and also heads the academic and technical part of CO-OP. Dorothy McNutt heads CO-OP's divisions of business dealing with secretaries and data processing. Bill Sowers runs the management and coordinates CO-OP's Mid-Management program.

CO-OP will be offered through both summer sessions. However only about 30 per semester will be able to take the course, so applications need to be made as soon as possible.

CO-OP now has three ap-proaches to meet the student's needs. First is the career related program. This consists of an internship with a job geared toward the student's career interest. One example of this is Florence Grwn who wanted to work with retarded and handicapped children. CO-OP found her a job with the Sunshine Training Center.

CO-OP is not job placement, but to apply course work in the off-campus environment giving students a chance to achieve personal career or academic goals. CO-OP does not guarantee paid employment. Richard Potth said that the faculty has been very supportive of the CO-OP program, and that he was very encouraged by the rapid growth and enthusiasm which has made the CO-OP program grow at its rapid rate.

TEXAS CITY--The Gulf Coast Swing Choir Festival, a musical "first" for Texas, will now become an annual event after a successful debut on April 13th under the sponsorship of La Marque High School and College of the Mainland. Swing choirs from the following high schools and colleges participated in the All-Day Festival: La Marque High School, La Porte High School, Denison High School, Ball High School, Flour Bluff High School, College of the Mainland, Galveston College, Lee College and Frank Phillips College.

One of the highlights of the evening was a special perfor-mance with the Montage Singers, the well-known singing group from Stephen F. Austin University. The director of that group, Darrell Holt, served as a consultant for the Festival offering a personalized critique to each participating choir.

"It was a good learning ex-perience for everyone involved in the Festival," commented Larry Stanley, Chairman of Coder's Humanities Division.

"Judging from the enthusiasm and commitment of the par-ticipants, I think the Festival has a tremendous potential for the years ahead.

Indian leaders say that the earth is placed on the back of a gigantic frog whose movements causes earthquakes.
FEDERAL INSURED STUDENT LOAN: Funds for this loan are based on need, academic standing, and willingness to repay. A student may receive a maximum of $2,500 for each academic year with a maximum total of $10,000. Same repayment periods as other loans.

MOODY LOAN FUND: The purpose of this loan is to provide financial assistance to any student needing assistance, an interest free loan. Monies in this fund are to be used for your tuition, books, and fees. A student may direct to you from atop the

FINANCING AID AND DAN DOYLE

By RAY DOBINS
Comet Staff Writer

In room number 150 at the Administration Building, one of the many singers have been in the public eye before, it's really clear to see them have to portray a part on the screen and do so a good job.

Some of the better jobs are done by Elton John (of all people) a great singer through as the Pinball Wizard. His majestic singing and his friendly smile at once characterized a student in a ruthless mood.

It is not always easy to catch a glimpse of Dan behind the mountain of papers lying on top his large desk, but one can always hear his standard greeting, "Hi, may I help you?"

Well, Dan is in charge of Financial Aid and located in the Administration Building, the College of the Mainland. He is the person to get to know and to communicate with if you need help.

Dan is a very dignified looking gentleman, wearing a pinball machine, "I can't affect him.

Roger Delroy is excellent as Tommy. Even though most of his acting is confined to a dull stare of the deaf, dumb and blind Tommy, when he is freed he portrays to the peak Tommy as the Messiah. His facial expressions especially when perched over the pinball machine are fantastic. His singing is probably what gives him the inspiration to do the marvelous job he does.

Miss Margaret is superb as Tommy's mother. She comes across as very human and sympathetic. The movie is real good, but it certainly deserves national attention on several accounts, especially for best musical score. It took six years and 10 million copies of the album to be sold before somehow making it to the screen but it was worth the wait.

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The set and cinematography are just unreal, the work is really well done. The movie runs a little over two hours. The entire show is a play on what is called quintessential sound, with some separation of different parts is very good.

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College of the Mainland will graduate 158 students in Commencement Exercises to be held May 20 in the Physical Education Building at 7:30 p.m. The general public is cordially invited to attend the College's seventh graduation ceremony. The keynote speaker will be Paul Teague, of Texas City, who has been closely associated with the college over an 11-year span. He was a member of the original steering committee which nurtured the college into existence and a member of the Board of Trustees from 1966 to 1975, serving as its President during the first two years. Teague resigned from CO's Board last week to accept an appointment by Governor Dolph Briscoe to the Coordinating Board, Texas College and University System. The 18-member board is the highest state authority in matters of public higher education.

Teague came to Texas City in 1958 to assume the duties of Business Manager of Local 347, National Union of Operating Engineers, a position he still holds. He graduated from Phillips High School (Bouyer, TX) and attended West Texas State University in Canyon. In 1966, he participated in the Harvard University Trade Union Program, a four-month seminar offered by Harvard's School of Business Administration.

The Commencement Program will begin with a Blessing of the Occasion by Rabbi Sarwood M. Slobod of Temple B'Nai Israel in Galveston. Dr. Fred A. Taylor, President, will offer the official welcome and introduce the platform guests, which will include members of the Board of Trustees and Charles T. Doyle, President of the College of the Mainland. Dr. Stanton C. Calvert, Dean of Student Personnel Services, will present the students' awards, while Edward Ross, past President of the Citizens Advisory Council, will present a bronze plaque to the second recipient of the newly-established H.K. "Griz" Eckert Award. Pastor J. Weldon Smith of Texas City Memorial Lutheran Church will offer the Benediction.

The 1975 graduating class is composed of 80 students who have earned a Diplomas, 21 who have earned an Associate in Applied Science Degree, and 56 who have earned a Diploma. The graduates are listed alphabetically under their respective communities, with their degrees and fields of specialization in parenthesis: ALTA LOMA: Buckley, Shelia Ruth (Diploma-Offset Printing); Laekey, Johnny Edward (AA); BACCHUS: McNaughton, Maureen A. (AAS-Nursing); Nurdin, Gerald Wayne (AAS-Aviation Technology); Reagan, Richard A. (AA); Willoughby, Ronnie Layne (AAS-Law Enforcement); ALVIN: Dotson, Benny Joe (AA); Villarreal, Loida Nolano (AAS-Sign Language); Musgrave, Gall Lynn (AA); DICKINSON: Barnett, Derrell Lee (AAS-Drafting and Design Technology); Biggs, George L. (AA); Brewer, Lilibelle Alice (AA); Devall, Bonnie (AAS-Nursing); (see Grads, Page 8)
The Non-Credit Vocational Division of College of the Mainland will be offering a new course, Medication Administration, for Nurses Aides currently employed in nursing homes. This 10-week course, to begin June 9th, is designed to implement HEW regulation 279.12 (a) (8) (vi) of 1974, by instructing non-licensed personnel employed in Health Occupations to administer medication knowledgeable in intermediate care facilities.

In order to register for the course, prospective students must successfully complete a reading and comprehension test administered by College of the Mainland and be interviewed by William L. Raley, Director of Non-Credit Vocational offerings at 938-1211, Ext. 278 or 279 or with Mrs. Ruthie Hebert, Director of the Nursing Division at 938-1211, Ext. 420. In addition, the prospective student must be at least 18 years of age, able to read, write and comprehend English, and currently employed in a nursing home facility as an aide.

The course will also be recommended for the course by the Administrator and Director of Nurses of the nursing home in which employed. (Prospective students must bring this in writing for registration purposes.) It is recommended that candidates for the course have completed at least the eighth grade of grammar school education.

In addition, prospective students must furnish references, demonstrate skill in taking vital signs (temperature, pulse, respiration, and blood pressure) and have a tuberculin skin test and a stool culture within the past twelve months. They must be free from contagious diseases and in suitable physical condition and health to administer medications safely.

The registration fee is $5.00, and after the above requirements are met, the prospective student may register for the course in the

'‘Drama Club Presents Summer Tree’' By Dwayne Colvin, Cosmic Staff

The COM Drama Club will present a summer musical, a three act play by Ron Cowen, on June 5, 6, and 7. The play follows a young man and his conflicts with society and its principles during the Vietnam conflict. Throughout the play, we see vivid examples of the young man’s ideals being threatened by his family, the Army, and the world around him.

Cliff Mabry, last seen as the attendant in "A Man For All Seasons," portrays the young man with Juanita Denson, of Lady Alice fame for a "Man For All Seasons," plays the young man’s mother.

Bill Low has been cast as the father in his first role in about 12 years. Ann Denson, a voluptuousenta Fe sophomore, in her first on-stage assignment, will be the young man’s mother.

Twelve year-old Leon Stenn is making his debut as the little boy. A student of William Colvin, he boy has been double-cast, but he has never had a name is known yet.

Dwayne Colvin, who played a Drama Water in "Hello Dolly" at Texas City High School, plays the part of the soldier.

Don Townsend, who last directed a one act adaptation of "Summer Tree," directs the play. Townsend is a student at College of the Mainland and is being advised by Bea Weberley.

Tryouts for the Mainland Community Theatre’s summer musical, "Man of La Mancha," will be held on times on June 9 and 10 at 7:30 p.m. in the Arena Theatre at College of the Mainland.

Jack Westin directs the play and requests all persons trying for singing roles to bring a vocal selection that they feel comfortable with. An accompanist will be provided.

Those interested in dancing parts should be prepared to dance for the try outs. One interpretive dancer (exotic etc.) is also needed for the play.

Admissions Office, Ad- ministration Bldg., at College of the Mainland beginning May 12. The class will be limited to 30 people, and will meet on Monday and Thursday nights from 5:20-7:50 p.m. in the Techno- vical Vocational Building, Room 316. The class will meet for a total of 10 hours.

For further information, please call 938-1211, Ext. 286.

OBLIVION

By Elaina Flores, Guest Writer

Without warning, for an answer, Mike entered Barbara’s house, excitedly grabbed her by the hand, and led her towards the cave that for many years had been their secret meeting place. Mike didn’t speak, knowing well that she would find out that was going on soon enough.

They reached the cave, and inside was one of Barbara’s biggest surprises. It was a mass of metal put together with nuts and bolts. After about a minute she was able to ask what it was

"It’s a robot," Mike answered without believing she hadn’t guessed already. Barbara could do nothing but stare at Mike and the robot.

"Does it work?" she asked.

"Of course it does, go on and ask it something." After thinking a bit she said, "Robort, bring me a chair" but it didn’t move.

"What do you mean?" she asked. "Oh, I forgot, its name is Sheldon!" "Sheldon! You’ve got to be kidding. I’m not, try it out now."

"OK, Sheldon, bring me that rug," she commanded. Sheldon whirred and purred, and clicked, then started moving forth the rug. They started laughing simultaneously.

"You’ve got to admit it’s a very goopy robot," she said.

"I know," said Mike, "but a dire good accomplishment for someone who can’t carry anything together." That entered my mind, just how 50 I thought the robot asked.

"Well, remember the three weeks I was missing?" "Who can forget? You had us all scared something had happened to you."

"Well, let me tell you. I felt like relaxing with a Grand Funk album, but Mom really gets bugged with if, so I came to the cave. It was playing our song when I heard the noise outside. I went to look, and was I surprised.

There stood Mr. Mercury himself! Man, I thought he was on some kind of far out trip! Well, he’s been in that mute, and wanted to talk to me; our secret concerning the robot that would stay ours. So I invited him in, and asked him about the wings, he said they had no use for it. Sheldon was at an earlier age, but were no longer necessary. If they didn’t move his mouth to speak, but I could still see him. He asked if I wanted to see more. Of course I said I did. He then gave me a huge book to read, and a bulletin board on which to put the book when finished. Someone else would then come and tell me what else to do. I started reading as if hypnotized, I couldn’t put it down until I finished.

I placed it on the bulletin board and waited. After three days, this huge ball of light appeared in the cave and took the book after giving me the materials I needed to build a robot, of which the book spoke. I followed instructions and here it is! SHELTON!"

As Mike concluded with his story, he started moving and clicking, and wheeled out the entrance. They ran after it to find many others coming out of every street in town; all heading towards central square. There about 200 were all together.

Once all the robots had gathered together, the earth quiet, not a sound anywhere. After a long time, a huge light appeared in the center of the square, it broke off into a number of pieces and each penetrated a robot. The robots then took on the personalities of the adults in town. Then they found out that all adults and animals had been killed by a form of radiation. The robots had been constructed for use of the human intelligence. Only children and teens had been left alive! Once adulthood was reached they would also leave their human bodies to become preserved intellectually with a robot, for an eternity to come.

Cheryl Willis Joins Faculty

Cheryl Willis, College of the Mainland’s new instructor in the Division of Business, is a Texas Tech graduate and is a member of Danforth Hospital (Danforth Hospital) who has traveled abroad before coming full circle.

Her family moved to Bay City soon after her birth, where her father was a manager of a Singer store. Shortly thereafter, both her parents decided to get their B.B.A. in business and the family packed up for Southwest Texas State University in San Marcos. In due course, the family returned to Bay City, where both of her father’s math and science at the high school and her mother became a guidance counselor.

It was Ms. Willis’ turn to journey four when she graduated from high school and entered Texas Christian University. After graduating with a B.B.A. in Office Administration, she came to Houston to gain some practical experience with Exxon as a technical secretary. From there, the Washington called and she spent a year and a half as a part of the nation’s capital as a legal secretary.

At this point she decided she would like to teach business courses so she returned to Texas and enrolled at Texas A&M University. In May 1974, she received her M.Ed. degree in Curriculum and Instruction, with a minor in Business. She taught at East Central High School in La Porte before joining the COM staff for the spring semester.

Ms. Willis could not be more delighted to be a part of COM.

“I am thrilled to be teaching in an institution of learning in an innovative approach to instruction,” she commented. “Before coming here, I never realized an institution actually existed which based its teaching approach on the students’ own knowledge of the first day of class exactly what is expected of them.”

She’s also pleased with the warm reception she has received when she arrived on campus.

“Everyone has been friendly and most helpful,” she declared. “And having a great deal along with the students.” Although Ms. Willis teaches both introductory and business classes, she still finds time to play bridge and golf.

“It’s very nice to be back in Texas City,” she declared, adding with a smile: “Only 21 years ago, they would have been working in Washington, I never dreamed I’d be returning.”
Cinco de Mayo

Photos by Dwayne
New Fad Arrives

By JOE HENSLEY
Comet Staff

Lately there has been quite a furore over all the South Vietnamese orphans and the many Americans eagerly adopting them. Every time one is adopted in a city or town and it is the first or only orphan, the child gets the front page. However there is a story lurking on the back pages of the paper:that of the many American orphans who are left without parents.

Why is it that because the child is from a different country or because it's like a toy, "something new", that people are flocking to get their share? Sure it's good to help them, but does it justify the neglecting of our own orphans who have had their own share of misery too? I think it's really a shame that the child gets the front page.

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Ben Franklin, pioneer American printer and journalist, not only had a nose for "something new", that people can grasp at, but he had a flair for putting his feelings into his work. It is this facet of him that has earned him the title of "the first or only orphan, the child gets the front page."

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Mariners, orphans and the many companions in 1718, The World Almanac reports. America's earliest tragedy, the ballad he wrote chronicling Boston light and five companions in 1718, The World Almanac reports.

FACT, from Page 7

Oliver Evans of Philadelphia, successful inventor of a self-propelled amphibious dredge in 1805, produced an underappreciated hint of modern transportation. Evans predicted, "The time will come when people will travel in stages moved by steam engines, from one city to another, almost as fast as birds fly, fifteen or twenty miles an hour." The World Almanac notes.

Little Dictators

By RAY DORVINS
Comet Staff

What is a dictator anyway? What is it like to be a dictator? Is it like to be a dictator? What is it like to be a dictator? What is it like to be a dictator? What is it like to be a dictator? What is it like to be a dictator?

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Painting on your wall? Do these guys ever get to Heaven or do they really care? Is it money or is it power? Can these fellows answer? Can the sheriff who lays the crooked speed traps or gives the illegal tickets sleep at night? I knew a District Attorney in Plaquemine Parish in Louisiana who made life or death decisions over his area. He was the dictator of the whole area. He died rich. Get a ticket in Iber Parish and the sheriff sets bail at $3,000. This sheriff is part owner of the bonding company. He's rich.

County Judges, Governors, Senators... how many do you know from your own home areas that can make a million bucks on a salary of $10,000 a year? Little dictators. Some go to jail. But is it any wonder that the people in high positions support dictators? They have been exposed to these people all their lives. If they didn't come from the small town influences, they came from the big city gangs.

How much is lying around in Swiss banks? If anybody went to war with Switzerland the whole world would be forced to react with vengeance. How much gold did that past President of South Vietnam steal and take with him to Formosa? It's going to cost this country hundreds of millions to take care of this people.

By RAY DORVINS
Comet Staff

I must say it is very refreshing to receive such frank replies to articles written in our "Mainland Comet." Since I cannot find Mr. Wennage's name in the Student Director, it must mean our circulation has increased to outside the campus. As for my unseating Walter Cronkite, I thank you for thinking I have such high ideals this early in a new career.

You write very well, Mr. Wennage, and it is always a pleasure to publish letters from people with a flair for writing what they think.

However, there is another side to this story. Adoption laws in the U.S. differ from state to state. Most are either too strict or inadequate. Most state laws make it very hard to adopt a child. It took my parents three years to get me and that was nineteen years ago. After that, I was with them nine months before I was legally theirs. Why is it so easy to get a Vietnamese orphan and so hard to get an American child? In some states, the severity of their adoption laws have caused baby selling operations to pop up. Some babies have been sold for as much as $25,000. The people who suffer most are the children. I just hope that those who don't get a Vietnamese orphan will be moved enough to endure the legalities of an American adoption.

Being adopted and knowing many other adopted children, I can't begin to tell you how much I share to be wanted and to have a place of my own. I know that I am glad that someone cared enough to wade through the red tape that the state of Texas throws in front of loving people who want anything more than share some of the love they have with another.

Raving Ray

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Mexican American Art Exhibition

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-Henry Martinez

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HERE!
THE FOLLOWING IS THE INTELLIGENCE QUOTA OF THE AVERAGE JOURNALISM STUDENT
COM Golfers Win Fourth Place

By MATTHEW COOPER

COM Staff

The COM Golf team showed fourth in the C.G.C.L.C. golf tournament held May 6 at the Columbia Lakes Country Club. The team played with one player short and having enough players to make a full team has been a constant headache for Bill Spiller. "I think we had the most solid golfer (in low team) in Ray Leon," Spiller said. Least finished as second medalist in the tournament last year the COM golf team will have women players representing COM as well as men.

Many Summer Courses Offered

A broad range of credit courses in all divisions will be offered at College of the Mainland this summer. The college has two summer sessions, June 3 through July 9 and July 11 through August 12. Applications for the first session are now being accepted for registration on June 2. The Administration building is open from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Friday. All courses offered include Accounting, Art, Basic Design and Sculpture, Biology, Chemistry, English, History, Math (Algebra to Calculus), Political Science, Sociology and Typing. All courses in the Academic Program are transferable for credit.

"Our summer sessions should be of particular interest to grades 11 and 12 because the students who are planning to go to college this fall," commented George Thomas, Associate Dean for Academic Programs. "Whatever major they choose, the credits will count toward a degree at most colleges.

Our summer sessions are a fine opportunity for those who wish to get a head start on their college education," Thomas observed adding that courses taken at COM are transferable to all institutions in Texas. "College of the Mainland has prided itself on carefully planned courses, a highly qualified faculty and an individual approach to instruction," Thomas noted. "A student can lay a very solid foundation by beginning college under these circumstances—wherever he goes after the summer on our campus."

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COM Teachers Are State Racquetball Champs

Dan Travaille, Chairman of the College of the Mainland's Division of Health and Physical Education and Suzanne Storey, instructor in the Division, emerged as Texas State Champions in the state-wide Racquetball Tournament recently held in San Antonio. Travaille beat 55 entries in the Men's C Division, winning five matches, to acquire his title. Ms. Storey beat 10 entries in three matches to claim her championship.

The tournament, which was sponsored by the Racquetball and Handball Club of San Antonio and the International Racquetball Association, drew more than 200 players from all over the state. Other COM participants included Bill Montague, Instructional Assistant in the Division of Health and Physical Education, and Richard Poth, Director of Cooperative Education.

Nine-Ball Vs. Bingo

Sitting around watching a bingo game can really make a person wonder. All these different games people play with such dramatic feelings. The last printing of "Nine-Ball" compared our game of pool with golf. Bingo playing nuts are just as bad—not just as bad—ten times as bad. If you have never been to a bingo game, you should. Usually you spend $2.50 and they give you three cards. The markers are free.

Spend 25 cents on a pool table and you get 15 balls plus one. The chalk and "chaw" are free. Sit down with the bingo cards and bordonom sets in. "Und-e-r t-e-N-45." Boy, you start looking for B6. By the time you are halfway down the second card; "Und-e-r t-e-N-45. You're almost dead. Bang—the cue balls break. Your shot! Now you can show your staff. You shoot. One ball goes in. You shoot again. You miss, but that's o.k. Time for a glass of beer anyway. "Und-e-r t-e-N-45." What the devil was that second number he called? "Gosh, boy, you finally figured out that second number. You're lost for sure now. Gosh, look at them women playing. They are playing 10-12 cards each. No wonder they can't talk or have fun.

Now if you were the pool player, (you would have to be because the bingo player went for the sole reason his wife made him take her), and you went home, you would be in trouble. She is going to ask you where you have been. You are going to tell her with the boys playing pool. She is going to know how much it cost. You tell her $6. Boy, she gets mad. You ask her how was her night out? She is going to tell you in a very mean voice that she and the girls went out and played bingo. She will tell you they laughed, cut up and it certainly didn't cost much. She only played 12 cards.

Nine ball, corner pocket.
Paul Teague, a Trustee of College of the Mainland since its inception, has been appointed to the Coordinating Board of the Texas College and University System by Governor Dolph Briscoe, who called conferring the appointment last Wednesday. Teague, who is Business Manager of Local 32 B (International Union of Operating Engineers) of Dallas, will fill a vacancy in the 16-member Board created by the resignation of L.B. Meadows of Dallas whose term expires in September. If re-appointed at that time, Teague would serve for six years.

In accepting a position on the Coordinating Board, the highest state authority in matters of public higher education, Teague brings to an end a close involve­ment with College of the Mainland which spans 11 years. In 1964, he was a member of the initial Steering Committee which won public acceptance of the proposed college. A year later, he was appointed to COM's Board of Trustees and participated in the university's opening ceremonies in Spring of 1966 and the successful issue which followed in Fall. In March of 1966 the Board hired the first employees and College of the Mainland opened its doors in the fall of 1967. Last month, Teague completed a two-year term as President of the Board.

In discussing his new appointment, Teague readily admits that serving his official ties with College of the Mainland will be difficult. "I'm going through a very similar thing to what I imagine parents feel when their youngsters grow up and leave home. They've put a lot of care, nurturing and concern into them," he observed, "and when the close tie is severed, no matter how proud the parents are, there's a void left behind which only time can fill."

He quickly added that he is looking forward to the new challenge and is confident he'll be able to make a contribution. "My new assignment will be similar to what I have been doing here, only on a larger scale," he observed, "and that he would always have a special interest in community colleges and their development.

"I imagine I'll be doing a great deal of dynamic and learning at first, but I know I'll be able to find an area in which I can make a substantial input," he said.

The Coordinating Board is responsible for recommending statewide policies for higher education; approving new degree programs; recommending the establishment, discontinuance or uniting of public institutions; authorizing the creation of public junior college districts and adopting the standards for the operation of public junior colleges; supervising the administration of a variety of federally-supported higher education programs and administering the state's college student loan program.

In commenting on the future of College of the Mainland, Teague declared its potential was as great as he could envision.

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