

## Student Elections Draw Small Crowd

### Careers:

One of the most important decisions in your life is choosing a career. THE MAINLAND COMET will run a series of "Your Career Choice" in each edition. We hope these articles will be helpful in finding your career, and welcome your comments.

### Graffic Arts

Graphic Arts is offered at College of the Mainland as a one year degree program. There are four specific job areas: layout, platemaking, offset pressmen, and offset cameramen.

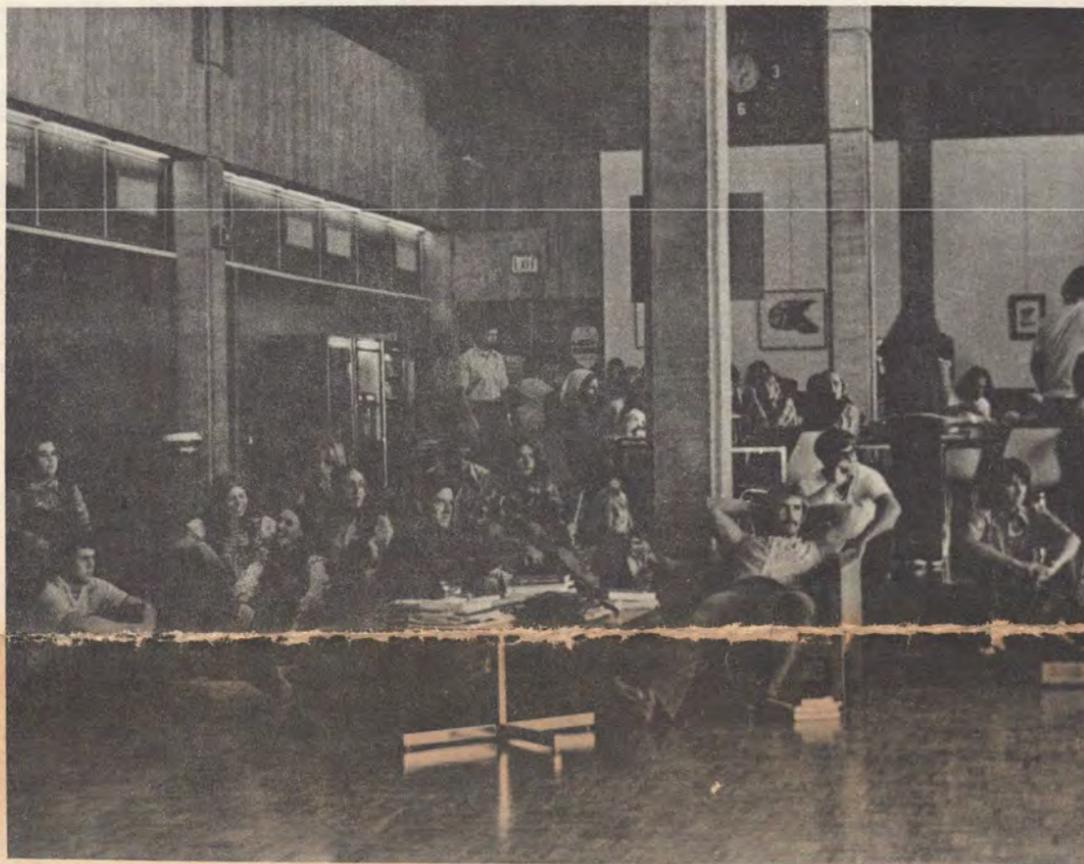
Will you fit in the Graphic Arts program? Yes, if you have any of the following background interests—accurate, slow typing, mechanical or artistic drawing skills, amateur photography, mechanical ability or neat work habits.

I spoke to several students in the Graphic Arts program and asked them for their comments. I asked Lou Coffey, "How do you feel about your Graphic Arts' classes?" Lou replied, "At first, I was confused but now I have a better understanding of what I'm supposed to do and I feel that I will be able to be creative in this course."

During the Graphic Arts year, many activities are planned. Technical representatives, servicers, and experts give guest lectures. The students go on two all-day field trips to Houston and Galveston visiting different places that employ Graphic Artists. Students in the final semester visit Houston for all-day training on some of the newest Graphic Arts equipment.

When the students are ready to be employed, Sandra Shoup, the Graphic Arts Instructor, and Althea Choates, Technical-Vocational Counselor, work together in preparing students for employment. Personal interview orientations are planned prior to actual interviews. Mock interviews take place between Ms. Choates and the student. Afterwards, the student is better prepared and more confident of his interview for a job.

After one year of the Graphic Arts program, a student can qualify himself for a variety of jobs. If interested in Graphic Arts, contact Sandra Shoup, Flo Slaney, or Althea Choates.



Students watch election rally.

### Teresa Caulk

### Brings in

### Most Votes

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

This year's freshman senators are Jerry Bloom, Teresa Caulk, Mike Davidaon, Louis Hunter, Tom Leonard, and Henry Westmoreland. Sophomore senators are Micheal Foxworth, Don "Shep" Sheperd, Sharon McKenna, Max Montegut, Kay Meyers and Scott Reynolds.

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 truned out to vote September 24.

It was a close race but the new cheerleaders are as follows: Teresa Caulk, Melissa Brister, Linda D'Ascenzo, Judy Carrier, Carol Boyd, and Beverly Pruitt.

The cheerleaders advisor will be Beverly Douglas from Continuing Education.

### New Look for Comet

The MAINLAND COMET will have a "new look" this fall. It will also have new publication dates: The first and fifteenth of each month. The only exception to these dates will be if they fall on a week-end. When this happens the following Monday will be publication date.

The deadline for articles to be turned in to the staff will be no later than one week prior to the publication date. There will be no exceptions except through approval of the Managing Editor.

Persons wishing to have photos taken for publication, please contact the News Editor, Ron Burleson, or the staff photographer, Bill Byous. Photo request forms are available at the MAINLAND COMET office, Room 218 of the Student Center.

Guest editorials and "Letters to the Editor" are welcome. These must be signed; no anonymous editorials or letters will be printed. Editorials may be submitted by either students, faculty, administrators, or anyone else involved at C.O.M.

The office phone is 938-1211, Ext. 323 or 324, or call Managing Editor, Donna Berend, at 948-8896, or News Editor, Ron Burleson, at 337-1675. Informa-

### Student Spotlight: Columbian Beauty



Miss Norma Garcia of Columbia is October "Spotlight" student.

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 songwriter and Claudia as her favorite singer. (Both are from South America.) Her favorite song is "The Night Chicago Died." Norma's ideal book is *Papillion* and she enjoys watching Donald Duck and horror films.

Norma has not 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.

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## Editorial

### Guest Editorial

## Vending Machine-itis

I have noticed that the vending machines in the Tech-Voc building are not the best in the world. They give out cold, rotten sandwiches which can cause some people to become ill, because they are so old. I, for one, became sick from one of these sandwiches.

The Coke machines take your money and then decide not to do anything. Sometimes they do do something—forget to drop the cup and then pour your Coke, or what-have-you, out. A friend of mine received a cup containing syrup and no carbonated drink.

I have just lately bought a cup of coffee from a machine, and found 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 candy 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 be done? Please speak out about the conditions which these machines are in, and give your views about them.

Glo Sutton

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

## Education Is

"Why would you want to go back to school now? You have a family, home, job, and plenty of outside activities to keep you busy. What do you need more education for?" This is a summary of the comments I received when I announced to my friends that I had registered at the College of the Mainland.

Indeed, why would a woman want to go back to school when her life seems to be "set" and her future planned? Let me answer that question with another: why does anyone go on to college? A person can get a job with just a high school diploma.

I first attended college, as many do, upon graduation from high school. For me, at that time, and for many, college was just an extension of the high school years. It's the finishing touches of an educational career that began with kindergarten.

For many others, college is a chance to "make it" in our society. It is a means to have a better opportunity in today's labor market. Some attend col-

lege because their parents had the dream that their children should receive the education they were unable to obtain for themselves. There are probably as many varied reasons for attending college as there are students in college.

Why am I here? At this point in my life, education is not just a means to an end. It is an experience of growing, opening the mind and clearing away the cobwebs of an isolated existence. Education is learning how to become involved in the world around me.

Perhaps the courses I take here will open up a new career or a new way of life to me. There may even be financial benefits for me in the future. But at the present these things are irrelevant. If I gain nothing more than a better understanding of myself and my brothers and sisters on this earth, then I will have reached my goal.

Where do your goals lie? It's really something to think about in the coming months at C.O.M.

Donna Berend

## 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 College of the Mainland. El Conjunto LATEX is an informal consortium of Louisiana and Texas community colleges sanctioned by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

Participating in the conference were faculty members from Laredo Junior College, Texas Southmost College, Delgado College, St. Phillips 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 commitment to a beginning," observed Ray V. Felger, 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."

## COM Enrollment Nears 2000

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 Dean for Academic Programs, pointed out that history and chemistry courses noted an increase of 25 percent, with biology, psychology, physics and chemistry not far behind.

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, such as Auto Technology and Welding, closed out early due to popular demand.

"Registration for Drafting 131 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.

In the Business Division, enrollment increases in Accounting, Economics, Business Law and Introduction to Business necessitated a last-minute switch to larger classrooms. All courses in the skills area, such as Typing, Office Procedures, and Data Processing, registered substantial enrollment increases.

In analyzing the enrollment figures, Gary Ferden, Director of Admissions, noted a decided increase in the number of evening students.

"In addition to an increase in the recent high school graduates, we've noticed a spurt in the number of students who hold full-time jobs during the day," Ferden observed. "These are both young people and older residents, who are taking courses to upgrade their livelihood skills, or for personal enrichment."

"We have many women who have raised their families and decide its 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 be coming an overriding 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 continuous enrollment, and interested persons should contact the Admissions Office for detailed information. The phone number is 938-1211, Ext. 264 (337-1631 in Dickinson and the Clear Lake Area.)

## COM Graduate Receives \$2000 Scholarship



Doris Benford, Jr. is \$2000 scholarship winner.

Doris Benford, Jr., a recent graduate of College of the Mainland, has recently been awarded a \$2,000 scholarship by Mission Support of Dallas, to be used for further study at Houston Baptist University, where Doris is now majoring in music and theology. Benford is the son of Rev. D.N. 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 Smeltzer, nationally-known pianist and artist-in-residence at the college. He also studied music theory with Larry Stanley, newly-appointed Chairman of the Division of Humanities.

While at C.O.M., Benford served as the piano accompanist for the Mainland Chorale and the C.O.M. Singers. He was the college's first participant in the Gulf Coast Junior Colleges Inter-

collegiate Conference.

"Doris was our first piano major when the music department was established," commented Mrs. Smeltzer. "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.

# Features

## Chatterbox:

**Q. If you could, what would you like to change at COM?**

**by Teresa Caulk**



**Bob Smith, Director of Student Life**

A. That the primary concern of all individuals making up the C.O.M. community be that of growth and development, both educational and social through sharing.



**Karen Atkinson, Program Advisor**

A. That the students at C.O.M. become more involved in all aspects of the college—program-wise, educational interests, and outside community projects.



**Charles Carraway, Student**

A. I find everything satisfactory but I do think student activities need to be improved.



**Mitch Roberts, Student**

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



**Liz Crum, Student**

A. I love everything about C.O.M. but I would like to see more trees.

## The Record Shop

### "E L & P"— Live

If you are one of those live album freaks, your dream has come true. If you dig on good heavy rock and live albums, your dream has really come true. "Welcome Back My Friends to the Show That Never Ends" by Ladies and Gentlemen Emerson, Lake, and Palmer puts it all together. An entire concert taped from their American tour.

If you have never bought an "E.L.&P." album, and want a conglomerate of their greatest works, this is the one to buy. It starts off with "Hoedown," then into some "Brain Salad Surgery" with "Jurusalem" and "Tocata" which included a drum solo by Carl Palmer on his jewel encrusted two ton stainless steel drum set. The English trio then trips into "Tarkus" followed by "Aquatarkus," in which Emmerson's moogs rip away almost making you check to see whether the record is warped or your tape deck is eating the tape. "E.L.&P." then really shows some of its talent with "Take a Pebble" which included "Still You Turn

Me On" and "Lucky Man" by Greg Lake on acoustic guitar. A medley of "Jeremy Bender" and "The Sheriff" follow the conclusion of "Take a Pebble."

Now "E.L.&P." take off into "Karn Evil 9," their trip to the future. The "Brain Salad Surgery" hit, now extended to over half an hour, gives you the chance to hear "E.L.&P." at their finest with Keith Emmerson's keyboard wizardry leading the way. Lake's vocals bring the epic of man vs. computer to the listener in fine style. The finale comes when man triumphs and the computer dies as the crowd gasps and then bursts into uncontrollable applause.

This album is almost indescribably perfect, for a live album. The British trio has really done their all in putting together this almost 110 minutes of moogs, electric and acoustic guitar, and synthesized drums which is Emerson, Lake and Palmer. "Welcome Back My Friends" would be an exhilarating addition to any collection. **Joe Hensley**

### Stevie Strikes Again

Stevie Wonder strikes again with his new album "Fulfillingness' First Finale." Stevie uses combined talents of creativity in writing and refreshing clarity in delivery, which turns out sounds full of feeling.

Wonder smoothes out the day in "Too Shy to Say" with his soothing voice, piano, and a floating steel guitar. Stevie and friends get funky playing "Boogie on Reggae Woman," with the use of slurred style similar to "Sly."

"Please Don't Go," undoubtedly the best cut of the album, swings in Stevie Wonder's own style to make you feel right. The background vocals slide in and out while the piano, guitars, and drums lay a solid base of melody and rhythm.

Stevie Wonder made a big sweep of last year's Grammy Awards, thanks mainly to "Sunshine of My Life," and my guess says he'll do it again with "Fulfillingness' First Finale," on Tamla Records. **Cliff Mabry**



### Senior Citizens to Perform

When the faces one usually finds in an audience are suddenly on stage, it's a phenomenon. At College of the Mainland, it's a course called Theatre for Seniors, to be offered on an informal 12-week basis as part of the college's Senior Citizens Program.

Instructor for the course is Bea Weberlein, well-known in the area for her on-stage and back-stage experience. She has directed plays for the Texas Community Theatre and C.O.M.'s Mainland Community Theatre, also serving as producer for the latter during the past season.

"I've always enjoyed working with older people in the theatre," Mrs. Weberlein observed. "They

seem to have a marvelous bank of life experiences to draw on when they're defining a role."

Her most recent experience with seasoned troupers was in the college's June production of "Breath of Spring," which she directed. The average age of the cast was 65, with no one under 62 and one member a lively 72.

Mrs. Weberlein stressed that the course would be fun. "We're going to do a great many creative exercises to improve concentration power as well as learn basic acting movements," she explained. "We'll have poetry readings, monologues and improvisation—all building up to presenting a play at the end of the course."

"I feel the group can meet a very critical need in the community," Mrs. Weberlein commented. "We receive many calls from the area's nursing homes asking us to present some live entertainment to their shut-in members. I'm hoping this group can serve as a traveling troupe to meet this existing need," she declared.

Instruction will be on a group, as well as one-to-one basis, with a great deal of demonstration. Music will be used extensively throughout the course.

"I feel the course can prove invaluable in building self-confidence, an ability to express oneself, as well as unplugging the well of creativity which is in all of us," she declared, adding that all this could be accomplished without going "onstage," and that appearing in the play would be on a voluntary basis.

### 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 wife 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 "Fiddler."

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 Easterling, as Cherie, 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 "Fiddler on the Roof."

A special season ticket is being offered for the first time which features 6 plays plus the "Messiah" 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.

## Sports

### Sports Talk:

by Jeff Blass

A new image will be shining forth from the dark clouds of skepticism this school year in the form of a possible winning athletic program. Slowly but surely, the College of the Mainland Comets have struggled through the difficult period of emergence into intercollegiate competition.

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 sportsters are eagerly anticipating further improvement in last year's all around left-hand column status.

Since the champagne day when the college was opened, the major concern was basketball, with attention sparingly begrudged to golf. Accurate records were not kept of the newly christened Comets pertaining to wins and losses and other team statistics. This is due partially to the fact that at no time were they ever serious contenders for anything but lead parts in the Shakespeare play "A Comedy of Errors." The young Comets are truly actors pretending that our athletes were merely part of a circus side show which would leave town soon. It was felt that the Comets would never again waste our time, which could be more wisely spent watching "Gunsmoke" or making that Friday night poker game.

The basketball was bouncing out of the picture for the extracurricular activities' scene here at C.O.M. Considering as little effort as was put into the development of athletics, this seemed fitting and totally unavoidable.

But wait a minute. Literally coming from nowhere was the

mustached marvel that would initiate the steps in turning around C.O.M.'s physical education nose dive. Speedy Dan Travaille, the present athletic director, introduced many new and inovative programs at the college which proved to be the shot in the arm that we needed to get the ball rolling again.

When appointed back in July of 1972, Travaille was the campus conversation piece. Seeing him in the halls one would ask, "Holy hayseed, who was that fella with the cornsilk sticking out of his mouth?" Growing up in our country's bread basket, fed him thoughts of athletic prowess upon which he built the reputation of a fine all around high school and college sportsman. His career as a jock was highlighted by his selection to the Iowa All-State basketball and Football squads along with holding the state title in the 100 and 200 yard dashes.

While gaining his B.A. at Morningside College in Sioux City, Iowa, big Dan distinguished himself by running down the conference track championship in the 100 and 200 yard dashes. After his college days, Coach Travaille worked at a local T.V. station as a cameraman and sportscaster. In 1971 the mighty motivator attended Idaho State University where he completed his requirements for a masters degree in physical education.

The college has been fortunate to acquire the talents and knowledge of a man like Travaille and his being hired has paid off. The "D.T.'s" (Dan Travaille's) have settled in on the campus and, with student body support, this turnabout could be a big step for the C.O.M.

Head basketball coach, Jerry Bryant, is another plus for the development of our infant athletic program. Coach Bryant

has led our Comets out of the jaws of obscurity, and into the heralded ranks of winning teams. The past two seasons have been successful beyond most Comet followers wildest dreams. The '72-'73 cagers achieved the school's first winning record, while last years squad brought home a conference championship.

Every good coach has a right-hand man giving the necessary training and supervision to the players that are needed for such a fast paced sport. Bob Montague is the able assistant to Coach Bryant, and is vitally important to the capabilities and readiness of the team when game time rolls around. This coaching combination alone should give some promise to the future and to the possibilities for the winning effort to become a tradition here at the College of the Mainland.

Something new will be added this upcoming season in sports for the college. A Comet team is now taking shape on the baseball diamond, and is on the hunt for some good athletes to don the cleats this spring. The hiring of E.G. "Eddie" Barroso, a former big league ballplayer and coach, is taking the reins of head coach for the fledgling batsmen. Coach Barroso is a fine gentleman whose knowledge and experience should start the ball team out on the road to big things for the future. He will be aided by Larry Alexander who will no doubt prove an invaluable asset to the helmsman, Barroso, in compiling a competitive team for the '75 season.

There are many fine high school athletes in the area which simply don't realize the opportunities offered them right at their own back door. Most likely the only way in which this problem will ever be overcome, is with student support of what might be shaping into a winning program. Of course, the players are the ones responsible for the outcome, but the image is what is most important if great things are to be achieved and built upon. As students, we can help most by merely enjoying ourselves and taking a friend out to see a ball game. Indulge yourself; let the Comets know you're behind them.

## Blass Receives Scholarship



Jeff Blass is scholarship winner.

College of the Mainland's Athletic Director, Dan Travaille, 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 being a member of the 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.

## COM Artist

### Donates

### Sculpture

Don Thornton, instructor and artist-in-residence at College of the Mainland, is shown before the 600-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 I 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 sculpture, as well as pouring the concrete slab.



Don Thornton, COM Artist-in-residence, donates sculpture.

## Comets Play in Pasadena

The College of the Mainland will travel to plash Phillips fieldhouse in Pasadena for their first basketball scrimmage of the year.

The date and time is Saturday, October 5, at 6:00 p.m., just prior

to the Houston Rockets and Kentucky Colonels exhibition game at 7:30 p.m.

Admission will be \$3.00 for adults. The fieldhouse is located at the south end of Memorial Stadium on Spencer Hwy.

## COM Theatre Begins Second Year

College of the Mainland's two-year venture into community theatre is beginning to reap satisfying dividends.

Last season ended on a triumphant note as 11 performances of "Fiddler on the Roof" sold out to enthusiastic audiences who responded to the professional quality of the production with standing ovations.

The 1974-75 season is off to a strong beginning with "Bus Stop," William Inge's wry and witty commentary on the human condition, to open in the Arena Theatre of Friday, September 27 and run the 28, October 4, 5, 11, and 12. The setting is a Kansas diner in which a bus load of

stranded travelers take refuge for an enforced 24-hour togetherness.

"Bus Stop" is directed by Florence Little, who has appeared in many theatres throughout the Houston-Galveston area, including the Alley Theatre.

The new season will also offer the following productions: "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum" in January, "A Man for All Seasons" in March, "Star Spangled Girl" in May and a summer musical. In addition, a Christmas festival will feature Handel's "Messiah" and Dicken's "A Christmas Carol."

## Benson Continues

### Basketball Career

Edward Benson, 6'4" 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 Brasport and Alvin tournaments.

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## COMET SALUTES STUDENT SENATE



Student Senators and officers pictured above are [1st row] Freshmen Senators Jerry Bloom, Teresa Caulk, Mike Davidson, Louis Hunter Tom Leonard, [2nd row] Henry Westmoreland; Sophomore Senators Mike Foxworth, Don

Shepherd, Sharon McKenna, Max Montegut, [3rd row] Kay Meyers, Scott Perthius; secretary/treasurer Kyle Hunter, [4th row] Steve Bierman—president, Pete Curran—vice president, Alan Ginsberg—advisor.

### 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 by 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 Caulk 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 Calvert, 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 uncontrollable state, he may expect to be searched (for weapons) and sent to jail.

Officer Rotramel will be on hand for all special school events such as movie orgies. 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 it, but this 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.

### thought

*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

# Editorial

## Amnesty Controversy Continues

by RON BURLISON

Let's face it; amnesty for deserters and draft dodgers is one of the most controversial today. 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 we must get an overview of the situation.

First we must realize 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 rightfully so. The situation was different. These 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 any objective reached? Has the situation changed in Vietnam?

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 benefit? Except perhaps 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.



JIM TREE

# CHAT BOX!



TIM GOLDEN



DONNA BEREND

by TERESA CAULK

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

JIM TREE, Student—I would attend outdoor concerts, beer busts, pot-smoking and reefer-rolling contests (just teasing on the last two).



LEROY AUGUST

DONNA BEREND, Student—I would attend any type of entertainment that is held on Saturday nights because it is convenient for working people, like myself. I would also like to see "B.Y.O.B." at dances.

LEROY AUGUST, Intramural Director—I would attend dances that have a band who's music is appealing to all races.



CANDIE BENSON

TIM GOLDEN, Student—I don't come here to be entertained but to learn, besides you can't possibly please all the people all the time.

CANDIE BENSON, Student—I would attend dances that have a variety of music.

## 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 did.

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 fights are held in remote areas usually 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 side lines. The fights are conducted in much the same manner as those of the old-style "cock-fights," using dogs instead of roosters. The dogs used are specially bred and trained for this purpose, and they usually fight to the death. If they do not die during the fight itself, they are then killed by the owners, who plunge ice-picks into their hearts.

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 training pit. The dog in training then becomes infuriated by the cat's screams and he attempts to attack it. The trainers bob the cats up and down on the ends of poles, tantalizing the dogs until finally in their ultimate fury they are allowed to dismember the cats. After about the 40th cat that 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 this will be made into a federal offense.

Because of the enormous dangers involved in dealing with these people, (3 known deaths so far) it is felt that the FBI must be called in to handle it. Local humane workers cannot be expected to deal with this outrageous crime.

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 printed right on US Post Office equipment and is then circulated through the mail!

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

## Careers:

### Nursing Program Praised

by MARGIE RENFRO

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 (RN) from the College of the Mainland. The students are instructed in hospitals and in the Nursing classes conducted on the 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 Darden, 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, 23 out of 24 COM August graduates 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 nation-wide.

Sherri 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.

I asked Sherri if she feels prepared for this exam. "Yes," she replied, "the College of the Mainland's nursing program prepares their students for the exam by the type of test they give. The difficult questions on the nursing program's test exercise your knowledge by requiring you to use your basic knowledge to answer. I feel the nursing program is excellent in preparing its students for the State Board of Nursing Exam."

"There is no doubt that the COM's nursing program is a good program and that they taught us what we needed for a job. The program was strenuous and you had to have a lot of dedication. I would never recommend for anyone to get into the nursing program, unless they were sure they wanted to be a nurse. Those students who are not certain about their major as a nurse, will not last the two years since there is a lot of mental strain in the program."

"Most important—when you enter the nursing program, whether COM's or another, don't expect the classes to be the same as you are used to. The program is a full time affair for two years," Sherri stressed. "The classes take a lot of your time. Also, the grading is different."

"If you can't get right into the program when you apply, take the academic courses 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 will help you in the program."



Sherri feels the program has helped her tremendously. When she has a problem, she has enough basic knowledge to find a solution, ask an intelligent question, or find the answer in a book. Also, she was impressed by the excellent teachers in the program.

The COM nursing program has received accreditation by the Board of Nurse Examiners for the State of Texas, the South Association of Schools and Colleges and hopes to receive accreditation by the National League for Nursing this February.

All persons interested in applying for College of the Mainland's nursing program should notify the COM Admission Office and register for the ACT examination. Application to COM should be made and indicate nursing as a major. The Admission Office is located in the Administration Building.

The automobile is really in trouble. Engineers want to eliminate the steering column, ecologists want to eliminate the engine, and Planned Parenthood wants to eliminate the back seat.

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### McNutt Speaks at Conference

Mrs. Dorothy E. McNutt, Chairman of the Business Division at College of the Mainland, was guest speaker at the conference of Technical Vocational Deans held recently in Austin.

Mrs. McNutt spoke of "College of the Mainland as a National Model for Cooperative Education," describing the efforts of a seven-member consortium of Gulf Coast community colleges to initiate a cooperative education program on a campus-wide basis. The consortium was funded by a federal grant, with College of the Mainland's share amounting to \$15,000 for the 1974-75 school year.

A second speaking engagement for Mrs. McNutt was at a conference of the Society for Field Experience Educators held in Atlanta, Georgia. She spoke of "Offering Adults College Credit for Life Experiences," pointing out the need for educators to evaluate a person's life and work experiences for credit on a college level.

# Features

## The Record Shop:

# Twitty Sings Country

by DONNA BEREND

I'm not sure how many "goat-ropers" 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.

This album 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 someone, 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 from the heart.

A slow waltz beat with a mandolin sound is the basis for "That's Asking too Much of the Wine." 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." The writer, 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 "fiddlin'," guitar "picken'," and piano playing. It also has 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.

# Program for Women's Continued Education Planned

by BRENDA GREENOUGH

The office of General Adult Education and Community Services met for the first time with the Citizen's Advisory Committee on the Development of a Center for Continuing Education for Women on Monday, October 28, at the College of the Mainland Board Room to discuss the development of a center for the continuing education of women.

The Citizen's Advisory Committee includes representatives from local industry, social service agencies, women's groups such as National Organization of Women, labor, and College of the Mainland faculty and students.

At this meeting, Bob Handy, Director of Adult Education and Community Services, discussed his ideas for a Women's Center. The need for this type of center at College of the Mainland is great and as Bob explained, "Of the 78,000 residents within the College District, 20,000 have less than a high school education. Fifty-one percent of these are women. The Business Education Division has determined that even with average verbal skills many women trained in business occupations cannot be placed in secretarial positions due to the ever increasing demand for more sophisticated, technically oriented communicative abilities."

Little, if any progress has been made in this area toward facilitating the entry of women into traditionally male dominated occupations. This is due, in large part, to the conditioned beliefs held by many women that such occupations are not to be filled by women.

These facts combine to create an environment within which many women must resign themselves to remaining in the home, accepting low-salaried positions or, where family income is insufficient, to rely upon public assistance.

The primary objectives of the proposed Center according to Handy are as follows:

- A. Through direct counseling and group activities, assist women in re-evaluating their roles as women in a previously male-dominated culture.
- B. To assist women in arriving at achievable and meaningful life-time goals and objectives.
- C. To provide women with basic, academic or vocational training which will allow them to reach their stated goals and objectives with long-term self-sufficiency rather than short-time job placement as the principle objective.

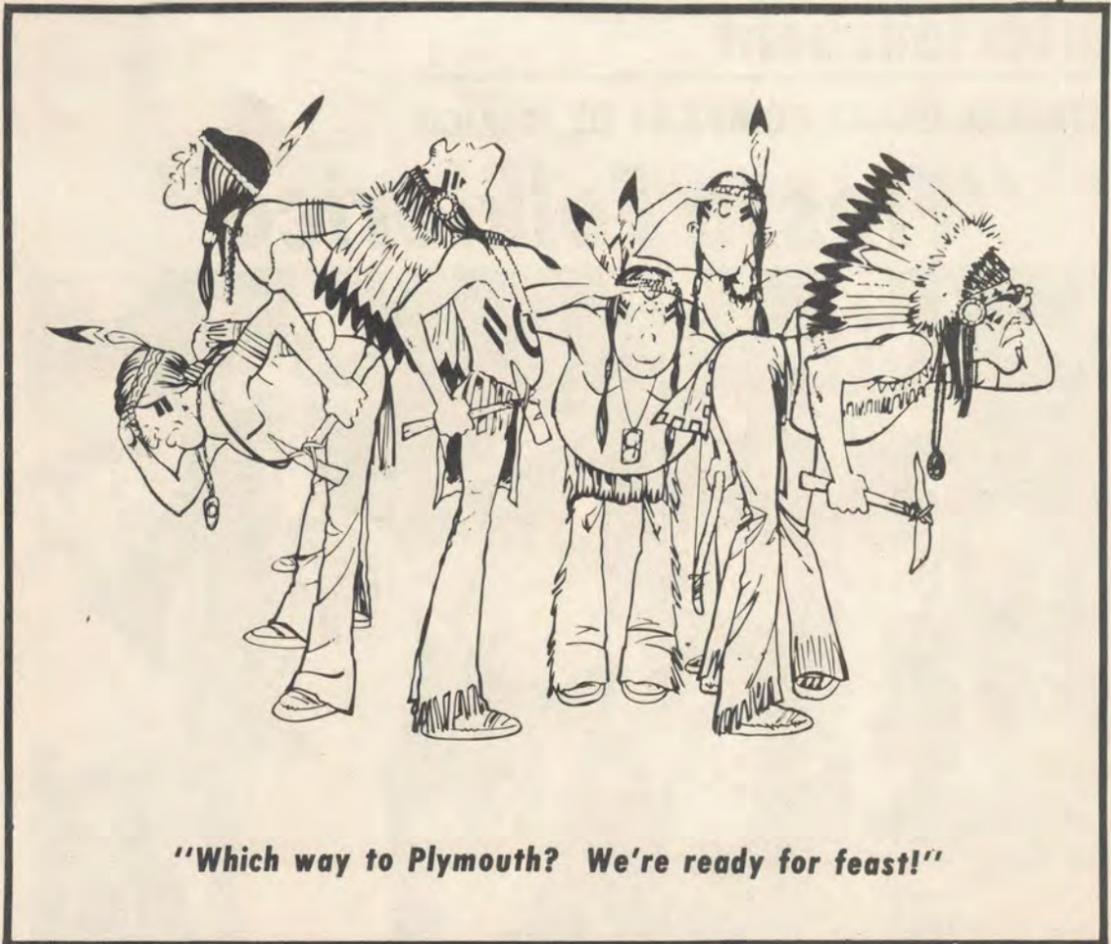
As the meeting progressed, the committee members discussed possible funding sources, objectives and goals and then divided into task forces to begin the preliminary planning for the program.

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## Spotlight:

# Jerry Bloom

by TERESA CAULK



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

Yesterday is a memory. Remember it.  
Tomorrow is a hope. Treasure it.  
Today is a life. Live it.

Our Student Spotlight for November is 28-year-old Jerry Bloom, a Freshman Senator at COM. This 6 ft., 190 lbs., brown-eyed, brunette young man enjoys his school, his family life and photography.

Jerry's favorites are Steve McQueen (actor), Audrey Hepburn (actress), "Fritz the Cat, #1" (movie), *Open Marriage* (book), Glen Campbell and Bobbie Gentry (singers), and "Sing a Song" from Sesame Street is his ideal song.

This psychology major likes 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 absolutely cannot be embarrassed.

# COM Offers New Class

A new class in keypunch operation will be offered at College of the Mainland beginning November 1st, according to Bill Hackleman, 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-practice 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 059 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," Hackleman explained.

Persons interested in enrolling in the second section of Data Processing III are asked to contact the Admissions Office, 938-1211, Ext. 264, during the hours of 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Monday through Friday, and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday.



photo by Donna Berend

The MAINLAND COMET staff visited the DAILY SUN office last week. Pictured are

Brenda Greenough, John Balione (instructor), Bill Byous, Margie Renfro, and Jeff Blass.

# Entertainment

NATIONAL DANCE COMPANY OF MEXICO

## "Fiesta Folklorico"



The 50-member National Dance Company of Mexico will offer a "Fiesta Folklorico" at the La Marque High School on Sat., Nov. 9, at 8 p.m. The performance is being sponsored by Colle

of the Mainland's Student Center Program Council, Club Latino, Familias Unidas and LULAC of the Texas City and La Marque area.

## 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 FIESTA FOLKLORICA featuring fifty dancers and singers, including Mariachi, Marimba and Jarocho 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.

The Student Center Programs Council, along with the Committee on American Ethnic Studies and the Mexican-American Civic Organizations of Texas City, are responsible for presenting this unique experience in the world of entertainment to the College of the Mainland Community.

Tickets are now on sale and may be purchased from Karen Atkinson through the Office of the Student Center Programs Council at \$2.50 for adults and \$1.50 for children 12 and under.

### 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, Dicken's 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 7:30 p.m.

The production, to be offered in the Arena Theatre on December 17, 18, 19, 20, and 21, will be co-directed by Julie Dupuy and Bea Weberlein. 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. Weberlein has also been active in community theatre work and has recently served as producer for all Main-

land Community Theatre productions. Her most recent directing stint was the GAZEBO in COM's Arena Theatre.

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, costuming 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. Weberlein. "Everyone has some specialized talent to offer in making this play a meaningful experience," she added.

For additional information, please call 938-1211, Ext. 345 or 945-6342.

## Fine Arts Schedules Coming Events

November 1, 2, 4—Tryouts for A CHRISTMAS CAROL—Fine Arts Arena Theatre— Nov. 1, 1 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-133, F-135, 9:30 am to 4 p.m., Demonstration 9:30—11 a.m. and 12:30 to 2 p.m.

November 4—21—Bob Riegel Air Brush Painting Exhibition—Student Center, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

December 28-178 College of the Mainland Student Exhibition, Fine Arts Gallery, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. (Wednesday only 9 a.m. to 12 noon)

December 1—Preview Reception, COM Student Exhibition, Fine Arts Gallery, 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

December 15, 16, 17—Tryouts for A FUNNY THING HAPPENED ON THE WAY TO THE FORUM—Fine Arts Arena Theatre, Dec. 15, 2:30 p.m.; Dec. 16 & 17, 7:30 p.m.

December 13, 15—Handel's MESSIAH by Mainland Chorale, Teaching Auditorium L-131, Dec. 13, 8 p.m.; Dec. 15, 4 p.m.

December 17, 18, 19, 20, 21—A CHRISTMAS CAROL, Fine Arts Arena Theatre, 8 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 Novak'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 215.

# "Fiesta Folklorico"

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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 this piping hot item turned out to be luke 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 hopes that this might be my chance to break out of the classic Jimmy Olson syndrome and be the guiding light into Clark 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 program for most of the other schools to keep up with so the "gang" got together and decided to simmer things down amongst the conference teams. Naturally COM athletics frowned on this and with every reason. This is like running a race and having the judge tell you to slow down because he wants to make sure everyone ties for the finish. There are other bonuses to the whole rhubarb, but as stated before, the matter has already been decided behind closed doors with no say so from anyone to whom it really concerns, so the mess is out of our hands.

### OUT OF THE CLEAR BLUE SKY DEPT.

Has anyone ever noticed those ropes which poke out of the expansion holes at the bottom of the bricks on the outside of the gym? They completely surround the building and are all about the same length (approximately two inches) on the outside of the bricks. If you haven't seen them, then next time you're around the gym take a time out and observe this puzzling feature of our athletic facility. At first I thought that they might be to keep the cockroaches and rats out, but we natives know that any varmint from Texas is big and smart enough to walk in through the front door like the rest of us. If by next press time there hasn't been an overwhelming response to this mind-bending riddle, then I'll find out the particulars and keep us "on the ropes" no longer.

# Meet Our New 1974-75 Cheerleaders



Pictured above are the high spirited COM cheerleaders Carol Boyd, Melissa Brister, Judy Carrier, Teresa Caulk, Linda D'Ascenzo, and Beverly Pruitt.

### whimsical wit

Some folks who say they aim to please, need some target practice.

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A motorist, outraged at recent gasoline prices, commented: "I haven't paid 55 cents a gallon for anything since I bought land in Florida!"

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My local supermarket has this big sign: *Compare Our Low Prices.* I asked the manager, "Compare with what?" He replied, "Next week."

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A couple were shopping for a swimming pool. They told a dealer what they wanted, and asked about prices. "Well," said the dealer, "it all depends on how deep you want to get in over your heads."

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The trouble with being a leader today is that you can't be sure whether the people are following or chasing you.

## COM Comets Shape Up For Final Scrimmage of Season

The 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 playing well in almost every aspect of the game. Arthur Jackson was the scoring leader with 28 points while Larry Turner had 8 rebounds.

Lee gave our Comets plenty of trouble during the first half when they were shooting a strapping 70% from the floor and equally as well from the free throw line. The men from Mainland wouldn't give up the ship and during the second half of play closed the margin down to within as little as three points at one time. In the words of head coach Jerry Bryant, "These guys could have rolled over and played dead while Lee was 17 points ahead in the first period but they just wouldn't quit."

Joel Harden and grayling Walker each had fine afternoons for

the Comets and Byron Thompson was forced out of action after injuring his ankle while grappling for 11 rebounds in the third period scrimmage.

On Monday, the 21st, the Comets scrimmaged with San Jac once more in an attempt to achieve their first win of the year. San Jac had been improving since their last encounter and the final on this one was 91 to 72 with the Comets being out shot in the second half. Arthur Jackson again had the big night for the Comets with a whopping 29 points while Larry Turner jumped for 12 rebounds in the face of a hot shooting Raven bunch.

The Comets have been steadily improving over the past few weeks and the team is shaping up quite well indeed. Lee College will be visiting the COM on Monday, November 4th, at 4 p.m., for the final scrimmage before their regular season begins.

**SUPPORT THE COMETS!**

## Bowling Tourney Held

by JEFF BLASS

They really bowled them over out at Gray's lanes during the recent bowling tournament held for men, women, and faculty. Our glorious institution of higher education and "pinmanship" sponsored the affair which saw trophies given to the first, second, and third place winners of each division.

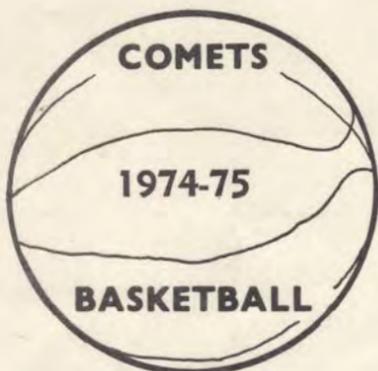
For the men Jim Howard picked up first place with a 176 average, with Ricky Watts and James Nagel following him at

second and third place.

The women popped the pins with Pam Moore averaging 159 for first. Sarah Alexander and Lula Sowell were the second and third place winners with 119 and 116 averages respectively.

The faculty was led by Bob Shinn with a 182, Jerry Anderson at 156, and Lloyd Longnion taking third with 138. Female faculty members saw Karen Atkinson come in first with 138, Sally Hudnall posting 128 and Loretta Davis for third at 118.

COLLEGE OF THE MAINLAND



### COLLEGE OF THE MAINLAND Basketball Schedule 1974 - 1975

DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME
NOVEMBER 9	ANGELINA JUNIOR COLLEGE	LUFKIN	7:30
13	HOWARD COUNTY JUNIOR COLLEGE	TEXAS CITY	7:30
14	TEXAS SOUTHMOST JUNIOR COLLEGE	TEXAS CITY	7:30
19	SCHREINER JUNIOR COLLEGE	KERRVILLE	7:30
30	ANGELINA JUNIOR COLLEGE	TEXAS CITY	7:30
DECEMBER 2	CONCORDIA LUTHERAN	TEXAS CITY	7:30
5	*GALVESTON JUNIOR COLLEGE	TEXAS CITY	7:30
6, 7	BRAZOSPORT TOURNAMENT	FREEPORT	TBA
9	*BRAZOSPORT JUNIOR COLLEGE	FREEPORT	7:30
12	*ALVIN JUNIOR COLLEGE	TEXAS CITY	7:30
14	SCHREINER JUNIOR COLLEGE	TEXAS CITY	7:30
JANUARY 9	TEXAS SOUTHMOST JUNIOR COLLEGE	BROWNSVILLE	7:30
10, 11	LAREDO INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENT	LAREDO	TBA
16	*GALVESTON JUNIOR COLLEGE	GALVESTON	7:30
20	*BRAZOSPORT JUNIOR COLLEGE	TEXAS CITY	7:30
23	*ALVIN JUNIOR COLLEGE	ALVIN	7:30
27	*GALVESTON JUNIOR COLLEGE	TEXAS CITY	7:30
30	*BRAZOSPORT JUNIOR COLLEGE	FREEPORT	7:30
31	CONCORDIA LUTHERAN	AUSTIN	7:30
FEBRUARY 3	*ALVIN JUNIOR COLLEGE	TEXAS CITY	7:30
6	*GALVESTON JUNIOR COLLEGE	GALVESTON	7:30
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13	*ALVIN JUNIOR COLLEGE	ALVIN	7:30

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# 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. 325.

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**PHI THETA KAPPA**—Phi Theta Kappa, Honor Society, welcomes the old members, prospective members, and interested persons to attend the meeting on Mondays at 12:30 p.m. Phi Theta Kappa will be meeting in Room 121 in the Student Center. For further information contact John Hubisz, Ext. 325.

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**ASTRONOMY CLUB**—The Astronomy Club invites everyone interested in Astronomy to attend their meetings on Wednesdays at 5:45 p.m., in the LRC Teaching Auditorium in Room L131. There is no age limit and everyone is invited. Contact John Hubisz, Ext. 244 for further information.

### thought

**DON'T CONFUSE EDUCATION** with wisdom. Education is dependent on books: wisdom, on good judgment.

## 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.

### Special Services No Longer Available

The Maintenance Department has been rendering special services above and beyond our normal duties such as: changing tires, hot-shooting 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 15, 1974.

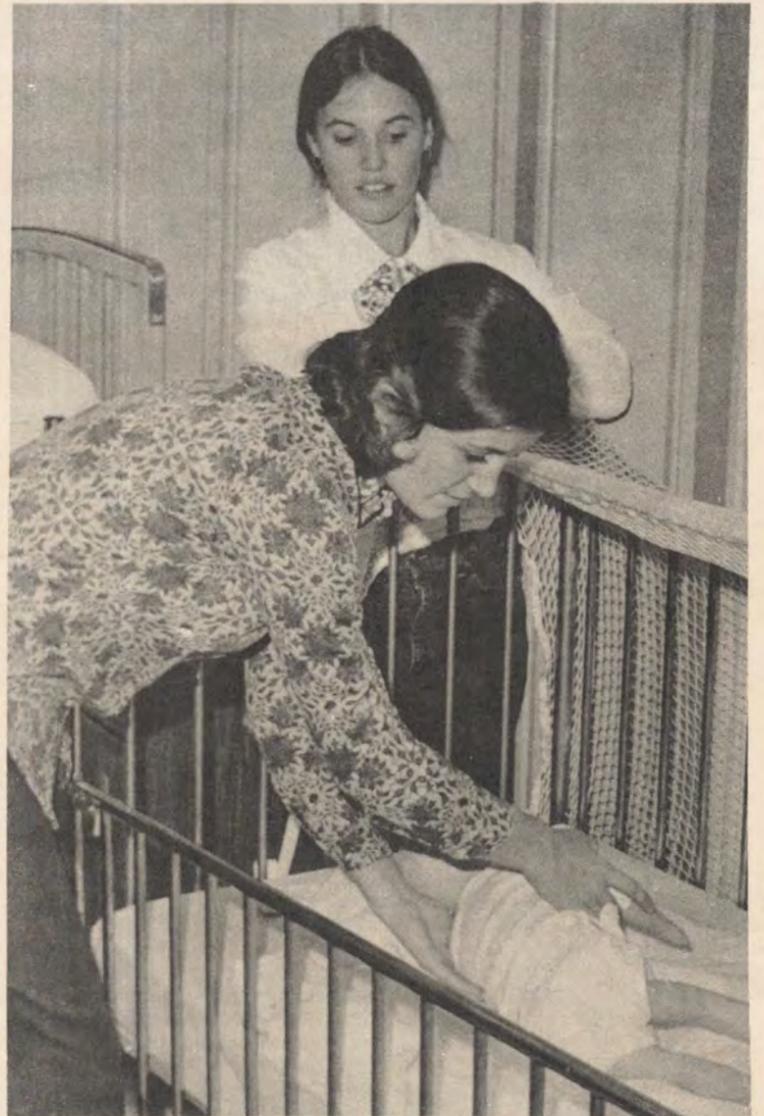
### Prepare For Tomorrow

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

- Ninety per cent 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.



Nursing students Carolyn Boyd and Melissa Brister learn the proper way to position an infant. See article on page 2 for story on the COM nursing program.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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		SUPPORT THE BASKETBALL TEAM AND THE CHEERLEADERS				
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
All Week in Center Bob Riegel - Air Brush Painting Display			12:30 Pool Tny. Mixed Dbls.	12:00 Buff (Halo) King Speaks on the OCCULT	Last Day to Sign up For Orange Race	Basketball - Lufkin Away  8:00 p.m. FIESTA FOLKLORICO DE MEXICO  La Marque High School -----
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
		10 a.m. and 2 p.m. FREE MOVIE Australia - Timeless Land	ORANGE RACE 12:30 - College Center 4 person teams  12:30 3 on 3 Basketball	Basketball - Texas Southmost 7:30 Home Game		
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
		Basketball - Schreiner Away	FISHING RODEO - Phi Theta Kappa  12:30 John Hubisz  Astrology, Horoscope Zodiac and Planets	8 p.m. COFFEEHOUSE  Don Sanders  \$1.00 includes coffee & donuts	Last Day to Sign up For Turkey Calling Contest	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
HALLMARK Exhibition on Display in College Center all week		PHOTO CONTEST On Display In College Center All Week	TURKEY calling contest 12:30 - College Center Frozen Turkey - 1st place  J. Hubisz - 12:30 "The Stars"	THANKSGIVING HOLIDAYS		Basketball - Angelina 7:30 Home Game

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## Korean Ph.D. Teaches at COM



Dr. Lee Yam teaches Psychology and Child Development and Growth and does research at COM.

Life has significant turning points which can only be assessed in the light of recollection. For Dr. Lee Yom, College of the Mainland's new psychology instructor and research associate, a high school gym teacher is responsible for her career in psychology.

"She was so destructive as far as the self-image of her students was concerned, that I decided there had to be a better way to help young people through adolescence," she explained. "I think I decided at that point to go into the field of psychology."

It's been a long journey, both literally and figuratively, to her goal for the high school of her youth was in Seoul, Korea, where she was born and raised. Her father was Undersecretary for the Finance Ministry; her grandfather, an internationally-known artist.

Her first step was a B.A. degree (cum laude) in psychology from Ewha Women's University in Seoul. She then won a scholarship to study at the University of the Philippines, where she earned a MEd degree.

Dr. Yom came to the United States in 1965 and took courses at UCLA and Indiana University. She met her husband at the latter campus and subsequently found herself in Houston when he entered the doctoral program at Rice University. (He has subsequently received his PhD degree in German Literature and is now teaching and conducting research.

The next stop, educationally speaking, was the University of Houston, where Dr. Yom 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. Yom 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. Yom teaches Introduction to Psychology and Child Development and Growth. She finds the wide cross-section of students a tremendous source of stimulation.

"When you have middle-age 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 500 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, personality, testing and measurement and language learning.

"All it takes to be a good researcher is a curious mind and a determination to take nothing for granted," Dr. Yom declared with firm conviction.

Her curiosity has been honed to a publishable 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 PSYCHOLINGUISTIC RESEARCH and others.

Although she has lived in the United States for 9 years, Dr. Yom still marvels 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 observed, adding 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. Yom'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. Yom 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 the 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.

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## 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 cars 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 situation 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 at the Information Desk in the College Center.

For 'Bowl Picks'

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## Editorial

### Guest Editorial

# 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 various means to the students that the College Center (theirs) 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, practice every day or 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 available. In fact, on some 15 hour days 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 tradition that is prevalent, I consider the behavior described as being extremely traditional. So 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 BC. 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 seems 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 more 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 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 cutbacks 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.

# Christmas 1974



Is this all it means?

## Holiday Dates Should Not Be Changed

by BRENDA GREENOUGH

Recently I have heard there are a group of Congressmen trying to change the official Armistice Day holiday back to its original date of November 11, the day of the signing of the armistice between the Allies and Germany ending World War I—a day we have celebrated for 56 years until the last few years when it was changed to October.

Why was it changed in the first place? Don't important dates in history such as November 11 mean anything to these Americans.

Most of the dates Congress has changed has been for our benefit, so they claim. The holiday is moved to the closest Monday or Friday in order to give us a long weekend. And then if we are lucky enough to not be included, we sit back and watch the weekend fatality count mount up as it reaches unseemingly boundless number.

I suppose they feel this is progress. To me this is one step taken in the wrong direction. Our history is composed of dates, places and people and to change the dates is to change our history.

Who knows—next they may change Christmas, the day we celebrate the birth of Christ.

## SENIOR CITIZEN'S

## BAZAAR

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14<sup>th</sup>

COM STUDENT CENTER

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC 12:00-4:00

ARTS & CRAFTS FOR SALE

## Comets' Comments:

Editor:

On November 14, it was varified that a very bad situation had over-come much of the student body, faculty and staff of COM. As a matter of fact, the only ones not affected were the cheerleaders, or should I say cheerers.

The direct effects of this situation are not near as bad as the side affects such as the embarrassment of our cheerleaders, and shame, not to mention the inexcusable inconsideration on the part of the ungrateful audience who didn't even deserve a pep rally.

In closing, I must say that if I were a cheerleader, I would boycott the student body. Also, if you voted for a cheerleader (which very few of you did), you should support them and not embarrass them as you did on the 14th.

Respectfully,  
G. Nathan Pheneger

Dear Editor:

In reply to your editorial, "How Does It Look?" in the November 15 issue of THE MAINLAND COMET, we would like to present our views. This is a student center and made available for our use. It is better to sleep on a couch in the student center than to sleep through class. Some students have to be out at COM from 8 a.m. till 9 p.m. and get tired. Have you ever been tired? We feel it is not a show of laziness, but resting up for the next class. So, please do not disturb the sleepers!

Sincerely,  
Karen A. Rex

Dear petitioners:

You failed to answer the question: "How Does It Look?" However, I agree.

Cliff Mabry  
COMET reporter

Dear Ms. Rex:

It has been the policy of this publication to print all editorials. However, these editorials do not necessarily represent the opinion of the College, COMET staff, or the editors.

Yes, this editor does get tired, and, if I feel the need, rather than use expensive fuel to make many trips between my home and the campus, I too would take a nap in the student center.

Thank you for your comments.  
Donna Berend,  
Managing Editor

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# Features

## 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 just as good. Carole seems to have a knack at singing about love and life the way it really is—though truly complex, she puts it in simple words everyone can understand but at the same time makes you think about them.

Her music and poetry is not all about the bright, clean side of life either. She sings about the distortions and personal sorrows in the world. But most important she is another maker of good music (like artists are supposed to be) and her music seems to be improving with each record.

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.



MARY STICKNEY



MIKE FOXWORTH

# CHAT BOX!



RUSTY TREYBIG



CHARLOTTE HENDERSON



JOHN BALIONE

by JUDY GARRETT

QUESTION: WHAT DOES CHRISTMAS MEAN TO YOU?

MARY STICKNEY: Presents!

MIKE FOXWORTH: Christmas means being with people.

CHARLOTTE HENDERSON: To me, it means Christ's Birthday and getting presents.

RUSTY TREYBIG: Just another day.

JOHN BALIONE: Bills!

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



## 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 medicine or law profession have precise and extremely careful education standards.

Why then, has society demanded so little education for a police officer 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, transportation and preparation of 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. 285.

### 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 Hensley

## 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 1822, 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. Isn't it interesting what American ingenuity can do to a solemn, middle-aged saint from Europe....

# Entertainment

## 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 visited 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 spent \$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.

# COM Applauds Sanders



DON 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 play, 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 envious capacity to laugh at himself and at the fables 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.

## 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 College Center, 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 Georgie Que Berry Seniors Memorial Fund.

A special drawing will be held for a beautiful, handmade quilt-spread which has been put together by members of the COM Senior Citizens Program.

"It's been marvelous to see the tremendous amount of loving care and dedication that has been put into the Bazaar by our senior citizens," commented Mrs. Sadie Poole, Coordinator of the program. "The members feel they have a worthwhile project and have committed themselves wholeheartedly," she added.

For further information regarding the Bazaar, please call 938-1211, Ext. 432.

## Dickens' Play Presented for Christmas

by CLIFF MABRY

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.

## COM Administration Council Proposes New Alarm System

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

The new system will be as follows:

- One long bell (20 seconds)—Security Officer to call operator;
- Two long bells (20 seconds each)—All persons evacuate;
- 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.



**Dec. 21**

**10 a.m.**

**COM**

presents

**Children's Christmas Extravaganza**

# Good Luck on Finals!

# Sports

## Sports Talk:

by JEFF BLASS

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 surround the field house. According to Dr. Hubisz they 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 or another then all that had to be done was to obtain the use of some good strong backs and then proceed to tug and pull where necessary on the many ropes.

Surely this must solve 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, then I suggest a quick trip out to the gym where upon investigation one will spy several small ropes surrounding the base of the building. These are the handy features which I spoke of in the above. To those who have been following the progress of the great COM rope adventure, then take a deep sigh of relief. To those who know Dr. Hubisz and have also been following this mystery then you will probably conclude that our physics professor has been gazing at the heavens a bit too much lately.

### 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 had just gotten up from the Turkey Day table. 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 wafer thin sport coat for any extra protection against the elements, and I paid old Jack Frost a heavy price.

Texas was whipping those Aggies so bad you couldn't even shake a stick at it. It got to the point where the only thing on your mind was keeping warm and hoping that the time keeper would let 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.

However, head cheerleader Carol 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 Teresa Caulk to handle the pep duties. 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 been decided this year is really a puzzling matter. Why do they decide who will play in what bowl when teams have as many as two games left to play in the regular season. It appears as though this can sometimes have a bad consequence for some of the teams who are bowl bound.

The Cougars from U of H just lost a contest to a stubborn Tulsa team partly because the outcome of the game was meaningless to them. It is not ridiculous to think that no matter how much pride in winning some teams place 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 to get where they are now. 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 the entire scrapp is 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 but 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 singled 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 whip who you should all be able to make the yuletide a bit brighter by placing a few wagers with unsuspecting friends and relatives not fortunate enough to read the COMET.

I now ask you to sit back and read these while the skies darken and the lightning flashes. It all reminds me of when Charlton Heston (Moses) was standing on Mt. Siani and the Ten Commandments were emblazoned on the tablets. This time it's the winners of the bowl games that are predicted.

*Orange Bowl and the National Championship*—Alabama over Notre Dame by 14 points.

*Rose Bowl*—Ohio State nipping Southern California by a scant 3 points.

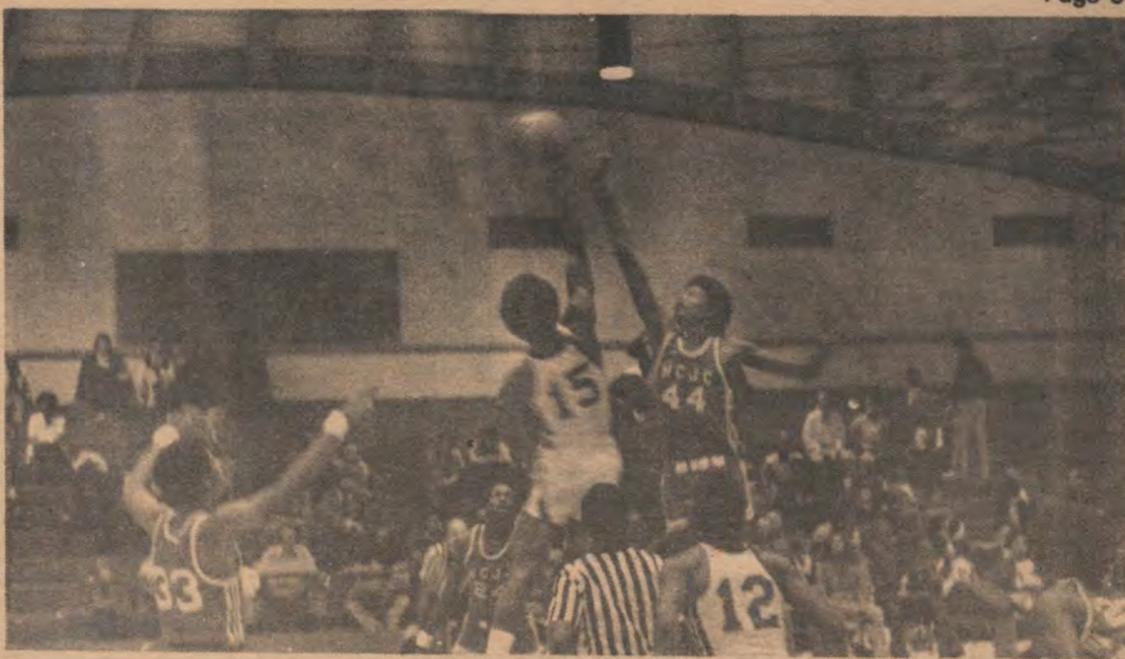
*Cotton Bowl*—Baylor to surprise Penn State by a 2 point upset.

*Sugar Bowl*—Nebraska to down Florida by 10 points.

*Astro-Bluebonnet*—U of H to edge North Carolina State by 7 points.

*Gator Bowl*—Auburn will ruin Christmas for Daddy D. and Texas by 5 points.

*Liberty Bowl*—Maryland will toy with Tennessee beating them by 14 points.



Larry Turner, #15, and Arthur Jackson, #12, await results of tippoff.

# Comets Balance Record

by JEFF BLASS

The Comets have really had an up and down season so far and there may be many reasons for the 3 wins and 3 losses showing to date. According to head coach Jerry Bryant, the Comets "just haven't been able to put two halves together." He was quick to point out "We are capable of being a real powerhouse with the people we've got and the Howard County game proves it."

The Comets defeated the Howard County team early this year by the score of 96 to 84 here at COM. The Howard County bunch was built up as one of the toughest small college teams in the state.

In explanation for the Comets inconsistency coach Bryant said, "Our biggest problem is that we can play defense one half but then fall apart the next and allow the other teams to catch up." 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 ripping the chords at about 60% from the charity stripe. This surely hurt in the Comets' three losing causes.

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 Southmost 113 to 75. 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 85 to 89 but the team played valiantly.

Angelina was back in town not too long ago and this one ended once again in favor of Angelina a lack of aggressiveness on the boards being the main problem. Now at two and three the Comets entertained Concordia Lutheran who had beaten Angelina earlier in the season. The Comets just beat the whey out of the Concordia Stags. Our team dominated in nearly every aspect of the game and each player contributed a fine effort. That final was a whopping 96 to 69 with the blue and white defense sparkling the whole night through.

As far as individuals go the player 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.

John Parker and Ricky Reagan are the Comet bench strength who will be relied upon heavily during the remainder of the season for keeping the game alive when the starting line gets a little shaky.

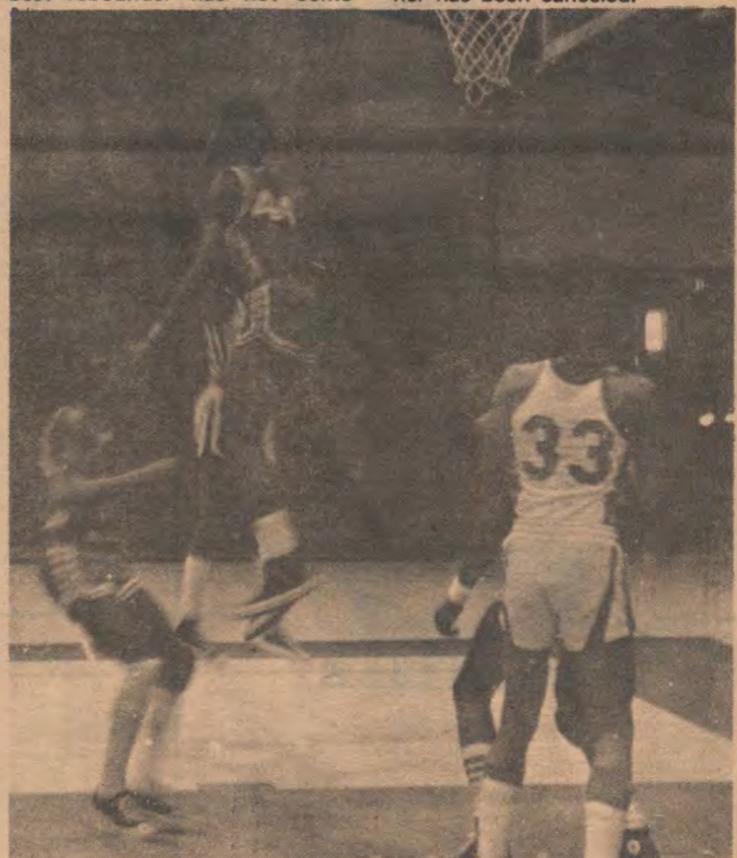
Big Larry Turner who was looked upon by the team as the best rebounder has not come

through. He has failed to score and compete with the tough opposition so far and will have to improve his game to the level he is capable of.

The Comets have played with great enthusiasm through most of the season and have proven that they possess a real offensive threat. Considering the calibre of teams they face, the Mainland men are doing well indeed. It is sad to think, though, that they could have done better now that we have the advantage of hindsight.

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 Schreiner has been canceled.



Ricky Taylor, #33, readies for rebound as Comets put up shot.

# Odds & Ends

## 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 COM Singers under the direction of Larry Stanley in a program of Christmas selections and popular tunes Tuesday, December 10, at 12:30 p.m. in the College Center. They will be accompanied by rhythm guitar and drums. In addition to the Christmas favorites, they will be singing "The First Time I Ever Saw Your Face," "Love is Blue" and a selection of jazz and rock number. Admission is free.

**CHRISTMAS DANCE**—The annual Christmas Dance, sponsored by the College Center Programs Council, is scheduled for Thursday, December 12, from 8 p.m., till... in the College Center. This 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 1975 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 Ferden, 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 Hubisz 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.



**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 119 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.

# December 1974

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 Pre-Registration  POETRY CONTEST  Hallmark Exhibition College Center	3 Pre-Registration  Hallmark Exhibition College Center	4 Pre-Registration 12:30 John Hubisz Interpretation of Individual Horoscopes 8:00 COFFEE HOUSE \$1:00 - Jim Unfried College Center Hallmark Exhibition College Center	5 Pre-Registration  Last Day to make reservations for Buffet  Hallmark Exhibition College Center	6 Pre-Registration  7:00 p.m. MOVIE ORGY \$1:00 - College Center  Hallmark Exhibition College Center	7
8	9 	10  12:30 - COM SINGERS College Center	11  12:00 - Buffet - College Center 1:00 - SCPC Reception - All Invited - free	12  8:00 p.m. - CHRISTMAS DANCE - EEZE \$1:00 - COLLEGE CENTER	13 	14
15	16	17	18	19  CLASSES END	20	21
22	23	24	25  MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM STUDENT LIFE	26	27	
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\* Contact Leroy August Concerning Poetry Contest



DR. RHAME OF SCIENCE DEPARTMENT

# Choose Courses Wisely

by BRENDA GREENOUGH

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 credits.

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. It is advisable 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 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 consider 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 comparable courses, schedules 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 planned to be completed by the Fall of 1976. At that time, they will be able to offer a complete schedule of courses for many Bachelor Degrees for College of the Mainland students. I urge each student to carefully consider this university."

## Dr. Rhame Plans New Course for Spring 1975

Dr. Rhame of the Science Department is starting a new course for the Spring semester. The course is an Ecology Course which will be transferrable and may be taken by Biology majors or as an elective by other students.

The course will concentrate on the different techniques used to measure the environment. The lab will consist mainly of field trips to waste and sewage plants, the Bureau of Fisheries, and several area plants to study their pollution

control methods. An overnight trip is also in the planning stages.

This three-semester hour course has been thoroughly researched so that it will be as close as possible to the same course taught at a four year college. The only prerequisites for the course are Biology 141 and 142.

Another new concept in the course is the use of a paperback text. This is to maintain a flow of up-to-date information. Joe Hensley

## COM Veterans Organization Formed

by CLIFF MABRY

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 of H VSO, 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 fellowship with those who have been through the same thing.

The COM VSO plans to have an office where vets may direct questions about benefits and other problems. Night students, who aren't able to contact the vet representative, may have the VSO find answers to their problems.

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 to elect a constitutional committee.

As I see it, the VSO's best function is to provide a collective voice for veterans on campus. Those who do not join the club minimize the power of veterans on and off campus.

## 'I' Contract Is Better than an 'F'

Now that it's too late to drop a course with a "W" withdrawal, what is the best step to take if the student is far behind in his studies?

First of all the student should try to finish the minimum objectives by the last day of the semester. If this is not possible and more time is needed to finish the minimum objectives, an "I" can be negotiated between the student and the professor.

An "I" contract is a written agreement allowing the student additional time to complete the objectives of the course. The student will receive an "I" which will be changed to "A," "B," or "C" when the contract is completed. If the contract is not completed within the given time, the student will receive a "W" withdrawal incomplete (which is the same as an "F").

For additional information on an "I" contract, contact your instructor.

## A Christmas Recipe

Use one crisp-cold December eve topped by sparkling stars.  
 Add a pinch of frost and a layer of crunchy snow.  
 Prepare a crackling hot fireplace.  
 Sprinkle in some holly and a dash of fir.  
 Mix gently with a preparation of family and friends.  
 Top this mixture with the joy of a get-together.  
 Let simmer in the warmth and good will of each one's heart.  
 Season with a few smiles and a bushel of love.  
 Set before an evergreen tree tinseling with silver and topped by the star of hope.  
 Serve to the strains of a Christmas Carol.  
 Feel the goodness of living.  
 And the yield is one VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS.



## thought

The most precious gifts are not wrapped in ribboned packages. They are the gifts wrapped by thought, by glance, by work, and presented from one heart to another.

Such are the gifts of friendship and love. And they cost nothing.

## smile

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

When the test paper was corrected and returned, the student read these words below his own: "Who passes, you fail? Happy New Year!"

# Merry

# Christmas



## The

## Christmas

## Party

*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.*

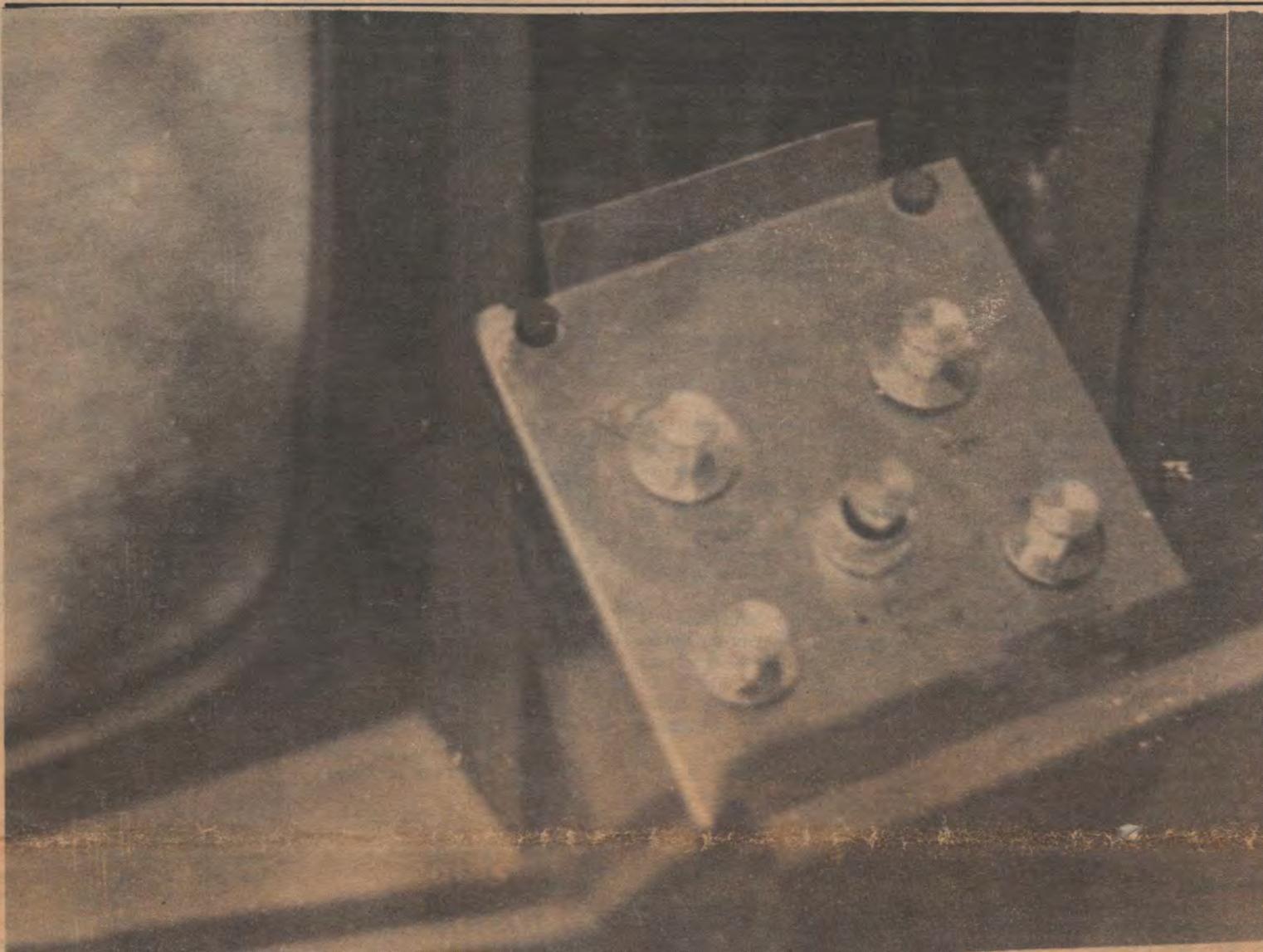
*It seems they think more of receiving  
Or of giving something to impress a friend.  
The children are all badgering Santa  
For a sack full of toys for them.*

*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 Laredo Junior College.

Upon receiving his fifth personal foul, Jackson was disqualified from play according to rules. This was in no way disputed by College of the Mainland or players.

Also, according to rules, the team must have sixty seconds to replace the disqualified player.

Yet before any Comet player had reported to the game as a substitute, the official gave the ball to a Laredo player to shoot the foul shot.

The Laredo player shot and made it during an official time out, and with only four Comet players on the court.

Coach Jerry Bryant then tried to discuss the legality of shooting a free throw while time was out, but was informed by referee Fredrico Paez that he (Paez) was not aware that a sixty second rule existed.

At this point, referee Isidro Garcia called a technical foul on Coach Bryant for being on the court. This call is also contrary to rules, as a coach is permitted to come on the court during a time out.

Coach Bryant then decided to remove his team from the floor, conceding the game as a win to Laredo's credit, and terminating the game, at that point.

However, the referee decided to continue the game with only one team on the court. The second free-throw related to Jackson's foul and the technical foul was shot and made, bringing the score to 68-63.

The ball was put into play, and a basket was scored. Immediately after the ball had passed through the basket to the floor, the ball was retrieved by a Laredo player and put into play again to score another basket.

The game ended 10 to 63 Laredo's favor.

This closing incident further illustrates the referee's familiarity with the rules.

After a basket is scored, the opposing team has five 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 Antony'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 news media in Laredo has turned the incident into a mudslinging contest. The rather onesided 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 pounced 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 play basketball against Galveston Jr. College January 23 and Brazosport College on January 27. Taylor called a meeting with Travaille and a misunderstanding on the subject of Richard Taylor's suspension was pointed out.

As a result of that meeting, the Brazosport and Galveston games were forfeited. Also, Richard Taylor has been suspended indefinitely, along with Manager Ken Antony. Travaille, who said, "it was

## Help Wanted

We need your help! Cliff Mabry explains the need for student and faculty participation in producing your school newspaper. Get the full story on deadlines, free want-ads, and publication dates so we can starting printing a representative paper.

## Detente Explained

A U.S. Department of State official spoke at College of the Mainland on January 31, explaining detente in detail. The speech was made possible by the Great Decisions Program, a citizen education program. (See DETENTE, Page 2)

Leroy August has shaped up quite a semester of Intramurals. Learn about the concepts and events on tap for this semester.

(See Page 3)

## Veterans Organize

The COM Veterans Service Organization elected officers, appointed committees, and had a question and answer session with the college President, Dr. Fred Taylor. (See VETS, Page 2)

my mistake in not understanding," assumes all responsibility for the misunderstanding.

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.

Although Travaille does not condone the use of force on an official, he does feel that "we have punished them (the team) unnecessarily."

## BARBS

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.

Try telling a man who is out of work that all we're experiencing is a "recession."

# Detente Imperative

By **CLIFF MABRY**  
Comet 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 DeGaulle the "Pioneer of detente," Frowick credited the former French President with improving Soviet-Chinese relations when DeGaulle 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."

He also described Kissinger as the "key architect" of detente, who see detente as an "imperative" in the face of possible nuclear war.

The Soviets officially moved toward detente in '69 when the Soviet Union and Red China set aside their differences, giving the Soviets a 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 hold Kissinger's view of detente as the only alternative to nuclear warfare.

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).

He 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 2400 and placing a ceiling of 1320 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, due partly to Congressional pressure led by liberal Senator Mike Mansfield.

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

The primary goal of the CSCE is to set up a 35 nation 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-1975, also reaching the all-important leveling off of tension, said Frowick.

When asked if the collapse of the Soviet-American Trade Bill has hampered the emigration of

Soviet Jews to Israel, Frowick stated one of the main goals of the CSCE, "the freedom of movement of people and ideas," provides not only for movement of Jews, but for the re-unification of families as well.

Frowick cited the free movement of 35,000 Soviet Jews in '73, as compared to 400 Jews permitted to leave in '69, as a direct result of "quiet negotiations" in the CSCE.

Frowick answered with a two-part reply to a question about what impact "The Gulag Archipelago," by Aleksander I. Solzhenitsyn who exposed the Soviet system of "justice," had on the Soviet theory of government.

He said the book had little impact, excepting a small embarrassment, on Soviet thinking.

However, Frowick added that the book's publication is a step forward in the freedom of movement of ideas.

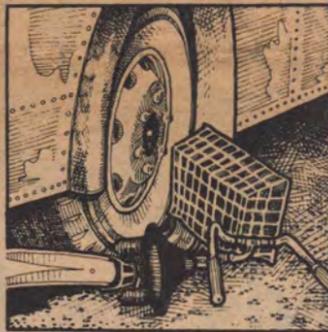
Responding to questions on Brezhnev's political health, Frowick thinks Brezhnev's role as Soviet Secretary is near an end.

He said it's time for "a reshuffle of power in the Soviet Union," but detente, according to Frowick, is thought to be imperative in the Soviet Union and is not in danger of collapse if Brezhnev is replaced.



Robert Frowick's appearance was made possible by the Great Decisions Program, a citizen education program in foreign policy.

**ROBERT FROWICK**  
State Department Official



Since 1935, the number of pedacycle-motor vehicle deaths have more than doubled while the number of pedacycles in use has increased 20-fold. However, the proportion of deaths occurring in adults has steadily increased since 1960, The World Almanac notes. 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 instated 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.

## LOVEMAKING

(Earth News Service)—Syn- tonic Research, maker of environmental records, is about to release a new long-player which the company describes as the "perfect sound for love-making." The record is called "The Ultimate Heartbeat" and features the sound of a woman's pulsating heart for twenty minutes. The firm says a woman's heart was used because it "works best... it's slower than a man's."

## 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 cafes and taverns throughout the state.

## Memorial Columns

The Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C. is surrounded by 36 columns of white marble, one column for each state of the Union that existed at the time of Lincoln's death. The Memorial was dedicated in 1922.

## 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 faulty 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.

## 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 Thron, 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 it 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.

Dr. Fred Taylor, attending on invitation from several members, said the club is "a good idea." Taylor said he hopes the VSQ will look at things from the overall viewpoint, keeping in mind the overall purposes and goals of the college.

James Stanton asked, "Why do veterans have to take P.E.?" Stanton complained that veterans have had physical training "crammed down their throats" for at least two years already.

Dr. Taylor replied saying P.E. is only required of students who want a degree from College of the Mainland. That is, an Associate of Arts or an Applied Science degree.

The reason for P.E., according to Taylor, is the fact that an education at COM represents growth on the part of its students and does not give credit for something one does in the past.

According to Cliff Mabry, some of the vets did not agree with the theory and will probably petition the administration for change.

## OUR BOARDING HOUSE

with Major Hoople



# Comets On Ball

By MATTHEW COOPER  
Comet Staff

The Comets worked hard over the holidays amassing a 14-5 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 Southmost in Brownsville, January 10.

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Arthur Jackson and Larry Turner came away with All-Tournament titles. This is the second all-tournament title for Jackson in this year's highly successful season.

Back in Conference action January 16, the Comets won out over our neighbors across the causeway, Galveston College, in a 100-86 stonip. The Comets drove to another conference win in Braxosport January 20, beating them 94 to 68.

In an action-packed game in Alvin January 23, 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 30 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. Couch 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.



## Forum Now Playing

Steve Guss, a slave and Lewis Parker, 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, 6, 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.

## 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 McGinty" (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)

Feb. 19; A FOREIGN AFFAIR (1948) Feb. 26; SHADOW OF A DOUBT (1943 by Alfred Hitchcock, March 5.

All movies will be shown at 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. The general public is invited to attend all of the free movies, which are presented by the Student Center Programs Council.

- Sports
- Entertainment

## Post Now Playing

Houstonians 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, Tex. 77001.

## 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 winning is all important is the main obstacle Mr. August has to overcome in promoting Intramurals. Winning is not important, in fact Mr. August said that "Intramurals are not intended to exploit talent, but to have fun."

Of course winning is an important side effect 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 pro-

mises 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 by 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 5th 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.



# 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 op-

portunity 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 R.O.T.C., Southern Methodist University,

Southwest Texas University, Stephen F. Austin State University, Texas A & I University at Corpus Christi, Texas A & M University, Texas Texas A9 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 Eyzaguirre, a nationally-known pianist, will offer a free concert at College of the Mainland, Arena Theatre, Tuesday, Feb. 25 at 4 p.m.

Dr. Eyzaguirre 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 VOE 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 8001 Palmer Highway (FM 1764) 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:

Jerry Anderson, Media Specialist Coordinator; Tom Friday, Maintenance Supervisor; Robert Slaney, Director of Library Services; Carolyn Hartnett, Instructor in Counseling and Human Development Studies; Duke Drewry, Media Specialist; Joe Bonzelet, Instructor in Law Enforcement, Alex Pratt, Instructor, Social Science; Billie Lambert, Processing Assistant in Print Media.

# What's Go'in On

## JB COM WHATS HAPPENING BOX

**WEDNESDAY—Feb. 12+** Cancer Enlightenment Program, film and lecture by physician. College Center, 12:30 to 2:00 p.m. +1 on 1 Basketball Tny, 12:30 p.m., Gym.

**THURSDAY—Feb. 13** Valentine Dance, John Macrini's band. Tickets \$1.00 at the door. College Center 8:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.

**MONDAY—Feb. 17** Student Art Show

**TUESDAY—Feb. 18** Free Lecture, "Buyers Guide to the Food Store" 12:00.

**WEDNESDAY—Feb. 19** +Free Movie, "The Exile" 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m., College Center +Trike Race, 12:30 p.m., College Center, +Women's Pool Turny, 12:30 p.m., Game Room in College Center.

**THURSDAY—Feb. 20** Mixed doubles bowling Turny, Gray Lanes, Texas City, 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.

## Communications Projects

Business Communications (231) is not taught in a theoretical vacuum at College of the Mainland. Instead, the class selects a project which is meaningful to the college, as well as typical of a communications problem in business.

One class surveyed COM students and faculty to determine the effectiveness of the current class schedule while another conducted a survey to determine future plans of COM business students. Both classes were taught by Mrs. Marie Dalton in the fall semester.

The class schedule questionnaire was constructed by the class and sent to 322 students and faculty members, of which 307 responded. The study found that 53 per cent of the students did not use either of the daily breaks in the daily class schedule.

The survey team's conclusion was that reconsideration might be given to the college's current class schedule and it recommended that the process include input from students and faculty.

# COM Loop Win String Ended

Galveston College scored six points in the final 36 seconds of play to take a come-from-behind 93-92 victory over College of the Mainland in Galveston Friday night, ending the Comets conference winning streak at 21 games. The loss was the first for COM in G.C.J.C.I.C. action this year, and drops their conference mark to 9-1, while Galveston College is now 1-9.

Trailing by five points, the Dolphins rallied in the final seconds on a corner shot by Minson Holloway with 36 seconds remaining, and pulled to within one point on a key shot by Robert Hollins. Then with five seconds remaining, the Dolphin's Harvie Hedgewood swiped the ball and cleared the ring from the left corner to put Galveston out front.

The Comets missed their final opportunity to recapture the advantage when Arthur Jackson failed to hit the

bullseye on an angle shot at the buzzer.

The Comets are now 17-7 on the season.

Jackson topped COM in the scoring column with 28 points while Larry Turner took the runner-up honors with 21, Craig Reggins pumped in 16 and Byron Thompson broke into the double figures with 12.

For Galveston College, Luke Morgan was high-point man with 28 points. Robert Hollins

scored 21, Charles Goree pumped in 17 and Harvie Hedgewood hit the twin digits with 15.

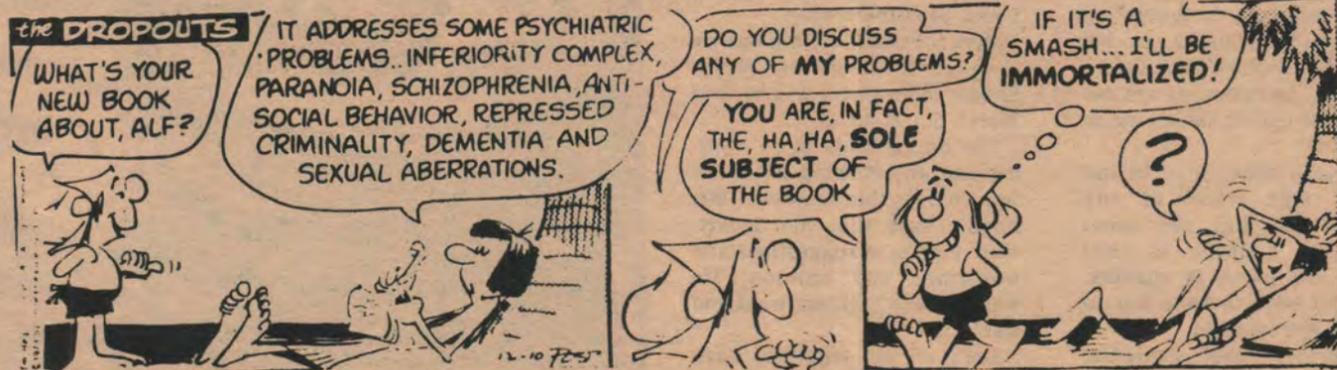
COM will return to action Monday night when they play host to Brazosport Junior College in their final home game of the season. The Comets

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Ja'son	10	6	4	Hollins	7	7	4
Tho'son	5	2	4	Heg'od	6	3	4
Lynch	1	2	4	Morgan	11	4	3
Turner	9	3	5	Hol'way	2	0	5
Re'gan	2	2	0	Goree	4	9	5
Reg'ns	8	0	4	Rodgers	2	2	3
Sprig'ns	2	3	2	Lewis	2	0	4
Totals	37	18	23	Totals	34	25	28

will wrap up their schedule Thursday night in Alvin against the Red Dolphins.



In parts of England it's believed that a person who picks marigolds will take to drink.



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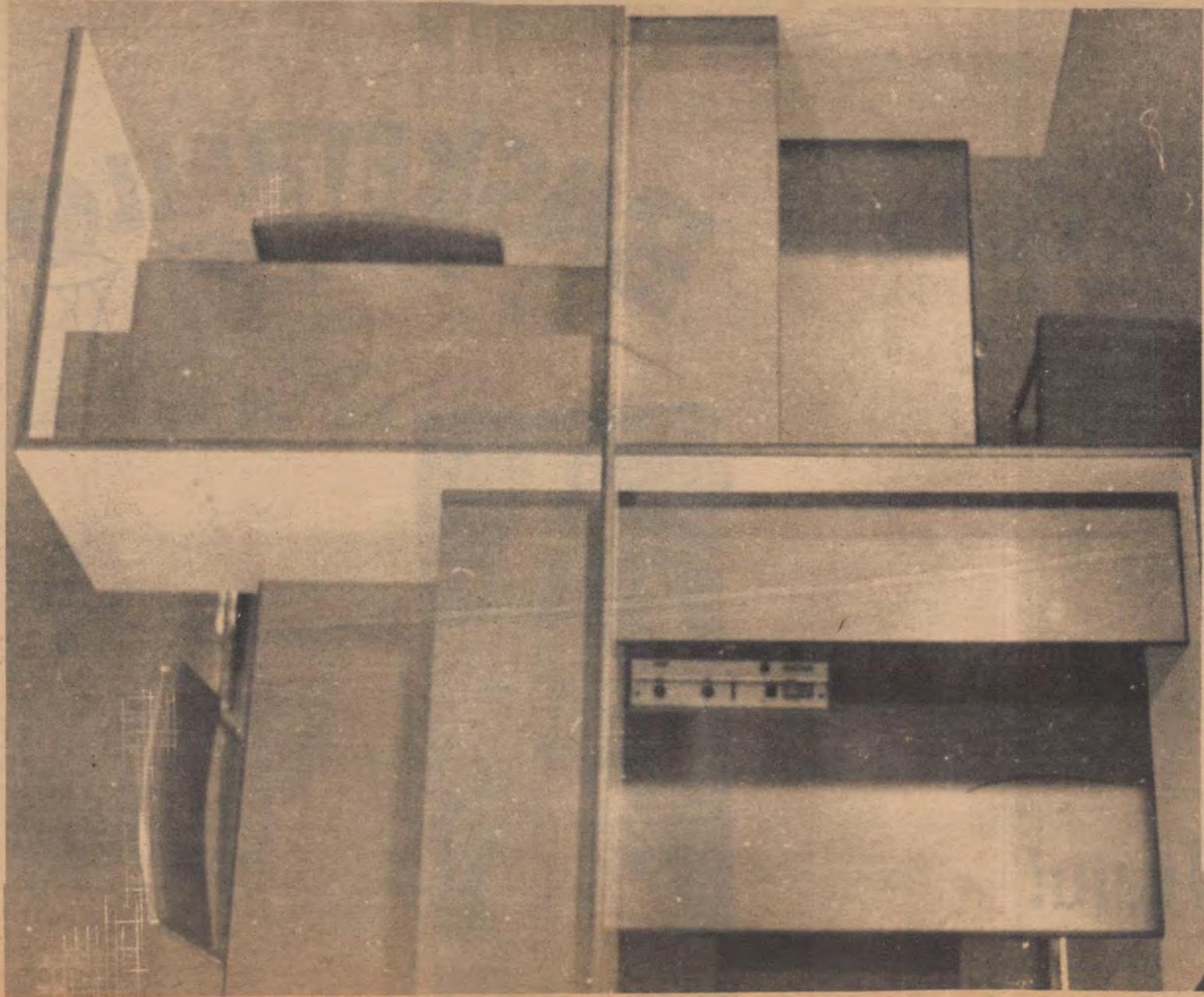
**BASKETBALL** 

**Go Team!**

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# Comet Contest: Guess What This Is? Win A Prize

## Books

### T.V. Series For G.E.D.

A New educational television series is available to individuals wishing to acquire a high school equivalency (GED) certificate. The series was designed for members of the community who may not be able to attend classes regularly.

The GED (General Educational Development) series will be offered on Channel 8, KUHT-TV, every Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at 6:00 to 6:30 p.m., and then repeated on Sunday, 11:00 to 12:30 p.m. The 30 minute program will be offered for 13 weeks, making a total of 34 presentations.

The first program will be aired Monday, Feb. 10 at 6 p.m.

In order to get the maximum benefit from the series, interested persons should obtain three books which accompany the television programs.

Anyone interested in participating in the GED series or desiring more information should contact the Division of Adult Basic Education at COM, 938-1211, EXT. 923.

By **JOE HENSLEY**  
Comet Staff

Remember all those Tarzan movies that used to be on the tube all Saturday afternoon? As many people know, those 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, but with it at, all of the technology needed

to bring more Moon Men to earth is also 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 revolt in the early 2,000s but are defeated. This ends the Moon Men.

Red Hawk continues nearly 400 years later with Julian the 20th 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 for this article, to let you know what we know. So, without further delay, here we go.

**FEBRUARY 11**—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 25**—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 9**—Susan Smeltzer will give a solo concert at COM at 3 p.m.

## Cancer Films Coming

College of the Mainland will sponsor a Cancer enlightenment Program, to be held on Wed., Feb. 12 at 12:30 p.m. in Room 120 of the College Center.

The comprehensive forum on cancer of the breast and cervix is being presented by the Student Center Programs Council in cooperation with the American Cancer Society and the Family Outreach Division of the

Galveston County Community Action Council.

Three films, "Self-Examination of the Breast," "Cancer of the Cervix," and "Reach for Recovery" will be shown. A physician will be on hand for the question and answer period which will follow the film presentation.

Admission is free and women are encouraged to attend the critically important program.

# Opinion Page

## Student Help Is Needed

By CLIFF MABRY  
Managing Editor

Rather than devote this editorial to trite lambastments 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, forms the base of any intellectual circle.

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 935-6410.

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



The National Organization for Women presented a speaker from Portugal, Ms. Maria Barreno, who was jailed by the Portugese government for co-

authoring a book of short stories and poems. She also helped to instigate the feminist movement in Portugal.

## Feminist Seeks Big Change

By JOE HENSLEY  
Comet Staff

All but 131 COM students had the pleasure of not listening to Maria Barreno, a feminist author from Portugal. She gave a brief and to say the least redundant speech.

Ms. Barreno was brought to us courtesy of the National Organization for Women affectionately known as NOW. Her speech gave a run down on the fascist government in Portugal that imprisoned her and two co-authors of a book.

After their acquittal, a new government came to Portugal and now, according to Ms. Barreno, the feminist movement is now organizing in Portugal much to the fears of the government and the majority of the men.

During a brief question and answer period, Ms. Barreno was asked to compare the womens' situation in Portugal with that of American women. She replied she could see no real difference in the way they were treated in regard to the degree of treatment.

So ladies, if you don't want to be jailed by all of us male chauvanist fascist pigs, be careful what you write.

She also stated that the feminist movement was more of a political issue than just a movement for equality.

A total change in the society is what the movement is after, was an answer to the question, "What exactly does the feminist movement want?"

So, if you're out to change the world you might look in on this controversial cause.

## Beach Boys Air Plans For '76

(Earth News Service)—Beach Boy Mike Love says he expects his band to be the unofficial national band for the U.S. bicentennial in 1976. Predicting that the Beach Boys will make a major concert tour

with Chicago this year, Love says, "From there it will be a natural progression to 1976. We will be THE group in 1976 when people want to know what American music is."

### MIXED SINGLES



## Personality Quiz

### HOW TACTFUL ARE YOU?

If you want to get along with your friends, relatives and neighbors, matters of tact should be matters of fact. Here's a quiz that tells you how to act:

1. When a friend of yours has put on too much weight in the last few months, it's best to tell her (A) That she's getting too fat, (B) That you know of another person who has lost a lot of weight recently, or (C) That she should go on a diet?



2. If your child brings home a poor report card, you should (A) Scold him, (B) Tell

him you'd like to meet with his teacher to find out how the youngster can do better, or (C) Compare his report card to those of other boys and girls on the block?

3. Should someone you know pass away, and his family suggests that flowers be omitted, the best thing for you to do is (A) Send a sympathy card or letter, (B) Express your condolences over the telephone, or (C) Send flowers and a card or letter?

4. If you're a girl walking along the street and a strange man waves at you, it's best to (A) Ignore him, (B) Smile at him, or (C) Slap his face?

5. If you're cashing a check at a bank and you think the teller has given you the wrong amount of money, you should (A) Threaten to call the manager, (B) Say to the teller that you think there's been an error, or (C) Demand that you be paid in full?



ANSWERS: 1. (B) Tell her you know of someone who has lost a lot of weight. 2. (B) Scolding him won't improve his grades, nor will comparing him unfavorably to other children. 3. (C) Send flowers and a card or letter. Flowers are always welcome as an expression of sincere sympathy. 4. (A) Ignore him. It really isn't wise to smile at a stranger if you're a young girl. And slapping his face would be too strong a measure. He may have honestly mistaken you for someone else. 5. (B) Tell the teller that you think there's been an error.

## Vandalism In Student Lounge

By CLIFF MABRY  
Comet Staff

Vandals have inflicted expensive and senseless damage in the TV lounge on the second floor of the Student Center destroying cushions, chair panels, the TV controls, and various other materials paid for by taxpayers and students.

Ed Brown, of student personnel services, quoted the original price of the sofas to be \$385; with inflation as it is, they're sure to cost considerably more now.

Brown assured us that the cushions would be replaced or repaired, but replacements will have to come from the manu-

facturer at no cheap price.

Side slats torn from the lounge chairs will be replaced, but no estimate on the cost of repairing the TV set has been made at this time.

Because of my natural curiosity as a reporter, I investigated conditions in the TV lounge in the Tech-Voc building for

comparison.

The good condition of the furniture and appliances in the Tech Voc lounge make me wonder why one lounge could be so torn up while another lounge, on the same campus, looks so much better.

Some suggest the Student Government should police the

area: All we really need is a little cooperation from all students to respect OUR property and the LAW.

Anyone witnessing a vandal in action should report the violator to Bob Smith, Leroy August, or Karen Atkinson; all these people have offices in the Student Center.



## TEEN TOPICS

To win teenagers back to dental care, a psychoanalyst suggests that the "buddy system" be encouraged for office visits and that they be treated as adults.

Using technical words makes teens and adults feel inferior, the analyst points out. Also, because "teenagers feel invincible about the future, any warnings about the consequences of neglecting their teeth will only go unheeded."

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One of the good effects of using a medicated acne cream is its peeling action which helps to clear up pimples. pHisoAc is one that has been formulated to help open clogged pores and reduce excess oils that can aggravate skin problems. It can be used at night, and during the daytime to conceal blemishes.

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The incidence of crab lice (pubic lice) in the U.S. is highest in girls, 15-19 years of age, and in males over 20. The "crabs" may infest not only the pubic region but also the hairs of the thighs and trunk. "The recent sexual revolution has played a vital role in this epidemic, particularly in young, unmarried individuals," a professor of dermatology states.

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Winter winds are drying to skin, and so are rooms that are steam heated. Dry, sensitive skins may respond best to a soapless skin cleanser. pHisoDerm liquid is one that contains emollients that help protect the skin.

## TIMELY TAX TIP

When the Internal Revenue Service tags your return for audit, it will pay to know the questions they will ask. "How to Survive a Tax Audit" digests an official IRS auditor manual and is available for \$2 from Reymont Associates, 29-N Reymont Ave., Rye, N.Y. 10580

# 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 1,954, 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 McNutt, chairperson.

"These are fields which have a steady demand for competent people," Ms. McNutt 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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### news summary

#### Senate Does Little

By JOE HENSLEY  
Comet Staff

Among the accomplishments of the past student senate are the putting up of a "Bitch" or complaint box for student comment to the senate, cleaning of the earphones in the math lab on a regular basis, and an emergency appropriations plan for the clubs on campus.

They also had the doors in the student center checked to see if

they could be made to open easier.

Kyle Hunter attributed much of the senate's lack of action on the failure of the committee system, and lack of the committee's power to carry out any action.

The C.O.M. senate also had a regional meeting of all the senates in the area. The senate is also working on changing the present form of course instruction and evaluation.

#### French Cathedral Damaged

(Earth 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 avantgarde band Tan-

gerine Dream. The churchgoers were upset by the smooching, littering, dope-smoking, and urinating that took place during the concert in the renowned 13th century Gothic Cathedral.

#### Summer Jobs Offered

Astroworld, USA will begin its 1975 personnel recruiting program on January 13th. The amusement park opens to the public on weekends in March, and begins full-time operation in June.

Applicants should come to the Personnel Department at 9001 Kirby, bringing a recent picture

of themselves, and fill out an application. Qualifications are that the applicant be 17 years of age by the end of 1975, and have a social security number."

If additional information is needed regarding Live Show auditions please contact Bob Logan, Director of Live Show, 748-4500, ext. 384.



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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 Fulbright 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 9 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 their inward emotions and express emotions of others."

Susan said that she has already set aside the money for



Susan Smeltzer

her steak 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 trip to 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.

## Birchers Plan University

(Earth News) The arch-conservative John Birch 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."



Look for your picture from the Valentine's Dance page 5.

## Athletic Scholarships Cancelled

By MATTHEW COOPER  
Comet Staff

Lack of community interest has resulted in the cancellation of the athletic scholarships 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 athletics 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 \$7500. 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.

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.

## Outhouses In Trouble

(Earth News) A measure of the nation's woes is the sluggish condition of the National Portable Sanitation Association, which represents some 176 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 per cent last year, due largely to constipation in the building industry.

## 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. Rhame's ecology course feelings about the class. Dr. Rhame said that the nine member 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 survey 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. Rhame scopes it out

Another trip is being planned to Stubblefield 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.

## Power Structure To Be Discussed

By MARY DANACZKO  
COM Public Information

Students at College of the Mainland during the spring semester will have an opportunity to study the structure and use of influence in the college's district.

A group of ten students will organize to study the "power structure" of Texas City and La Marque. The intent is to discover influential citizens so that institutions within the community can become more effective. The group will work with two advisers and a consultant.

Larry Smith, Associate Dean of Continuing Education and Community Services, and Don Bass, Instructor in the Humanities Division, will serve as faculty advisers to the study group. Dr. Robert Wegmann, faculty member at the University of Houston at Clear Lake City, is the consultant. Dr. Wegmann's outstanding experience in the socio-political area includes that of Board of Education member in Milwaukee; staff member for the U.S. Senate Subcommittee on Manpower, Employment and Poverty; and lobbyist for the Council of the Great City Schools.

The first part of the group's activity will be organization,

followed by a survey of the literature on community influence. The group will design strategies and instruments for the study, both of which Dr. Wegmann will evaluate. The total pre-planning of the study has been avoided so that participants may contribute to the total design. The final part of the study will involve field work and conclusion.

"This kind of study has never been done in this community, although there are many forerunners," commented Bass. "Studies in the 1960's have revealed various use and organization of power; such as single-member elite, multi-group, democratic, and competitive."

Students may join the group because they have a strong personal interest, or they may petition for credit in other courses (political science, sociology, economics, etc.). Students may also join to earn four hours credit in exploratory cooperative education.

"The Community Power Study" has been endorsed by the college's Committee For Field Experience.

Interested persons may apply by calling Don Bass, 938-1211, Ext. 218, or Larry Smith, Ext. 296. Deadlines for applications are January 30.

## Heck Is Appointed

An expanded program of counselling services is now available at College of the Mainland under the auspices of Family Service of Galveston.

The appointment of Diane Halle Heck to the staff has made it possible to offer counselling services Tuesday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Ms. Heck graduated Phi Beta Kappa, summa cum laude from Duke University with a major in psychology. She received an M.S. degree in Social Work from the University of Texas, at Austin and spent a year in the postgraduate program for social workers sponsored by the Division of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry at the UT Medical Branch in Galveston.

Counselling services are available to Galveston County residents on a sliding scale based on ability to pay.

"The professional staff is here to help anyone with a problem they cannot handle alone," commented Ms. Heck. "Our counselling is not limited to a specific area, but covers a wide span—from the problems of senior citizens to child-parent conflicts, as well as marital difficulties, adolescent problems, and personal growth handicaps.

Persons interested in making an appointment with the counselling staff are asked to

## Just Like Mary Ann

By CLIFF MABRY  
Comet Staff

Paul Ray Heinrich says his name is pronounced "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 catch on. Paul Ray says, "We couldn't have done it without the help of el senor Ginsberg and el senor Urbina."

The language is a combination of Spanish, English, and whatever else comes to mind at the time.

I normally wouldn't print a person's favorite group, but Paul Ray's is different enough to be news. Gary Puckett and the Union Gap is his usual request in all the local pubs.



Ask his age and he'll say, "I'm too young to be married, but I'm too old to be single!"

Paul Ray has an aversion to hockey and radio station bumper stickers because, "You only get one chance to say something, when you're dead, no one will listen".

## 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—Sunday, 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.; youngsters recreation—Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon.

By purchasing a Facilities Use Pass, any resident of the College District may utilize the Physical Education Facilities during the 1974-75 school year when those facilities are not being used for credit or non-credit classes. That pass may be purchased through the Records Office for a fee of \$5.00 for adults (16 plus years of age) and \$2.50 for youngsters (8-15 years).

Like human fingerprints, no two snowflakes are identical. Among all the countless flakes that fall, no two with exactly the same size, pattern and number of water molecules have ever been found.

# Breast Cancer Program Is Given

By JOE HENSLEY  
Comet Staff

"Reach To Recovery" was presented the 12 of February by Clydene Harris 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 to \$130.

All volunteers have had a mastectomy or some type of breast surgery. They also go through an 8 hour orientation course and a two day training period so to be tactful 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 from 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 1969, it was adopted 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 40 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.



## Big Brothers...

### A Big Deal

By RAY DOBYNS  
Comet Staff

An organization called the Gulf Coast Big Brothers—Big Sisters is now being formed to serve Galveston, Brazoria, and Matagorda Counties. An estimated 2,000 children in this area are in need of the services this group has to offer.

But, what is the Big Brother—Big Sister program?

Big Brothers—Big Sister movement came into existence on Dec. 3, 1904 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 adequate 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 personality. 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 complete and submit a case history application that is provided on request by the Agency.

The applications is necessary even though the child and-or

their parent have been referred by another social service agency, school, interested person, etc.

Who are Big Brothers—Big Sisters?

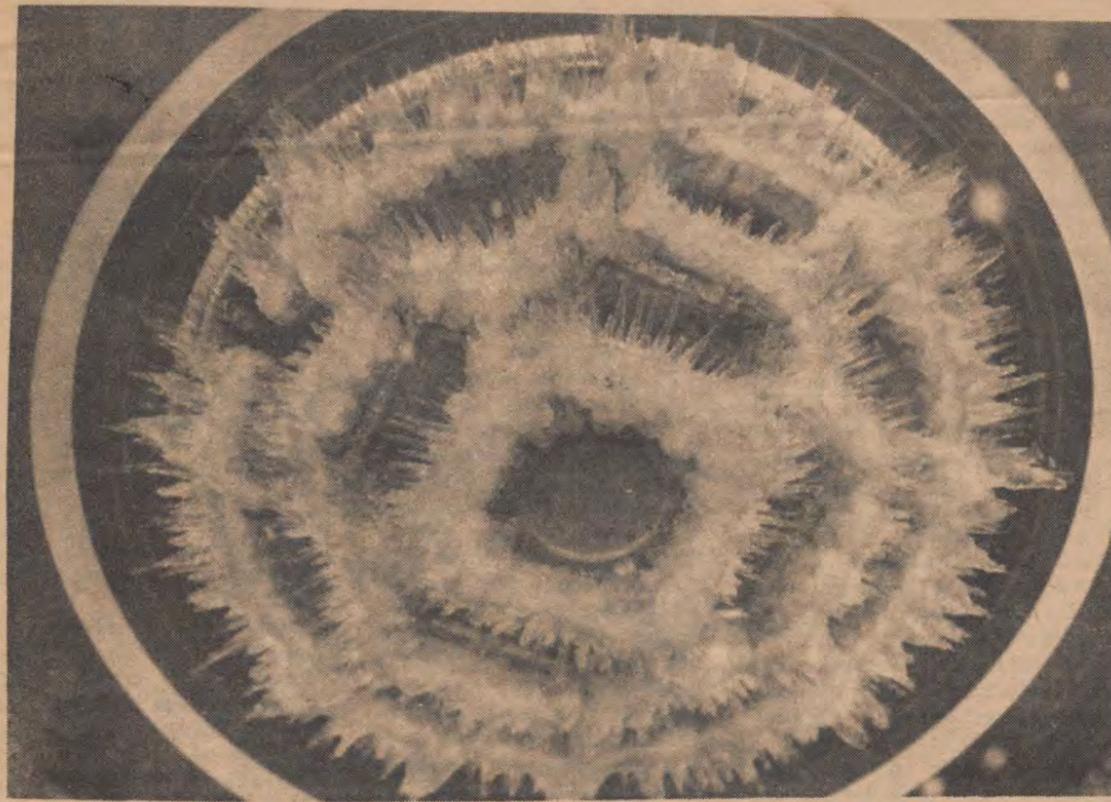
They must be men or women who are twenty-one years of age or older who are mature, stable individuals of good character, and have a willingness to invest their time and themselves in a child who is in need of their friendship. Their marital status or occupation generally do not bear too heavily on his acceptance or rejection.

What is important is the kind of person they are as well as their intelligence and good judgment, thereby being an individual in whom a child with all good conscience can readily have confidence, can befriend, and can use as a personal example for living.

Before an adult can establish membership as a Big Brother—Big Sister, they must complete and submit an authorized application. This having been done, every person is interviewed by the professional caseworker staff who served as a primary screening agent in conjunction with the Screening Committee which thoroughly investigates each applicant before recommendations are made to the Board of Directors, which either accepts or rejects the applicant on the basis of the recommendation.

The Gulf Coast Big Brothers—Big Sisters program for this area has now grown to the stage where the by-laws 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.

With a lot of hard work left to the members of the Steering Committee, a little more financial help and a bunch of help from the Man above, this organization will become a permanent agency in this area. Any readers with interest in this program, please contact this reporter through the journalism box at the information desk in the Student Center.



Be the next lucky winner in the new Comet contest.

## 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 swattika.

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 "casually cool."

The COMET will have a



contest each issue, but don't call Karen Atkinson with answers. Come by the COMET office any Wednesday between 2:30 and 5:00 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 HofbrauGaden 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.

## Tilt Lights Up

By MATTHEW COOPER  
Sports Staff

New light has been set on the basketball dispute that occurred in Laredo January 11.

Reports from several coaches present at the game have confusing variations of the story. Rick Taylor's suspension stood for the rest of the season, based on his own report that he hit referee Isidro Garcia.

"I'm only dealing with his (Taylor's) admission," Dr. Mortvedt, Dean of Instructions said February 13. Dr. Mortvedt 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 other misbehavior by the Comets prior to Taylor's bout with the referee. This include unkindly hand gestures, some warmup jackets were thrown at the official and the official was shoved by the team manager.

After the fiasco, there were several shouts of "Give the first place trophy to the ref," 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 GCJCTC title February 13 by falling 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 93- conference mark, losing to COM three times.

After an evenly pitched battle in the first minutes, Alvin took the lead 9-8 and held it through the first half. At halftime the score was 33-28 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 57-57.

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.

Tests are administered in Houston. However, the Voluntary Mechanic Testing and Certification Test Program may be offered at College 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.

There are eight automobile and six heavy-duty truck mechanic tests as well as one test each in auto-body repair, auto painting and refinishing.

Complete information regarding fees, dates, times and study questions is available in COM's Testing Center, which is located in the Administration Building. The center is open 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Friday.

# ' 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 materials.

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, quizzes, 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 sub-headings of the chapter to 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 is trying 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 full, legible, and accurate 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 cramming for examinations unnecessary, but it will also 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 testing your ideas. Your verbalization of reading material will reinforce it in your mind.

Summarize whatever you have read. After finishing a page, restate the main ideas in your mind and then glance back to see if you are correct. Before closing your text, repeat the major points of the material you have read. See if you can jot down the central 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 improve their use of study time and learning materials. A complimentary complete copy will be sent to you if you write to AAP STUDENT SERVICE, Association of American Pub-

lishers, Inc., One Park Avenue, New York 10016.

In the first installment of this article pointers were given on how you can use each text to its full benefit. It indicated the importance of a preliminary survey of the entire book, and gave tips on how to prepare class assignments.

## **QUESTION YOURSELF AS YOU READ**

Pose questions to yourself as you move from paragraph to paragraph. By converting statements into questions, you challenge assumptions, opinions, and generalizations, and you keep yourself alert to the author's ideas. As you read your textbook, ask yourself, What, Why, How, Who, When.

What is the meaning of the title of this chapter? What is the sense of headings and sub-headings, the topic sentence and concluding remarks? What is the meaning of the words—especially of important terms that are italicized. What is the purpose of a photograph or table, a diagram or a graph?

Why has the author chosen a certain sequence of thought? Why does he elaborate upon a particular point so extensively?

How does the author achieve his effects? Does he use exaggeration, understatement, irony? Does he use examples and analogues? Are his graphs and pictures effective? If you are reading literature, what is the significance of the title, the historical period, the tone, the mood, language, and symbolism of the work?

For whom is the author writing? If he is writing a history text, is he biased? If he is dealing with psychology, does he belong to a special school of thought and does this attitude shape his ideas?

When was the book written? Have new developments rendered the author's opinion obsolete?

Ask questions in class. Bring specific inquiries raised by your reading to class and pose them 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 underline key statements. Bracket key phrases and put light check marks around significant points. After you have read a few paragraphs, return to your markings and underline the phrases and sentences that seem most important to you. Be careful to select only the main idea. 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 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 reviving information that you have forgotten.

A journal or reading log proves useful. After you have read a section or a chapter, record your thoughts so that you will have a personal and active encounter with the textbook. You may want to keep an informal reading log, jotting down perceptions or expressing yourself creatively; you may want to be more formal and synopsise whole chapters in a brief paragraph. In any event, the transcription of your thoughts to paper will be of great help in reviewing and in writing subsequent essays or term papers.

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# Trikers Race For Posterier's Sake?



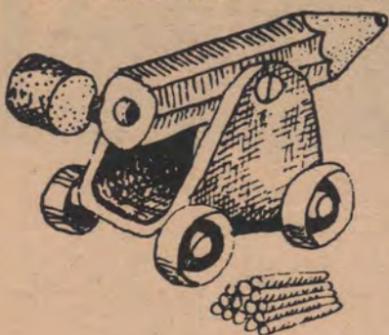
## No Hope For June Grads

(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 four years.

While engineers will probably have 7 percent more job offers than a year ago, the poll predicts that a total of only 4 percent of the graduates on the humanities and social sciences are likely to find jobs in their own fields.

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



By MARY DANACZKO  
COM Public Information  
Bill Sowers, College of the Mainland's newly-appointed Instructor-Coordinator of Mid-Management Programs, arrived on campus after shoveling 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 snowstorm may have been unexpected, but the trip to Texas was part of Sowers' carefully-researched, systems 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.

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

## Bill Sowers Joins COM

"We set goals, as well as target dates. Every two years, we sit down to evaluate our progress and identify the direction of our lives," he explained. "If corporations can thrive on a system approach to planning, why not apply it to advantage in one's personal life?"

No one can dispute that Sowers has been doing just that ever since graduation from St. Joseph's College (Philadelphia) in 1963, with a major in Business Administration. He joined Exxon's Management Training Program where he was exposed to varying areas of business, such as marketing, finance and personnel. He soon decided that the field of finance offered the greatest challenge and he was offered the position of Credit Supervisor.

He then joined Avisun Corp. as Manager of Corporate Finance and acquired broad-based experience in all functions of finance and planning. Sowers further expanded his base of experience in his next position as Assistant Treasurer of Peterson, Howell and Heather, Inc.

It was at this point, that Sowers decided to go into the

field of education. "I felt my role in business was tightly structured and I wanted to have a broader impact on the business world," he explained. "As I saw it, the most direct way to accomplish this goal was to become involved in the education of future business leaders."

His decision was also in line with his philosophical conviction that every person should give something back to society in order to keep it a vital force.

"I had gained a certain amount of monetary reward and status in the business world. It was not my turn to pass on to others the expertise or knowledge that made it possible," he added.

Sowers attended Delaware State College for a year to pick up the professional requirements to teach and also received a B.S. in Education, after which he accepted a position as teacher-coordinator of Distributive Education in the school district of North Conway, New Hampshire.

"It was an exciting challenge to put together my practical and theoretical knowledge and come up with a Cooperative Education Program that was best suited to the community," Sowers declared. "In addition to coordinating the students and

employers in the Distributive Education Program, I taught courses in Marketing, Merchandising and Management," he said, pointing out that 52 percent of all business in the United States is concerned with moving the goods from the manufacturer to the consumer.

During this period, Sowers earned an M.Ed. degree in Vocational Education from Temple University in Philadelphia.

When College of the Mainland beckoned with the challenge in Sowers' long-range plan, he left with a sense of satisfaction.

"I started the Cooperative Education Program with 23 students. When I left, there were 126 enrolled," he said.

Sowers looks ahead with enthusiasm to his work at COM.

"I have never come across a group of people which is so deeply committed to helping their students," he declared, adding that he was not surprised to find a genuine sense of helpfulness among people in general in Texas.

Another consideration was the weather, and despite the humidity and the occasional rain, he still thinks he has battled one-hundred percent to date. Especially when he thinks of his friends coping with the snow drifts in New Hampshire.

## Viva Betsy Ross

The United States Flag is the third oldest of the national standards of the world; older than the Union Jack of Britain or the Tricolor of France.

The Flag was first flown from Fort Stanwix, on the site of the present city of Rome, New York, on August 3, 1777. It was first under fire three days later in the Battle of Oriskany, August 6, 1777.

The colors of the Flag may be thus explained: The red is for valor, zeal and fervency; the white for hope, purity, cleanliness of life and rectitude of conduct; the blue, the color of heaven, for reverence to God, loyalty, sincerity, justice and truth.

The star (an ancient symbol of India, Persia and Egypt) symbolizes dominion and sovereignty, as well as lofty aspirations. The constellation of the stars within the union—one star for each state—is emblematic of our Federal Constitution, which reserves to the states their individual sovereignty, except as to rights delegated by them to the Federal government.

The symbolism of the Flag was thus interpreted by Washington: "We take the stars from heaven, the red from our mother country, separating it by white stripes, thus showing that we have separated from her, and the white stripes shall go down to posterity representing liberty."

## Transfer Information

Students at COM who are nearing graduation may find the book, "Directory of College Transfer Information" helpful. This new publication, located in the Reference section of the Library, is designed to aid those students who will transfer to a senior level college immediately upon graduation from a junior 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 admit academic dismissals

7) Colleges which offer FINANCIAL AID SPECIFICALLY FOR TRANSFERS

8) Colleges which accept correspondence credit 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

## It Could've Been Close

By JOE HENSLEY  
Comet Staff

This semester a special election was held to fill the student senate positions open. There were five freshmen and one sophomore position open.

Karen Rex captured the sophomore position with 81 votes beating out Dan Townsend and Linda Segelquist. Unfortunately, in the freshman race there were only five people running for five slots.

However, the race, if there had been one, would have been close. Janie Gentle had 127 votes while Greg Hall took 126, Ginna Wofford 119, Larry Moreno 116, and Charlie Johnson 102 votes.

The voting, as one can see, shows the forgetfulness, lack of concern and the good old tradition of student apathy.

# Liquor Not Against Law

# REACTIONS

By CLIFF MABRY  
Managing Editor

Last semester, an article appeared in this paper which said having liquor on a state-supported campus is illegal.

Dr. Fred Taylor, President of COM, said alcohol at College of the Mainland is illegal due to administrative decision, not state law.

Taylor reached this decision by examining the overall question in regard to its advantages, disadvantages, opportunities, and threats the issue poses.

I chose to rectify the erroneous article in editorial form, because I want people to realize that the Comet does not wish to take a crusader's role in trying to legalize liquor at College of the Mainland.

On the contrary, I intend to take a hard-line stance against having booze on campus.

First, let's examine the advantages.

Other than having club functions on campus featuring spirits and fellowship, there are no advantages.

On the other hand, the disadvantages are many. If we had liquor at Student Center events,

who could guarantee that everyone will be able to hold what they drink?

Given the assumption that some people do get sick when drinking.

I shudder to think what would happen if those queasy stomachs had to navigate the two flights of stairs leading to the rest rooms.

Nasty, ghastly, and unimaginably invidious.

Having liquor off-campus at a school-based club meeting is legal, provided the college does not pay for, or organize the gathering.

The veterans at COM proved this to be a workable solution with their party-after-each meeting policy.

If one doesn't belong to a club, that doesn't keep him or her from throwing a party. I see enough cliques in the Student Center and around campus that should be out-going enough to give parties.

Now for the longest list—threats posed by booze on campus.

I'm positive everyone at College of the Mainland realizes the mixture of races, age groups, and financial classes that COM enjoys and everybody

should be able to predict what could happen after these different types loosened their tongues a bit.

Broken jaws, paws, and mangled mandibles.

I've seen too many drunken brawls start at the drop of a hat to endorse liquor on campus.

What would happen if the Student Body pushed the issue?

I think the Board of Trustees would make a Board Policy banning alcohol on campus.

This action would have a more long-standing and irreversible position than the present administrative decision.

I understand the University of Texas and the University of Houston sell liquor in their Student Centers; but if we are to compare COM to other state institutions, we need to make a fair comparison with schools like San Jacinto J.C., Alvin J.C., Brazosport J.C., etc.

After a realistic evaluation of the situation, I fail to see any place for alcohol in our learning environment.

Mary, Queen of Scots (1542-1587) was by all accounts the first woman to play the game of golf.

Dear Editor of the COMET:

I feel that Mr. Hensley's article on Ms. Maria Barreno ("Feminist Seeks Big Change"), was poor quality reporting. He states that, "all but 131 COM students had the pleasure of not listening" to Ms. Barreno. I, for one, enjoyed hearing Ms. Barreno, and I do not feel that Mr. Hensley can be assured that his reporting reflects the response of the rest of the audience. According to the College Bulletin of 2-3-75, attendance at the speech was a "landmark", which was all the more exceptional in view of the short notice COM had regarding Ms. Barreno's visit.

Mr. Hensley also refers to the National Organization for Women, "affectionately known as NOW." The attempted cuteness is irrelevant, as NOW is simply an acronym. If our speaker had been sponsored by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, would Mr. Hensley have stated, "affectionately known" as NAACP?

Mr. Hensley does not give examples to support his contention that the talk was "redundant." For an individual

expressing herself in, what was for her, a foreign language, I feel Ms. Barreno did quite well.

Mr. Hensley's statement that, "according to Ms. Barreno, the movement is now organizing in Portugal much to the fears of the government and the majority of the men," seems overly simplified. The government had given a couple of rationales for non-support of the feminists, although Ms. Barreno did feel that the underlying element was fear.

Nowhere in his article does Mr. Hensley report on a basic theme of Ms. Barreno's speech, namely, that the current feminist movement offers to men as well as women the opportunity to break out of rigid, culturally-defined roles and explore a wider range of human potential.

Finally, I view Mr. Hensley's flippant, "so ladies, if you don't want to be jailed by all of us male chauvanist fascist pigs, be careful what you write" as an affront to all individuals, female and male, who suffered reprisals for the expression of their ideas from the recent authorization regime in Portugal.

Sincerely,  
M.A. Miller  
Staff, COM



## Ron Hendren IN WASHINGTON

## STUDENT LOANS THREATENED

By Ron Hendren

By STEVE BIERMAN  
Student Government  
President

WASHINGTON — A recent study has concluded that more and more young people are defaulting on their federally guaranteed student loans, and that report has provided new and potent ammunition to congressmen, senators and White House aides who want an excuse to disembowel the program. More than half a million students have obtained college educations with the help of these loans.

The study projects that the government will likely lose some \$20 million annually in defaulted notes, about one half of one percent of the total amount guaranteed, and about half the cost of a single CSA transport aircraft.

But never mind, \$20 million is \$20 million, and in these perilous times a lot more people are spending a lot more time looking for ways to tighten other people's belts. And rightly so, although the fiscal admonishers would do well to start at home.

The problem is that those who are strangling abdominally are the ones who are asked, or forced, to be the first to take in still another notch. Thus it is that Social Security and medicare and medicaid recipients, students, and others living on slim, fixed incomes are the first to be asked to sacrifice still more.

And that brings us back to the recipients of guaranteed student loans. The four volume study (which, incidentally, cost the Office of Education \$180,000) found what most educators already knew: that the recipients of these loans tend to be students from families in middle and lower income brackets, and are people who for the most part would not receive formal education beyond

high school were it not for this program.

The study also shows that defaulters tend to be lower income persons, are more likely to be black than white, and attended poorer, less prestigious schools. Many attended trade schools.

Richard L. Tombaugh, executive secretary of the National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators fears that "some banks will be more careful now in making loans to the kinds of students who could default." Federal officials are already suggesting higher loan standards, and similar "solutions" will come from state officials you may be sure.

The result: those who need help the most could become those to whom help is denied.

A careful reading of the \$180,000 study, however, suggests a different course. The study shows that defaults for students attending public and private schools decreased about threefold between 1968 and 1972, while claims from so-called "proprietary" schools increased a whopping 700 per cent in this same period. This latter category includes trade schools, secretarial schools, management training schools, and a host of other generally small institutions.

Could it be that many of these schools are fly-by-night operations, the kind which often are advertised on matchbook covers, the same slick operations which bilked so many veterans in an attempt to siphon off G.I. benefits? Could the high default rate be because these schools often ask students to sign a full contract before the recipient has a chance to spend a semester determining

whether the institution is able to further his or her career?

This is one of the points raised to me recently by Robert M. Pickett, legisla-

tive director of the National Student Lobby. But Pickett goes further. "Because it is generally the poorer students who default, it is generally the larger loans which the government gets stuck with," Pickett says. "I don't believe that any student, however poor, should be put in the position of hocking himself up to his neck to meet educational expenses. Before a student should be allowed to borrow more than \$1000 a year, we should be certain that all other sources — part-time work opportunities and the like — are exhausted."

Pickett also feels that not enough information is provided to students about their obligations and rights under loan agreements. "Most of these people are borrowing for the first time, and the kind of information they get, both about their new financial obligations and the kind of education they can expect to get for that money, is often dreadfully poor — particularly at trade schools and the like."

The outcome of the legislative battle that is sure to ensue over the future of the guaranteed student loan program will hinge on how effectively these arguments are made, for the program though successful is by no means a sacred cow immune to congressional slaughter. If it dies, as that expensive study made clear, there are quite literally hundreds of thousands of young Americans who will never have the chance to go beyond high school in pursuit of formal education.

In regard to the article entitled "Senate does Little" in the last issue of the COMET, Student Government would like to clear up the misconceptions created by the aforementioned report.

In all likelihood, this article was written and read during the 12:20-1:00 college break. This campus wide scheduling break was designed and implemented by Student Government. Furthermore, when this policy was reconsidered, Student Government was the major proponent in continuing the daily College hour.

To proceed, Student Government is responsible for all chartered organizations at COM. This includes the Programs Council which constantly brings the student a wide variety of activities ie, (move orgies, educational films, lectures, and dances). Student Government is also responsible for all campus organization's budgets which allow them to function and provide campus organization's budgets which allow them to function and provide campus activities and programs.

Student Government concedes that it is not without fault, and that one of its problem areas in the past was that of its committee structure. However, this particular problem was remedied before its enlightenment by the COMET.

Student Government is a viable organization on this campus. To continue to be so, we need an ever-increasing amount of student support. YOUR involvement is our life-line!



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 Eyaguirre 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  
Guest Writer

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 Jacobites made their second and final attempt to put the Catholic Stuarts back on the throne of Hanoverian-ruled protestant England, and then it moved directly to the battle lines where the action began.

At first, I was disappointed because this film was not in color, but as the movie progressed, I could see several good reasons for the use of black and white film: the Scott-

ish "army" was 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 Jacobites 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 fig-

ure in all respects, from his physical makeup to his mental capacities. The film's portrayal of this erstwhile 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 zeal.

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.

## 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-assed 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;

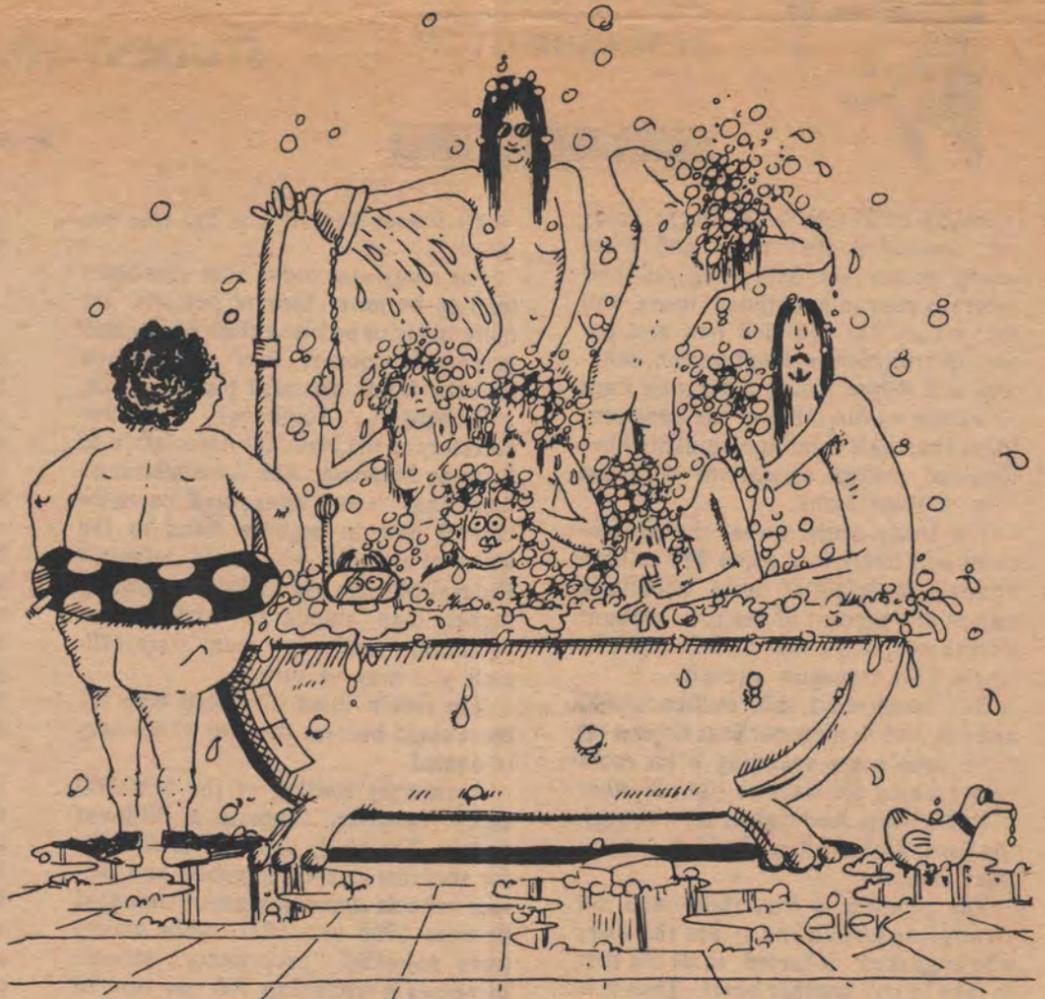
1) No Big Name Stars. This in itself is enough reason to stay home and watch "Wall Street Week" on channel 8, right? With big name stars playing the same type role in all of their movies, you know what to expect. With a lot of unknowns, you don't. One point for our side.

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 possibly 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 movie was produced by Gregory Peck, leading us to believe that no real producer would touch this movie with a Richard Nixon wristwatch.

As we all begin tugging at the iron belts holding us in our seats, the movie begins. Suddenly, much like the passengers on the Titanic, we in the audience feel a strong closeness to one another. After approximately 15 minutes of commercials, which isn't why I came to a theatre, the camera rolls. You know what, it was a really great flick. No joking, it was a very good movie.

It's all about a kid who sails around the world in a twenty-four foot sail boat, alone. The story is his adventures on the high sea and on dry land. It is a very interesting movie which I would highly recommend to anyone.—DWAYNE COLVIN



## Take A Bath With A Friend

(Earth News) If there is to be a fad to replace "streaking" as the national 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 back-yard 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 2222 1/2 Parker Street, Berkeley, Calif. 94704.

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## New Constitution Sought

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### 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 isolates one of the primary needs of community college students which is not presently capable of being met by traditional structures of student governance. 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 he "belongs to" in the college, some structure or organization.

Involved with this belongingness are the developmental tasks which may be accomplished through a structure which offers it: the opportunity to express opinions and be heard and to have 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 peer level with other members of the scholarly community.

The benefits to the institution from student participation in policy and decisions must benefit from student input just as students benefit from interaction with faculty. 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 students involvement is made as accessible as possible, and

Voting to accept or reject this constitution will be held soon.

barriers to input are torn down.

### ARTICLE II. Structure and Name

#### Section 1

The name of this organization shall be The College of the Mainland Student Association.

There shall be an Executive Council. The Council shall be composed of a president, a vice-president for administrative Services, a vice-president for Instruction, a vice-president for Planning and Development, a vice-president for Student Personnel Services, and a Secretary-Treasurer. This council shall meet once a week.

#### Section 3

The vice-presidents will serve on commissions composed of the corresponding Deans and a faculty member chosen by College of the Mainland Employees Association. These commissions will meet monthly; additional meetings will be held at the request of any member.

### ARTICLE III. Duties of Officers

#### Section 1

**PRESIDENT**—The duties of president shall be to meet with the president of the college on matters that cannot be handled by any one commission, to chair the Executive Council meetings, to act as a spokesperson of the student body, and to act as a voting member of the Administrative Council.

**VICE-PRESIDENT**—The duties of the vice-president shall be to serve on the commission, to solicit and achieve input on issues relevant to the commission on which they serve, and to attend meetings of the Executive Council.

**SECRETARY-TREASURER**—The duties of the secretary-treasurer shall be to maintain a record of the Executive Council, to maintain a budget on The College of the Mainland Student Association, and to carry on all necessary

correspondence of the association.

### ARTICLE IV. Decision Making Process

#### Section 1

The vice-presidents, as mentioned, shall solicit and receive input on relevant issues. When appropriate, the vice-president may appoint committees, the composition of which should be designed to maximize student participation and to study the issues.

#### Section 2

Decisions shall be made or policies shall be proposed to the administrative council by the commissions in accordance with the college policies. Decision making or recommendation of policies will require an affirmative vote of two thirds of the commission.

#### Section 3

A copy of decisions which establish administrative policy or are a departure from existing administrative policy and the reasons for the decision will be issued to all faculty-staff and students effected through the College Bulletin and the Student Newsletter. If at least 20 percent of the faculty-staff and-or students do not register their objection to the decision within four weeks, that decision will become final. If however, at least 20 percent do register objections, the issue will be referred by the commission to the Administrative Council for final resolution.

#### Section 4

Appropriations for chartered clubs and organizations shall require an affirmative vote of a majority of the Executive Council.

### ARTICLE V. Student Bill of Rights

The Board of Trustees and the Administration of the College of the Mainland believe deeply, and commit themselves to, the democratic process as a way of

life. Therefore, the Board of Trustees and the College staff commit themselves to the following:

The student is an adult person, or is capable of becoming sufficiently responsible immediately, for the purpose of continuing in attendance.

The student shall be dealt with by the College staff as a person meriting the fullest respect at all times.

The student shall have the status of junior colleague in the

College and shall participate in all appropriate ways in the government of the College.

The student merits the ablest and most dedicated professional leadership that can be made available to him.

Upon entering, the student shall receive thorough training in the duties and responsibilities of scholarship at College of the Mainland.

The work of the student shall be planned and evaluated meticulously and imaginatively. The student shall be involved at all appropriate points in the planning and evaluation processes.

The student deserves the most useful modern learning,

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## 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 Offices 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 are concerned with what is best for the goals of the institution, not for a certain

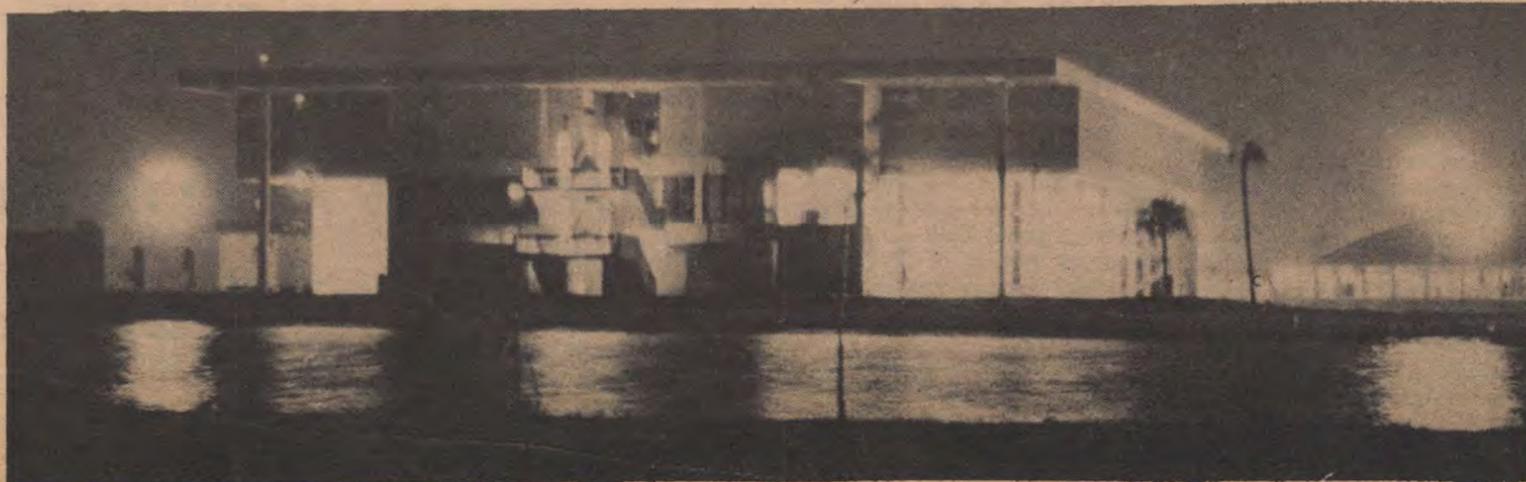
group," Taylor said.

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 benefitting 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 Travaille, chairman of the athletic department, declined to comment on the proposal.



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# Opinions

## Vietnam--A WASTE

By PAUL RAY HEINRICH  
Guest Editor

"Da Nang has fallen to the Communists. It is lost."

Those were the words of a senior official of the South Vietnamese government. After reading and seeing this in the news, my only response was sadness; sadness for the South Vietnamese, but more importantly, sadness for the 55,000 American lives that should never have been lost in an undeclared war.

I myself have served in Viet Nam. Before, during, and after the time I was there I was against American involvement in the Vietnamese Civil War. As one who went 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 never any hope for an American victory in Viet Nam and now all hope for a South Vietnamese victory is lost. South Viet Nam will likely fall completely to the Communists very soon.

Whether they become Communists, capitalists, or anything should no longer be 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 lost.

To continue to support Viet Nam and Cambodia would only be more of 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 DOBYNS  
Comet Staff

The past couple of years have been a confusing period for the economists of this country. It's been a period they could not cope with; one they were never taught out of a book.

People think that an economist must be a brilliant son-of-a-gun. I found this is not always true. Certainly one has to think, but an economist has to base his opinion on the past. To study economy is to study theory. It's not a detailed science like mathematics.

In all respects, however, an economist will look at all the facets that affect what happens in our country—and also to place this in retrospect to what is going on in other nations—world trade so to speak.

Today, there is a gloom that has set upon our economists. They don't have the answer to an inflation-recession. It has never happened before in this country. There are no history books to go to. They're like a bunch of attorneys without a law library. Lost on confusion.

Our top economists today are running scared—and justifiably so. These men, in their 50's and 60's were children when the Great Depression came crashing down on this country in 1929. They know what it was like to be hungry. They know what it's like to see their fathers in a soup line. They taught the next generation.

"We have government controls. This can never happen again" they preached. Now they are saying things could become worse than ever before.

Sure times have been bad. Never before has our economy been so dependent on the riches of other small nations. Fifty years ago our economists would have told the President to use the Marines. It would have been 10 years ago if there had not been a place we used to call French Indo-China.

Economists are so depressed on their theory that I believe

they are ready to turn to Mrs. Dixon in Washington for her predictions, maybe Martha Mitchell.

This writer is going to tell our "men of theory" what to look toward. If they won't say something positive, I will.

As you economists well know, the first thing they taught us was to release funds to the construction industry, for they are the largest employers in our country. O.K., look at what the banks have just done. The prime interest rate is now been lowered to 7½ or 7¼ percent. This will allow the developers to build.

Detroit is calling their men back from the layoff. Detroit, to me as most people, is a figure of speech to explain where we build our automobiles. True, they are not going back to full production, however, they are going back to increased production.

This means more steel is needed. It means more jobs for the thousands of firms which supply the auto industry. A 25,000 increase in the employment in Detroit could mean as much as a 100,000 job increase in the field.

How about our extra tax return? I know that mine will be spent and most people will spend theirs. What will this increased spending power, which will be in the billions of dollars, do for our economy? I believe our country will be back on its feet in six months.

And even the newly rich oil countries are spending a lot of their money back here. This means more jobs. I would not be afraid of foreign money. Foreign money built our great railroad system of the past. Foreign money helped this country to win our war for independence.

Come on you economists, come out with something. Tell us, tell your students, tell the world. You can start. Hell, write to this paper. I'll see your letter gets published.

## Protected by Forty Thousand?

By RAY DOBYNS  
Comet Staff

What has happened to the Vietnamese people? At this writing, 40,000 to 50,000 have run in panic. One million people cry, fear and have no hope. Their own soldiers shoot them, beat them to the ground. Old women, young babies, the sick, the crippled die. Is life so precious that to save oneself, one must do this?

Forty thousand troops could have held the city of Dang Nang. Forty thousand troops could have fought their way south to safety. Forty thousand troops could have allowed an evacuation of one million civilians. Forty thousand troops could have. But 40,000 troops didn't!

Why?

The finest soldiers in the South Viet Army the papers say. Finest soldiers, meanest soldiers, select of the corps. Soldiers who panic! Is that what we spent blood to train?

Forty thousand troops ran.

Forty thousand troops we sure don't need.

I can remember when one million troops from China came out of Manchuria (Korean War). The Americans had 50,000 troops, it seems mostly Marines. They advanced to the rear. They carried their dead. They carried their rifles. They carried their lame. They were men. They came out to fight again.

What in the hell did the U.S. Army train? In six months an American soldier can fight. In 10 years a South Viet can't load his rifle.

They say they broke because the generals and their staff fled by boat. A U.S. unit can remain intact with that private with the most time-in-grade leading the men.

On this campus we have around 600 veterans—WWII, Korea, Vietnam. Men that may not have seen combat, men that may have seen too much. But they are men.

I am glad to be an American.

## League City Bar and Social Club

By RAY DOBYNS  
Comet Staff

Sitting around a saloon can be an experience for anyone that is a teetotaler.

Shucks, learn how to play dominoes. You sure get a quick lesson in checkers. Blink and they beat you at pool. Get a little tight and you lose your dollar bills in liars' poker. Get out of line and you receive a right to the jaw.

When I first moved to League City from Louisiana, one of the first men I met was Hop Cassidy. He owns a saloon—the League City Bar. These fellows are a breed of their own.

Hop made a stranger feel at home. I don't guess I'd been in League City one week before he had introduced me to all his customers. He even loaned me a few bucks when I was short. I was a stranger!

Well I've seen Hop help a lot of people. He gives advice like The Economic Council of the United Nations—it even makes sense at times.

A few of the new terms that can be learned at the League City Bar: A St. Elmo Fire is the term for the Northern Lights; A gaggle is a flock of geese; Gang means a bunch of Elk; Parr means baby salmon.

Quite a few people have tried to catch Hop on trick questions. After a few moments he gives them an answer. "What is a sweet pea?" "More than one beer."

"What's a large male bear called?" "A poppa bear."

"What would you men do without us women?" "Still be in the Garden of Eden."

"Who was the first streaker?" "An Indian. His name was Running Bear."

This is a quote from one of Hop's customers who moved here from Alaska. "This is a lounge where I can take my baby and watch her grow into a little girl without barroom stigma. My wife and I can have a drink in peace, quiet and safely while the pool players dodger her running around without getting mad, buy her sodapop, chewing gum and wish us best as we come and go. It reminds us of Alaska where friends are friends and people are people with no fights or loud music."

Now you fellows that take a trip up this way, it's possible you might need directions. Well you just stop by the League City Bar and ask old Hop. He'll tell you to go East, West, North or South. I don't believe I ever heard him tell a man to go straight down.

As Hop said, "Tell those people to come on up. There more than welcome."

And, by the way it they need a checker's instructor at The College of the Mainland, just say the word."

## Students Are Apathetic

By CHUCK JACOBSEN  
Guest Writer

This apathy among the students through elections stems back to at least the last Roosevelt years, because that's when the students lost interest in political affairs.

Now the question is how to get the students interested in the "body politic."

In my point of view, here are a couple of ways of turning around the students towards taking part in politics again, because we need them.

First, we need better men and women running for office and those who are truly interested in the young adult viewpoint,

because theirs is the one that really counts and also they should try to pattern their campaign partly around the youth.

Secondly, the young adults have a place in the "body politic," because they have the right to be heard.

## Smith Upset With Comet

Dear Editor:

Since I am held responsible for the content of the Comet, I must express my disappointment for the immaturity of several articles in the last paper. I am not implying censorship, but leadership in maintaining a newspaper which is, of college level, as well as the fact that several pictures and articles relating to colleges activities were not printed in favor of "Dear U.D.," "The Doctor's Bag" and "COM Ducks Speak."

Additionally, I fail to understand the intention of photographs such as the television control box which has been broken for three years, entitled "Vandals Strike T.V. Lounge," and the unsightly bulletin board "Art on Campus."

I must point out that I have been extremely pleased and proud of the Comet during the year and with the exception of this publication I have not found reason to seriously criticize any of the content. I would request that the Comet staff be cognizant of the fact that their publication is the only formal means for communicating with the student body as a whole. Furthermore, it is their publication which, when reviewed during years to come, will serve as a reflection of the College's history. I would hope that every effort would be made to be as comprehensive as possible in the coverage of all social, cultural and educational activities which occur; any policy or procedure changes which have an effect on the students; and any news-worthy event which happens spontaneously.

Robert Smith

Director of Student Life

Ed. Note: B.S.



Some people believe that sleeping with a fork under your pillow will keep witches from riding on your chest while you sleep.

# "King of Hearts"

By PAUL RAY HEINRICH  
Critic At Large

Faced with the prospect of another boring day during our Easter holidays, I decided to go to a movie I knew nothing about. 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 whole village long after they have left. The British Army has received a radio message from one of the fleeing villagers that a bomb is in the town but the Germans kill him before he can tell the British where it is.

Private Plumpick, a lovable chap, has been "volunteered" by his superiors to find the bomb. Upon arriving in the village, Plumpick finds that it is empty except for the patients in the insane asylum. The patients are now the town's citizens and they have formed their own community around Pvt. Plumpick, their King of Hearts.

The comedy and sadness of these patients and their King are very well blended. Upon Plumpick's successful dismantling of the bomb and the reality of the approaching British Army, the patients' magic world abruptly ends and they return to the asylum.

After being rewarded with medals for bravery, Pvt. Plumpick is given orders to go to another town to disarm another bomb. It is then that the good private learns that the people from the asylum are in on way insane, but that 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.

## Want Ad

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Students who took English 132 in the fall who have creative writing they would like to submit this spring's literary magazine should submit work to Mrs. Pevoto in Faculty Suite B of the LRC. All work must be submitted by April 29.



WEST TEXAS CITY WEEKLY APRIL 19-26

# Change College To Cash

"Converting College into Cash" is the theme of a one-day job placement conference to be held at College of the Mainland on April 16, 12:30 to 5:00 p.m.

Ms. Anne Sanford, one of the top professionals in the field of job placement, will discuss the current employment outlook and how college students can convert their education and training into actual job placement.

The conference, to be held in the auditorium of the Technical-Vocational Building, will be divided into three seminars and participants may choose to attend 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.

Ms. Sanford, a graduate of the University of Oklahoma, is

presently the manager of M. David Lowe Personnel Service, Greenway Plaza Office Division. She began her career with the firm in February, 1971 as a Personnel Consultant and since then has been named manager for several offices, achieving high degrees of success in each move.

Ms. Sanford has attended many management seminars

and training sessions since entering the business world in order to keep abreast of new trends and ideas. Before joining M. David Lowe Personnel Service, she taught in the public Schools of Victoria, Texas.

The conference is free and open to the general public. For further information, please call 938-1211, Ext. 275.

## WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16

Seminar:

# Converting College Into Cash

## Registration Form

Seminar: Converting College Into Cash

- Seminar No. 1, 12:30 to 2:00 pm
- Seminar No. 2, 2:00 to 3:30 pm
- Seminar No. 3, 3:30 to 5:00 pm

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## "Amigos" Have a Purpose

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.

Dr. Fred A. Taylor, President of COM, expressed his strong support of the groups efforts and his comments were reaffirmed by other members of the college staff who attended the luncheon-meeting.

The free-flowing discussion included: (1) the use of appropriate aptitude tests for technical-vocational programs; (2) preparation of a bilingual brochure describing COM's programs and services; (3)

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

Manuel Urbina, who has taught history at COM since the college opened its doors, described the formation of the College of the Mainland Amigos, a group organized by the Mexican-American students on campus to help promote opportunities for the Mexican-American community.

One of the immediate projects for the group will be planning a Cinco de Mayo celebration to be held at College of the Mainland on Sunday, May 4. Complete information regarding the festivities will be available shortly.



The word *dunce* comes from the name of a highly learned and intelligent man, John Duns Scotus. A conservative, his followers, who became known as *Dunsmen* or *Duncemen* persisted so long in their blind opposition to change of any kind they came in time to be considered pretty dumb.

## San Jancinto

### Santa Anna - Houston - Emily

By RAY DOBYNS  
Comet Staff

"Charge," was the command and 750 Texans, 200 on horses, the rest on foot, hurled themselves toward 1600 of the finest soldiers in Santa Ann's army. "Remember the Alamo, remember Goliad," they yelled as they cut thru that grassy plain to the music of "Won't you come to the Bower?" Win or lose this would be their last fight.

Santa Anna's force was a formidable foe. Within the past few months they had taken the Alamo, routed Col. Francis Johnson's troops near San Patricio, defeated Dr. James Grant near Agua Dulce and smashed Col. William Ward's units at Refugio.

Confident of final victory, Anna head his troops toward Galveston Island where President Burnet and his staff had finally retreated. Here he had them trapped.

This had been his first mistake, since his costly delay at the Alamo. When he moved toward Galveston he left

Houston and his army to the rear.

"Charge, charge". The Texans come on. The Mexican advance positions caught by surprise, broke and ran. The battle was under way. Through the broken lines the Texans charged, untrained soldiers rushing to meet the elite of the Mexican army.

Earlier in the year, Santa Anna had raided Col. James Morgan's property on Morgan's Point. Morgan had a young, beautiful mulatto girl who was one of his bond servants. Santa Anna's experienced eye selected Emily as a personal prize.

The following is a quote from *Texas In Color* by Evelyn Oppenheimer. "Santa Anna had been so engrossed in entertaining her in his tent that he did not choose to hear the cry of warning from his men, 'The Enemy come'. Expertly Emily prolonged the entertainment so that the General was too late in attending to his military duties of leadership. There was only time to try to escape the Texans."



Phil, Tikil...and SHEP?

## 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 Eckert on Wednesday, 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 by April 21st. Prizes will be awarded and the general public is invited to come and cheer the teams.

## Chess Starts April 15

Beginning Chess will be offered for the first time in College of the Mainland's Continuing Education Program beginning April 15. The six-week course will meet Tuesdays, 7:15 to 10:15 p.m., Room A148 of the Administration Building.

Dr. Philip Snyder, a local chess authority, will teach the course which will be geared to

fundamentals. Instruction will be individualized, with emphasis on basic openings and theory as well as pointers for self-improvement.

"Now is an excellent time to learn chess since the international chess championship is coming up this summer," Dr. Snyder noted.

For further information regarding the course, please call 938-1211. Ext. 266.

## Music Fest In League City

Change the date on your calendar from April 5 and 6 to May 10 and 11, 1975.

The Chairmen of the League City Lions Village Fair and the Bicentennial Country Music Festival have joined forces to bring everyone two days of extraordinary entertainment.

The Bicentennial—League City Village Fair and County Music Festival will start with a mile long parade on Saturday, May 10, on League City's Main Street, then have for 10 hours each day of continuous entertainment at Galveston Park, League City, Texas.

There will be antique cars, sky divers, civic clubs and commercial booths, prizes, carnival rides, fireworks, motorcycle races, horsemanship exhibitions and two shows each day with country western music.

A partial list of the country music groups to play in the two shows each day are, The Texans, Swining Strings, Ed Wallen Trio, Chaos, Golf Leaf, Sly with Luv, Unicks and the

Soke Stack.

With all that music talent for background, the best of the Country Western singers to entertain you will be headliner Brian Collins, Ben Gabus, Lou Watson, Jerry Robinson (Rotten Red), Jamie Tipton and John D. Hardy.

And that's not all! Along with the country music will be renown champion fiddlers E.J. Hopkins, Jmny Smith, Mike Weise, Carol Hopkins and Guitarist, Al Winters who will play the type of Texas music that will keep your foot tapping.

The tempo will be xast, just like it was in 1775 when our Nations "Rebels" started the fight for Independence at Lexington and Convord. This celebration is our way to commemorate the American Revolution Bicentennial in the Greater Clear Lake Area.

There are still some booth spaces available for your project. Call the Village Fair Chairman, Jack Rowe, at 332-1571, or the Country Music Festival Chairman, Jim Wray, Jr., 781-8600 for information.

## Defensive Driving Begins April 15

A four-session Defensive Driving Course will be offered at College of the Mainland on Tuesday and Thursday, April 15, 17, 22 and 24, 7:15 to 9:15 p.m. in Room 126A of the Administration Building.

Participants who complete the eight-hour course will be entitled to a 10 per cent reduction on the auto insurance premiums for a period of three years. Tuition is \$2.00, plus a materials fee of \$1.40.

Interested persons may register in the Records Office, Administration Building, on Monday through Thursday, 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. and on Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Since COM began offering DDC classes in October of 1972, more than 1000 persons have completed the course. A recent study has shown that among graduates of the course, accidents were reduced by one-third the following year, while moving violations were cut by one-fourth.

For further information regarding the DDC program, please call 938-1211, Ext. 226.

## Snakes!!!

In these days of war raging at one corner of the globe or another you will be surprised to know that even College of the Mainland in its seemingly peaceful academic solitude is waging one of its own. Yes, readers, our Maintenance Department is presently carrying out a psychological war against the pigeons that roost around the College Center.

According to Joe Faulk, head of the Maintenance Department, defecation deposited by the pigeons has become a real sanitation problem. Faulk's strategy consists of placing life-like green rubber snakes on the outdoor lights and ledges around the Center. Faulk said that it "scares 'em to death". Don't fret all you animal lovers, the pigeons aren't literally killed, the fake snakes are just there to discourage them from roosting.

Faulk commented that the scheme seems to be working and it "really saves on cleanup." He would like to get some more of the rubber snakes to make his battle plan more effective.

## New

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materials, equipment, and facilities that can be made available to him.

The student shall be granted the fullest appropriate measures of responsibility for his own education within a framework of careful planning and evaluation of his work.

The student will be given every reasonable opportunity to continue as a member of the College community until he has achieved his purpose.

The student shall have the perogative and obligation as a scholar to exercise in a responsible way the following rights:

The right to study any controversial issue which has social (i.e., political, moral, economic, religious) significance in our civilization today and concerning which, at his level of scholarly maturity, he should begin to deliberately form his own views and draw his own conclusions.

The right to have free access to all relevant information, including materials which circulate freely in the professions and institutions in the larger community.

The right to study under competent leadership in an atmosphere free from indoctrination.

The right to form and express views on controversial issues in a civilized and scholarly manner with the full support of the College and of the Board of Trustees.

### ARTICLE VI. Procedures For Election and Removal From Office

#### Section 1

Any student shall be allowed to vote with a current College of the Mainland ID as credentials.

#### Section 2

All full time credit students with a 2.0 GPA or above, (GPA requirement will not apply to first semester freshmen) are eligible to run for Executive office.

#### Section 3

The president of the College of the Mainland Student Association shall be elected in May, preceding the year in which he/she serves. The term of office shall be one year.

#### Section 4

The other officers shall be elected in September of the year in which they are to serve. The term of office shall be one year.

#### Section 5

The election of all officers shall be decided by majority vote of those voting.

#### Section 6

Candidates for Executive offices shall file by positions.

#### Section 7

The president shall have the power to make interim appointments and call special elections. The president shall set the time and place of the elections. In the event that the president is unable to perform these duties a majority of the Executive Council shall perform them. In

the absence of the president and Executive Council the Dean of Student Personnel Services of the College shall perform these duties.

#### Section 8

Any member of the Executive Council can be removed from office for cause by four affirmative votes of the Executive Council.

#### Section 9

### CAMPAIGN RULES

The following is a list of rules to govern election campaigns:

a. Candidates for any position are to observe 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, with each having an equal, amount of time allotted for a campaign address.

c. No candidate may begin his campaign until after the time for declaring candidacy is over.

d. No person shall campaign within twenty (20) feet of the polling areas.

e. No poster of or advertising of any sort will be placed in such a way that it would endanger the occupants of a building, disrupt traffic or be of obscene nature.

f. All posters or other advertising must be removed forty-eight (48) hours after the election.

g. All campaign literature is to be displayed on the campus of College of the Mainland only.

h. Printed or reproduced literature put out by the candidates in their campaign must comply with the election ordinances set up by the Election Commission dealing with elections and membership.

### ARTICLE VII. Adoption and Amendment Procedure

#### Section 1

This constitution shall be presented for ratification upon two thirds of the Senators present at a regular meeting.

#### Section 2

Amendments to this constitution may be proposed by a vote or a petition 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 this 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 two thirds vote of the student electors voting in a special election for this purpose.

"Women are just like good horses. You bring them out of pasture when 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 by the Bookstore to be measured for your cap and gown. By the way graduation exercises will be May 20.

Spring '75 "Book Buy-Backs" start May 12 and go to May 30.



It was once believed that serpents cured blindness with fennel roots.

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TEXAS CITY—The camera catches Steve Forgas (left) and Paul Williamson in a hilarious moment in Neil Simon's comedy, STAR SPANGLED GIRL, to open at College of the Mainland on May 2 and continue May 3, 9, 10, 16 and 17. For reservations, please call 938-1211, Ext. 227.

## 'Star Spangled Girl'

If a play is witty, urbane and an accurate, if biting, commentary on the human condition, the chances are heavily weighted it's been written by Neil Simon.

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 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 Forgas and Paul Williamson; the role of Sophie, by Pepper Smith, with Sally Harrell as the understudy.

Forgas, 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, was recently selected as educator of the year. His theatre experience includes roles in COM's FIDDLER ON THE ROOF and BUS STOP.

Mrs. Smith, wife of COM's Associate Director of Continuing Education and Community Services, studied drama at Sam Houston University. She appeared in "1776" and CHRISTMAS CAROL.

Harry Booker, the play's director, is also an employee of ANICO. He has acted in and directed many area community theatre productions, including COM's AFTER THE RAIN, "1776" and FIDDLER ON THE ROOF. He recently appeared in A MAN FOR ALL SEASONS.

Jeanne Bolton, who recently portrayed Margaret More in A MAN FOR ALL SEASONS, is handling her first assignment as producer. Her theatrical experience includes make-up in FIDDLER ON THE ROOF and make-up and props in A FUNNY THING HAPPENED ON THE WAY TO THE FORUM.

Sally Harrell, the understudy for Sophie's role, recently appeared in FORUM. She is a graduate of La Marque High School, where she played the role of Daisy Mae in Lil' 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.



## Latino Fest Coming

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 Unidas, LULACS and the College of the Mainland Amigos).

The opening event will be a dance on Saturday, May 3 in the 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 3:00 to 4:00 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, Pintores de Chicanos de San Antonio, are established artists and art educators in the San Antonio area.

The general public is welcome

Sure-fire formula for living to be 100: Keep breathing.

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

## Eckert Award To Be Given

College of the Mainland's annual H.K. "Griz" Eckert Award will be presented again this year to the student, faculty or staff member who best exemplifies the college's motto, "Humanhood through Brotherhood."

Nominations are now being accepted by the COM's Citizens Advisory Council which established the annual award last year. Manuel Urbina, a history instructor, was the first recipient of the award.

Students, faculty and staff may nominate their award choice in the form of an essay of

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 20. 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, Texas City 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 buys a family magazine in which to carry one of those no-no publications.



More Canoe Race Pictures On Page 5

# 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 nothings, also! They should just vote themselves a raise and go on home.

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

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 the late Walt Disney would have been completely in favor of the following for political office.

The President, of course, would be Mickey Mouse who is everybody's favorite. Vice President would be Donald Duck. All he would have to do is preside over 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

H.E.W. Head: Lil 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.

Contrary 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 are some of the adjectives that can be applied to the paintings of 11 talented Chicano artists on exhibit at College of the Mainland, April 28 through May 17, as part of the Cinco de Mayo Festival, co-sponsored by the college and Club Latino, Familias Unidas, LULACS and COM Amigos.

The exhibiting artists, all of whom are members of Con Safo of San Antonio, are: Rudy R. Trevino, Mel Casas, Emilio Aguirre, Homero Ureste, Mary Lou Barrera Ureste, Joe Frank Acosta, Roberto Jose Gonzalez, Richard Rocha, Henry Martinez, Kathy Vargas, Lucas Hinojosa.

RUDY TREVINO, an art educator, received his Bachelor of Fine Arts in Education degree from the University of Texas, Austin. His work has been exhibited at the Witte Museum, McNay Art Institute, UT (Austin) and University of Oklahoma (Museum of Fine Arts). In 1969, he received the "outstanding Teacher Award" (involving 32 counties in District 5) and he has participated in several national symposiums on Mexican-American art, as well as a television documentary and panel discussion.

MELESIO 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 exhibited internationally. Cosas will be teaching at Casa Mexicana in Oaxaco, Mexico this summer.

LUCAS HINOJOSA graduated Cum Laude from Texas A&I 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&I University Art Association and has exhibited at Dos Caminos Art Gallery in Kingsville, Dos 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 has worked as an art director and instructor for a San Antonio community center. His paintings have been exhibited at the Art Students Guild Art Show in 1972 and 1973.

KATHRYN SUE VARGAS attended San Antonio Junior College and St. Phillips Junior

College, the San Antonio Art Institute and the Mexican-American Cultural Institute, as well as studied privately with Judson R. Briggs, and Salvadore Valdes Galindo. Her work has been exhibited at La Galeria, Monay Student Shows, Starving Artist Show, The River Photo Show and the Con Safo Art Show at the Mexican American Cultural Center and St. Mary's University.

RICHARD ROCHA, now attending St. Phillips College, has exhibited at the Mexican-American Culture Center, St. Mary's University and Sol Del Rio Gallery.

"This exhibit is one of the most exciting and visually profound shows I have been privileged to arrange at College of the Mainland," commented Mrs. Carol Veth, Coordinator of Exhibits. "The Con Safo artists use their art to express their identity as members of the Chicano culture and the result is indeed dramatic."

The paintings will be on exhibit in the Fine Arts Gallery and Student Center through May 17. On Sunday, May 4, the Student Center portion of the exhibit will be moved to the Learning Resources Center for the Cinco de Mayo Festival. The Gallery will be open from 1:00-4:00 p.m. The exhibit and the Festival are free and open to the general public.

## Summer Honors Program Offered

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 humanities offerings, group encounters, speed reading, library skills, field trips, recreation and stimulating informal conversation. Six hours of college credit will be awarded upon high school graduation and admission to any accredited college or university. Tuition and fees are \$28.00.

Participants will be limited to 26, all of whom must have junior standings at Dickinson, Hitchcock, 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 231, 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 science, 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 the program, please call 938-1211, Ext. 222.

Linseed 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 isle of Bonaire.



# Spend a Summer at College of the Mainland (you may never want to leave)



It's happened before.

June high school graduates enroll for a few summer courses before going to the college of their choice in the fall. By the time fall rolls around, they decide to stay.

Why? It has something to do with the friendly, accepting atmosphere on campus. Or the genuine "I care" attitude on the part of instructors and staff, the small classes, the innovative approach to learning.

The same sudden change in plans sometimes happens to college students who come home for the summer, enroll for a course or two and stay on into fall; opting for a smaller, more personalized environment.

Whether YOU come for a summer or stay for a degree, College of the Mainland can offer you an academic interlude you'll long remember. Call the Admissions Office today for an application, or drop by for a personal visit. All courses in the Academic Program are transferable for credit and the tuition is the lowest allowable by law (\$4.00 per credit hour).

This summer, discover College of the Mainland.

**For more information, call 938-1211, Ext. 264. In Dickinson and the Clear Lake Area, the toll-free number is 337-1631. The Admissions Office is open 8 am-8 pm Monday-Thursday, 8 am-5 pm on Friday. 8001 Palmer Highway (FM 1764) Texas City, Texas**

## SUMMER I SCHEDULE OF CLASSES

Acct	131.01	11:00-12:20 pm	MTWThF	Office Accounting
Acct	241.01	5:15- 7:35 pm	MTWTh	Prin of Accounting
Air	131.01	8:00-10:50 am	MTWThF	Air Cond Fund
Air	231.21	5:45- 9:35 pm	MTWTh	Dynamics of Air Cond
Art	131.01	3:30- 5:15 pm	MTWTh	Basic Design I
Art	132.01	3:30- 5:15 pm	MTWTh	Basic Design II
Art	232.01	7:45- 9:30 pm	MTWTh	Sculpture
Auto	165.21	5:45-10:35 pm	MTWThF	Auto Air Cond
BMath	131.01	12:30- 1:50 pm	MTWThF	Business Math
BMath	131.02	7:45- 9:30 pm	MTWTh	Business Math
Bio	141.01	9:30-12:20 pm	MTWThF	General Biology
Bio	141.02	12:30- 3:20 pm	MTWThF	General Biology
Chem	142.01	8:00-10:50 am	MTWThF	Gen Inorg Chemistry
Co-op	241.01	8:00- 9:20 am	W	Seminar & Wk Experience
Co-op	241.02	8:00- 9:20 am	W	Seminar & Wk Experience
Co-op	241.03	2:00- 3:30 pm	W	Seminar & Wk Experience
Co-op	241.04	2:00- 3:30 pm	W	Seminar & Wk Experience
Co-op	241.05	5:45- 7:05 pm	W	Seminar & Wk Experience
Co-op	241.06	5:45- 7:05 pm	W	Seminar & Wk Experience
Co-op	242.01	8:00- 9:20 pm	W	Seminar & Wk Experience
Co-op	242.02	8:00- 9:20 am	W	Seminar & Wk Experience
Co-op	242.03	2:00- 3:30 pm	W	Seminar & Wk Experience
Co-op	242.04	2:00- 3:30 pm	W	Seminar & Wk Experience
Co-op	242.05	5:45- 7:05 pm	W	Seminar & Wk Experience
Co-op	242.06	5:45- 7:05 pm	W	Seminar & Wk Experience
Co-op	243.01	8:00- 9:20 am	W	Seminar & Wk Experience
Co-op	243.02	8:00- 9:20 am	W	Seminar & Wk Experience
Co-op	243.03	2:00- 3:30 pm	W	Seminar & Wk Experience
Co-op	243.04	2:00- 3:30 pm	W	Seminar & Wk Experience
Co-op	243.05	5:45- 7:05 pm	W	Seminar & Wk Experience
Co-op	243.06	5:45- 7:05 pm	W	Seminar & Wk Experience
Co-op	244.01	8:00- 9:20 am	W	Seminar & Fld Experience
Co-op	244.02	2:00- 3:30 pm	W	Seminar & Fld Experience
Co-op	244.03	5:45- 7:05 pm	W	Seminar & Fld Experience
Co-op	245.01	8:00- 9:20 am	W	Seminar & Fld Experience
Co-op	245.02	2:00- 3:30 pm	W	Seminar & Fld Experience
Co-op	245.03	5:45- 7:05 pm	W	Seminar & Fld Experience
Co-op	245.01	8:00- 9:20 am	W	Seminar & Fld Experience
Co-op	246.02	2:00- 3:30 pm	W	Seminar & Fld Experience
Co-op	246.03	5:45- 7:05 pm	W	Seminar & Fld Experience
Co-op	247.01	8:00- 9:20 am	W	Seminar & Fld Experience
Co-op	247.02	2:00- 3:30 pm	W	Seminar & Fld Experience
Co-op	247.03	5:45- 7:05 pm	W	Seminar & Fld Experience
Com	133.01	7:45- 9:30 pm	MTWTh	Writing Improvement
Com	136.01	7:45- 9:30 pm	MTWTh	Writing Improvement
Com	134.02	8:00- 9:20 am	MTWThF	Reading Improvement
Com	134.03	11:00-12:20 pm	MTWThF	Reading Improvement
Com	137.02	5:45- 7:30 pm	MTWTh	Reading Improvement
DaPro	131.01	9:30-10:50 am	MTWThF	Intro Data Proc
DaPro	132.01	8:00- 9:20 am	MTWThF	Unit Record Acct
Draft	131.01	8:00-10:50 am	MTWThF	Engineering Drafting
Draft	233.21	5:45- 9:35 pm	MTWTh	Arch Draw II
Eco	231.01	12:30- 1:50 pm	MTWThF	Prin of Economics
Eco	232.01	7:45- 9:30 pm	MTWTh	Prin of Economics
Eng	131.01	8:00- 9:20 am	MTWThF	Comp Rhet in Commun
Eng	131.02	9:30-10:50 am	MTWThF	Comp Rhet in Commun
Eng	131.03	11:00-12:20 pm	MTWThF	Comp Rhet in Commun
Eng	131.04	5:45- 7:30 pm	MTWTh	Comp Rhet in Commun
Eng	131.05	5:45- 7:30 pm	MTWTh	Comp Rhet in Commun
Eng	131.06	7:45- 9:30 pm	MTWTh	Comp Rhet in Commun
Eng	231.01	11:00-12:20 pm	MTWThF	Lit Eng Speak People
Eng	231.02	2:00- 3:20 pm	MTWThF	Lit Eng Speak People
Eng	231.03	5:45- 7:30 pm	MTWTh	Lit Eng Speak People
Eng	231.04	5:45- 7:30 pm	MTWTh	Lit Eng Speak People
Eng	232.01	2:00- 3:20 pm	MTWThF	Lit Eng Speak People
Hist	135.01	3:30- 5:15 pm	MTWTh	U S History
Hist	135.02	5:45- 7:30 pm	MTWTh	U S History
Hist	135.03	7:45- 9:30 pm	MTWTh	U S History
Hist	136.01	5:45- 7:30 pm	MTWTh	U S History
Hist	136.02	7:45- 9:30 pm	MTWTh	U S History
Hist	136.03	5:45- 7:30 pm	MTWTh	U S History
Hum	231.01	12:30- 1:50 pm	MTWThF	Man in a Dynam World
LE	233.01	9:30-10:50 pm	MTWThF	Patrol Administration
Math	131.01	9:30-10:50 am	MTWThF	Fund of Mathematics
Math	131.02	12:30- 1:50 pm	MTWThF	Fund of Mathematics
Math	132.01	9:30-10:50 am	MTWThF	Contemporary Math
Math	132.02	12:30- 1:50 pm	MTWThF	Contemporary Math
Math	133.01	2:00- 3:20 pm	MTWThF	College Algebra
Math	134.01	5:45- 7:30 pm	MTWTh	Trigonometry
Math	231.01	7:45- 9:30 pm	MTWTh	Calculus I
Nu	231.01	7:05-10:05 am	TTh	Mgt of Nursing Care
Nu	261.01	8:00-12:20 pm	TTh	Phys & Ment Health 2
Nu	262.01	1:00- 3:50 pm	MWF	Phys & Ment Health 3
OMach	131.01	9:30-12:20 pm	MTWThF	Office Machines
OMach	141.01	9:30-12:20 pm	MTWThF	Of Mach-Mach Posting
PE	111.01	2:00- 3:20 pm	MTWThF	Fnd Fitness & Health

PE	215.01	11:00-12:20 pm	MTWThF	Inter Swimming
PE	216.01	11:00-12:20 pm	MTWThF	Adv Swimming
PE	219.01	9:30-10:50 am	MTWThF	Racquetball
Phys	141.01	9:30-10:50 am	MTWThF	General Physics
Phys	142.01	TBA	TBA	General Physics
Phys	143.01	12:30- 1:50 pm	MTWThF	College Physics
Phys	144.01	TBA	TBA	College Physics
Phys	241.01	TBA	TBA	Mechanics & Heat
Phys	242.01	TBA	TBA	Elec and Magnetism
Polsci	235.01	7:45- 9:30 pm	MTWTh	Amer Natl and St. Gov
Polsci	236.01	3:30- 5:15 pm	MTWTh	Amer Natl and St. Gov
Psy	231.01	3:30- 5:15 pm	MTWTh	Psychology
Psy	231.02	5:45- 7:30 pm	MTWTh	Psychology
Soc	131.01	3:30- 5:15 pm	MTWTh	Intro Sociology
Soc	131.02	5:45- 7:30 pm	MTWTh	Intro Sociology
Soc	131.03	7:45- 9:30 pm	MTWTh	Intro Sociology
Speech	131.01	5:45- 7:30 pm	MTWTh	Fund of Speech
TMath	131.01	9:30-10:50 am	MTWThF	Technical Math
Typ	131.01	9:30-12:20 pm	MTWThF	Begin Typewriting
Typ	132.01	9:30-12:20 pm	MTWThF	Intermed Typewriting
Weld	141.21	5:45-10:15 pm	MTWTh	Plate Welding I

## LABORATORIES

Art	101.01	5:45- 7:30 pm	MTWTh	Art Studio
BusLb	101.01	2:00- 3:20 pm	T	Laboratory
CS Lb	101.01	TBA	TBA	Unit Record Lab
MthLb	101.01	11:00-12:20 pm	MTh	Mathematics Lab
MthLb	101.02	11:00-12:20 pm	TF	Mathematics Lab
PhyLb	101.01	11:00-12:20 pm	MTWThF	Lab
PhyLb	101.01	2:00- 3:20 pm	MTWThF	Lab
TypLb	101.01	8:00- 9:20 am	MTWThF	Typewriting Lab

## SUMMER II SCHEDULE OF CLASSES

Air	132.21	5:45- 7:30 pm	MTWTh	Fundamentals
Air	232.01	12:30- 3:20 pm	MTWThF	Advanced Air Cond
Auto	164.21	5:45-10:35 pm	MTWThF	Auto Fuel System
B Law	231.01	7:45- 9:30 pm	MTWTh	Business Law
Bio	142.01	9:30-12:20 pm	MTWThF	General Biology
Bio	142.02	12:30- 3:20 pm	MTWThF	General Biology
Chem	145.01	9:30-12:20 pm	MThF	Introductory Chem
Chem	145.02	9:30-12:20 pm	MThF	Introductory Chem
Com	136.01	9:30-10:50 am	MTWThF	Writing Improvement
Com	137.01	8:00- 9:20 am	MTWThF	Reading Improvement
Com	137.02	11:00- 2:00 pm	MTWThF	Reading Improvement
Eng	132.01	9:30-10:50 am	MTWThF	Comp and Reading
Eng	132.02	2:00- 3:20 pm	MTWThF	Comp and Reading
Eng	132.03	5:45- 7:30 pm	MTWTh	Comp and Reading
Eng	132.04	5:45- 7:30 pm	MTWTh	Comp and Reading
Eng	231.01	2:00- 3:20 pm	MTWThF	Lit Eng Speak People
Eng	232.01	11:00-12:20 pm	MTWThF	Lit Eng Speak People
Eng	232.02	5:45- 7:30 pm	MTWTh	Lit Eng Speak People
Eng	232.03	5:45- 7:30 pm	MTWTh	Lit Eng Speak People
Ga	145.01	8:00-12:30 pm	MTWThF	Fund Layout and Des
Hist	135.01	5:45- 7:30 pm	MTWTh	U S History
Hist	135.02	7:45- 9:30 pm	MTWTh	U S History
Hist	136.01	3:30- 5:15 pm	MTWTh	U S History
Hist	136.02	5:45- 7:30 pm	MTWTh	U S History
Hist	136.03	7:45- 9:30 pm	MTWTh	U S History
IB	131.01	11:00-12:20 pm	MTWThF	Intro to Business
IB	131.02	5:45- 7:30 pm	MTWTh	Intro to Business
LE	232.01	11:00-12:20 pm	MTWThF	Pol Role Crime Delnq
LE	232.21	5:45- 7:30 pm	MTWTh	Pol Role Crime Delnq
Math	130.01	9:30-10:50 am	MTWThF	Fund of Mathematics
Math	131.01	9:30-10:50 am	MTWThF	Fund of Mathematics
Math	132.01	9:30-10:50 am	MTWThF	Contemporary Math
Math	133.01	9:30-10:50 am	MTWThF	College Algebra
Math	134.01	9:30-10:50 am	MTWThF	Trigonometry
Math	135.01	5:45- 7:30 pm	MTWTh	Analytic Geometry
Mgt	131.01	11:00-12:20 pm	MTWThF	Intro to Management
Mgt	131.02	5:45- 7:30 pm	MTWTh	Intro to Management
Music	133.01	11:00-12:20 pm	MTWThF	Music Appreciation
Music	133.02	5:45- 7:30 pm	MTWTh	Music Appreciation
OMach	112.01	5:45- 7:30 pm	MTWTh	Machine Posting
OMach	131.01	5:45- 8:35 pm	MTWTh	Office Machines
PE	111.01	5:45- 7:30 pm	MTWTh	Fnd Fitness & Health
PE	117.01	3:30- 5:15 pm	MTWTh	Beginning Tennis
Polsci	235.01	3:30- 5:15 pm	MTWTh	Amer Natl and St Gov
Polsci	235.02	3:30- 5:15 pm	MTWTh	Amer Natl and St Gov
Polsci	236.01	7:45- 9:30 pm	MTWTh	Amer Natl and St Gov
Psy	233.01	5:45- 7:30 pm	MTWTh	Child Growth and Dev
TMath	132.21	7:45- 9:30 pm	MTWTh	Technical Math
Typ	131.01	12:30- 3:20 pm	MTWThF	Begin Typewriting
Typ	132.01	5:45- 8:35 pm	MTWTh	Intermed Typewriting
Weld	131.21	5:45- 9:35 pm	MTWTh	Oxy-Acet Weld

## LABORATORIES

MthLb	101.01	11:00-12:20 pm	MTh	Mathematics Lab
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Apply now. Register June 2. Start classes June 3.

# 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 during the year, 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 use-analysis of the Physical Education complex was the basis for a recommendation by Dr. Taylor to reorganize the college's physical education program to keep abreast with the needs of the TOTAL community in an era of changing demands.

"We have an obligation to spend the taxpayers money in the most effective and cost-conscious manner possible," Dr. Taylor commented. "When we looked at the statistics, it was obvious that it was time to re-evaluate our physical education program and activities."

"In contrast to the small number of participants in basketball and the declining enrollment in credit classes, we are finding that the demand for non-credit courses and recreational activities is rising," Dr. Taylor commented, pointing out that when the Physical Education complex was built, it was clearly publicized as a resource to be used by the TOTAL community rather than for an athletic program which

would involve a limited number of participants.

"Another factor to consider is that in the coming year, women's athletic programs and expenditures will be set up on an equal basis with men, which is now not only right and proper 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 with 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 taxpaying public, rather than concentrating our attention and resources on any program that involves only a fraction of the community our institution serves."

## Cagers Club

The Cager's Club, a new organization formed recently at COM is dedicated to promote and support spirit, unity and participation among the student body. Also, it seeks to "promote and enhance" the varsity basketball team, according to Barbara Bridges, spokeswoman of the club.

At the first meeting April 16, Donnie Spirggins was elected president, Leroy August vice-president, and Sue Ferrino secretary.

Several programs have been formed to raise money. Upcoming at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday April 30 is a basketball game between the COM faculty and the Texas City Independent School District faculty. Playing for "our side" will be such basketball greats as Bill Montage, Bob Smith, Lloyd Longnion, Bob Shin and Lonny Letsinger. Tickets will be 50 cents presale and 75 cents at the door. All proceeds will go toward a COM basketball scholarship fund.

A carwash was held Saturday and plans for a bake sale, a white elephant sale are underway.

The only place in the world where Beardslee trout can be found is Lake Crescent in Olympic National Park in Washington state.

## the MIND to Imagine...the SKILL to do!

In 1816, James Elford of South Carolina and John Parker of Massachusetts had the minds to imagine a new system of signalling ships and the skill to set it all up. It consisted of a set of seven blue and white flags that could display several thousand coded combinations. The code was eventually extended to have nearly 8,000 symbols, and unfortunately, required a constantly revised book to interpret.



The problems of receiving satellite signals aboard ships or airplanes has been tackled by men and women at Motorola who have the skill and imagination to devise a unique receiving terminal. The new receivers eliminate the need for a large, expensive "dish type" antenna normally required aboard each ship because of the motion of the vessel in the water and the necessity of pointing the antenna directly at the satellite to receive signals from it.



Samuel F.B. Morse in 1837 had the skill and imagination to establish his Morse Code that the United States Navy soon came to depend on for their Blinker Lamp signals.



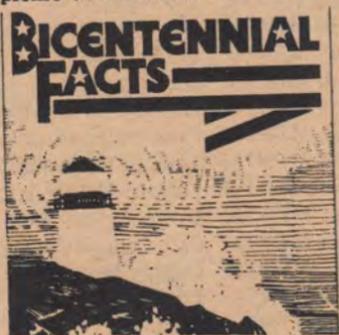
## Nine Ball Corner Pocket Looks at Horseshoes

By RAY DOBYNS  
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 make a comeback—not because the trend is growing—but just because. Nine Ball is not going to compare our two games this printing, but rather publish some facts on the game.

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 Texas City Sun, Nine Ball is going to tell you how to set your stakes and draw your rules for your coming company's spring picnic at Carbide Park.



America's first fog-warning device was included in the construction of West Quoddy Light, the most northern lighthouse along the rockbound coast of Maine. About \$60 were added to the lighthouse keeper's \$300 yearly pay for beating a 500-pound bell with a hammer on foggy days, The World Almanac reports.

First you find some ground—dirt, terra firma, the brown stuff that makes mud pies when you get it wet. (Do you fellows still eat those mud pies?)

Really the stakes are placed 40 ft. apart. The pitcher's box will be a 6 ft. square. Your stake should be in 1 in. in diameter and must extend 12 in. above the ground. Tilt the stake so it leans 1 in. toward the other stake. College of the Mainland will help you if you have engineering problems.

As you know, four horseshoes are used. It makes no difference if you are playing doubles or singles. Each man throws always from the same place and at the same stake. These two throw the shoes to the other stake and the other two throw them back.

The pitcher must stand inside the pitcher box—or the throw is a no-no.

Nine Ball and the Comet Staff are going to let you Sun people get a little practice before we take you on in a real game. You should know how to score in an informal game, however, so you can get "sun" practice.

Let your ringer count five points. Count a leaner as three points. If no ringers or leaners occur, then the closest "shoe" takes one point. Remember, only the top leaner counts and two leaners from opposing sides tie.

The goal to shoot for would be to break the world record of 86.1 ringers for every 100 throws, if you throw 1,000 times. This would break the record set in 1940, and put you in contention to play the Comet.

It would also give Nine Ball something to write about.

## Splash

By MATTHEW COOPER  
Comet Staff Writer

Splash!

That was a familiar sound heard by many at the Canoe Races held last week in Eckhart Lake.

Over 40 students and faculty participated, and untold multitudes watched as one of the finest intramural events of this semester unfolded before them.

The Gunwhale race started things off, a race in which contestants stand on the sides of the canoe and paddle around a marker floating aimlessly in the middle of the lake. After much difficulty—and many dunked racers—it was finally decided that David Cox and Ernest Cash were first, Ricky Reagan and Carl Burkhalter were second, and Carol Boyd and Karen Driver were third.

The Kangaroo Race, where the contestant stands on the back end of the canoe and bounces up and down to propel it forward, was the next. Don "Jackrabbit" Shepherd was the only contestant to finish the race and grabbed the first place ribbon. Randall Driver came in second and Jerry Anderson came in third.

The highlight of the races was the Sink-The-Canoe Race. Several teams competed in this fascinating contest.

The race consists of a team of three, two in one canoe and the third in their opponents' with the object of sinking that boat with a plastic bucket. With that old John Paul Jones try, the contestants paddled a race that resembled the Battle of Jutland. Loretta Davis, Mike Barker and Jerry Anderson came in first; Patricia Haire, Don Shepherd, and Mike Foxworth were second; David Cox, Ernest Cash, and Randy King were third; and Chester Stout, Beau Bobbit, and Frank Condgen came in fourth.

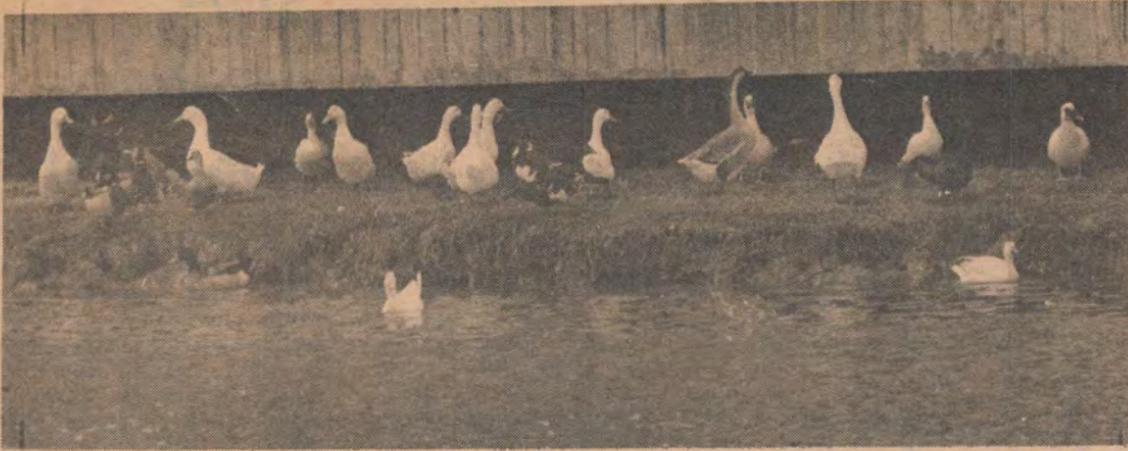
## Four Selected All Conference

Four COM Comet basketball team members have been selected to the G.C.J.C.I.C. All-Conference team.

Arthur Jackson, Larry Turner, and Randolph Lynch made the first team; and Byron Thompson made the second team. All of these fine players gave an outstanding effort to the Comets this year.

Jackson has signed a full basketball scholarship with Wayland Baptist in Plainview, Texas. Averaging 30 points per game, Jackson has racked up quite a record here at COM. Along with two all tournament titles, he has school records for the most points in one game (44), most field goals in one season (292), most freethrows in one season (1973) and the most points in one season (757).

# Canoe Race Photos By Dwayne and Joe



Smart Ducks Get Out Of Water



Pull, Don't Push



I'm Sure Burt Reynolds Started This Way



## 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 artist-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'."

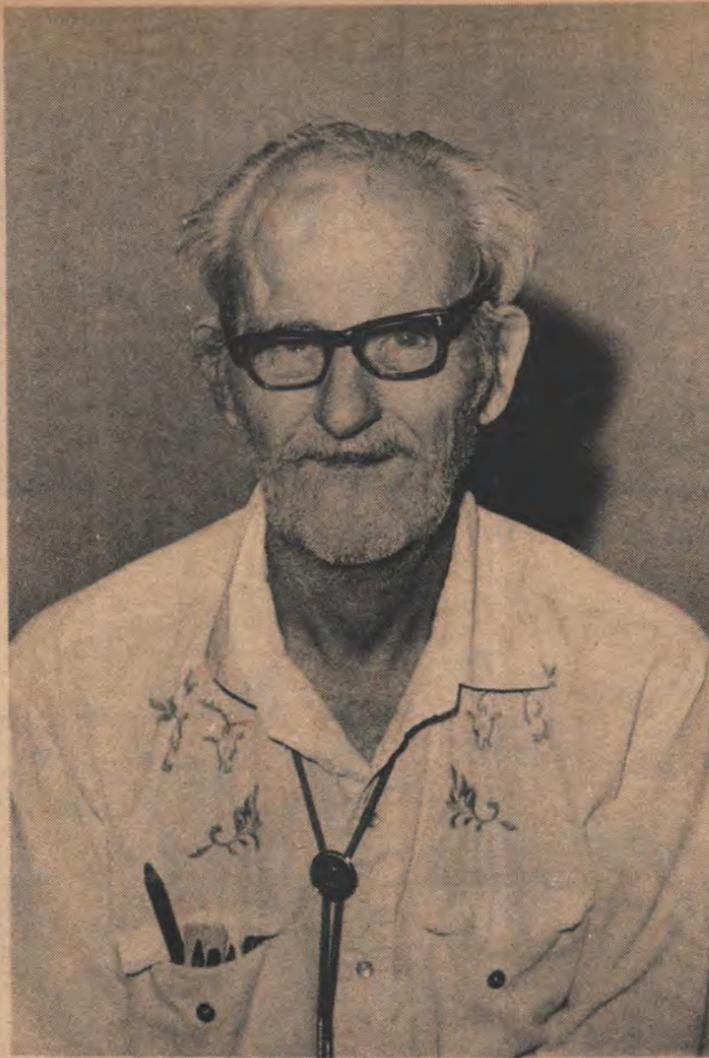
He added that the exhibition was arranged by Lillie Durham and Rosemary Brown two COM art students, as a special project in an Art Appreciation class.

"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 faithfulness 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 Poole, the Program's Coordinator, for their support."

The general public is cordially invited to the exhibit which is open 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday and 8:00 to 5:00 p.m. on Friday.



Walter B. Gunlock

## 'In This Corner, Ivan Bright!'

By DWAYNE COLVIN  
Comet Staff

How many times have you heard, "He's all muscles but no brains?" Ivan Bright, COM court-jester in residence, says that phrase is his only real pet peeve. He participates in weight-lifting and has been invited to an AAU state meet in the near future.

The law enforcement major got his start in the Army, where he was an M.P. Though he was in the Army for two years, Ivan never liked it. Mainly because he felt he was being treated like a child. He also didn't like the method of advancement, where

the guy who has been in the longest gets promoted first, regardless of intelligence. Due to this treatment, Ivan came out of the Army with a chip on his shoulder because he felt inferior to everyone else.

Ivan, as though who know him will attest, does not have a reputation for being the most serious guy around. Bright claims that being serious is no fun. You should only be serious when you have to.

Bright has but one suggestion for the improvement of COM, replace the ducks in Eckert Lake with penguins because they are better dressed than ducks.



IVAN BRIGHT

## 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 Ricicar, Clerk Typist II contest; Toni 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 10 through May 14. More than 3,000 are expected to attend.

Through a process of elimination at the regional and state levels, the top office occupations students in the country are declared national winners to climax the year's activities. OEA provides students the opportunity to develop office occupations competencies through twenty-four competitive events ranging from individual contests in the stenographic, typing, office duplicating, job application and human relations areas to group contests in parliamentary procedures and chapter activities.

The COM group, under the direction of instructors, Ms. Carolyn Wiley and Ms. Cheryl Willis, are now making plans to raise funds to finance their trip to Chicago.

## 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 interactions.

"The group is remarkably compatible, considering its members have come here 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 9:00 p.m. Interested persons may obtain additional information by calling 938-1211, Ext. 293.

## 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 emit a certain glow that radiates throughout the entire class? If you should ever happen to be in one of Jenny Steib's classes, you too would experience this feeling. Jenny seems to be the perfect example of a sociologist, mainly because she happens to enjoy her job, and it seems just plain living.

Ms. Steib was not always interested in sociology, as nursing was her major to start with. She attended several colleges for short periods of time each, dropping out after awhile, mainly because, "it was the thing to do." Jenny went to Mexico City to attend college. She also attended three other colleges before she got married.

As was stated earlier, she was a nursing major, and she met her husband at a hospital. Her husband's father was a patient in the hospital where she worked. By the way, Ms. Steib will become a mother on or around September 27.

On the subject of social stratification, Jenny practices and teaches the conflict theory, which makes her believe that, (according to the conflict theory) social stratification has no positive functions.

Jenny, herself, happens to be completely in the middle class sector of the country, and is completely satisfied where she is, and has no desire to move up the social ladder any higher than she is.

## Gingiss Visits

TEXAS CITY—Guest lecturers add the proverbial frosting on even the tastiest academic cake, and Dr. Peter Gingiss, English Professor at the University of Houston, is no exception.

He recently visited two classes at College of the Mainland to lecture on his specialty: African Literature. Students in English 233 (World Literature taught by Ms. Carolyn Hartnett) and Humanities 231 (Man in a Dynamic World taught by Ms. Anne Sherrill) heard Dr. Gingiss point out the endless variety within modern African culture.

Dr. Gingiss noted that with the exception of traditional tales, modern African literature is written in European languages and characters compare with eastern heroes and politicians. The ideas, setting and rituals, however, are clearly African.

He showed slides and read excerpts from novels to demonstrate the varieties of language usage, contrasting the difference in attitudes between French African and English African writers.

A tape of Dr. Gingiss' lecture is on file in the COM library and is available to any interested person.

## Handy's View Of Kissinger

Robert Handy is Director of General Adult Education and Community Services at College of the Mainland. In that capacity he serves as Statewide Coordinator of Great Decisions, a national foreign policy study-discussion program. Handy 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 setting was intimate, the chairs soft and in a semi-circle; a relaxed conversational setting yet one which was above all, dignified. The Secret Service men were not all secret, their presence made obvious by what appeared at first glance, to be their hearing aids. You were, when you noticed the tenth one, quite aware that this was not a Belltone convention.

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

Hardly the setting I expected to find when I invited to join a select group of forty to fifty persons in a private, off-the-record meeting with the man some say is the most powerful in the world today—The Metternich of the twentieth century—Secretary of State Henry Kissinger.

As I sipped my coffee and observed the group, waiting of course for Dr. Kissinger to arrive, (don't you always for such a person?), I was struck by the realization that, while impressed by the occasion, I was not yet overawed. There was no question but that the group was of considerable stature: Louie Welch, Ambassador such and such, State Department person, some whom I 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 compared to that which millions of working people like myself might wield if we were ever to pull together. But then I remembered. I had been invited. And I had been because I represented an educational program called Great Decisions which attempts to get the not so powerful informed, involved and pulling together to democratize American foreign policy.

It then occurred to me that last year at the National Great Decisions Conference, several of us, in testifying before the Senate Foreign 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 interests of the people, expressed to their elected

representatives, can be communicated to professional diplomats 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 Secretary 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 desires—in addition to their traditional consent.

Was my presence here today, I thought, another 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 with the occasion, because I simply assumed that my presence there was most appropriate? Perhaps, but in light of all that, I now wonder why there were not more like me. Maybe there were and I was the only one uncouth enough to have gone without a tie.

Ironically, the meeting was "off-the-record" which means I cannot write what Dr. Kissinger had to say (if that makes me a privileged person, trust that 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 ten minutes of my arrival, I found myself doing a double-take at a group of about five or six people who had entered 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. Impression one: Henry Kissinger is far greater in stature than in life. I was surprised. My image was of a giant of a man, which he is, of course, though not in physical size. As he moved to the front of the room he greeted those with whom he was familiar and took his seat. Impression two: His size increases enormously when he is sitting.

He began making questions immediately; no speech, no formalities. The first question lost me as did the answer, both 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 relaxed realizing the first question was not to set the pattern. As he responded to further inquiries it became very clear that Henry Kissinger was profound, verbose, funny and a genius, truly deserving the Metternichian comparisons which have been made of him. Yet he was very human as well.

Having considerable respect for Kissinger's approach to foreign policy formation, I could not be as audacious as Senator Tower (or should I call him John?) who sat next to the Secretary and addressed him as Henry (somehow I 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 satisfying. 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 (he smiled 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... an aberration?" (Deep frown, a few members of the group laugh, some applaud, 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 merely a serious expression and the answer was detailed, very rational and quite acceptable. I remember saying to a friend when jokingly asked if I would grill the Secretary, that I felt humble enough to believe I was not going to stump Dr. Kissinger with any touch questions. Impression five: You will have a hard time stumping Henry Kissinger but he won't mind your trying.

I wish I could provide a word-by-word account of the session but to do so might prevent another such opportunity. I am, on the one hand comfortable, as a result of this meeting. Our foreign policy is, generally speaking, being directed by an extremely capable human being. On the other hand I realize even more that what we need in the news accounts is not all that is involved in the complex area of foreign relations. I can understand why we don't read or hear it all but I am not willing to move from my strongly held belief that in the area of foreign policy, the people must have a greater voice. To do so we must have a deep understanding of the background and details of diplomatic

Henry Kissinger is not immortal. While we might trust in him now, a great danger accompanies that trust—the probability that it will transfer to his successor and that his successor will be a less capable human being. In the long line of American Secretaries of State (or others who made foreign policy) Dr. Henry Kissinger is the aberration, albeit a highly acceptable one.

## CO-OP HAS THREE APPROACHES

By JOE HENSLEY  
Comet Staff

Last semester a program started called CO-OP headed by Richard Poth. He started out with 10 students but now this program has blossomed to a total of 61 students and the CO-OP program has branched into three different divisions.

Richard Poth is the director and also heads the academic and technical part of CO-OP. Dorothy McNutt heads CO-OP 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 approaches 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

working with retarded and handicapped kids and even giving her time to develop special reading classes with some of the children.

A second approach is the career enrichment which adds education and sets up specific objectives to add to the job the student already has. CO-OP also works with the student's employer to help set up objectives.

The third type of approach is exploratory. This is an independent community based project using course work in the off-campus environment. The student has the chance to investigate lines of work, careers, or to research some academic project.

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



Indian lamas say that the earth is placed on the back of a gigantic frog whose movements cause earthquakes.

## Coastal Singers Swing

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 11th 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, Dennison 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 performance of The Montage Singers, the well-known singing group from Stephen F. Austin University. The director of the group, Darrell Holt, served as a consultant for the Festival offering a personalized critique to each participating choir.

"It was a good learning experience for everyone involved in the Festival," commented Larry Stanley, Chairman of COM's Humanities Division. "Judging from the enthusiasm and commitment of the participants, I think the Festival has a tremendous potential for the years ahead."



TEXAS CITY—The COM Singers perform at the first Gulf Coast

Swing Choir Festival recently held at La Marque High School.

# "Tommy Can You Hear Me?"

By **JOE HENSLEY**  
Comet Staff

I had the luck to latch on to some tickets to the recent premier of the movie version of the rock opera "Tommy." The house was packed thanks to some KILT promoters. For those of you who weren't lucky enough to get in on the freebie, it's going to run you \$3.50 a shot to get in, but let me tell you it's worth every minute of it.

The movie is a true form of opera having no dialogue. The "Who" plays all the background music and provides the entire score. The cast is superb and the acting some of the people do is amazing. Even though most of the singers have been in the public eye before, it's really great to see them have to portray a part on the screen and do such a good job.

Some of the better jobs are done by Elton John (of all people) who really comes through as the Pinball Wizard. He really gets his anxiety across with his facial expressions of sheer anger at being defeated by Tommy. Elton glitters to the end his pinball machines flippers

operated by a miniature piano keyboard.

Another fine piece of acting and coreography is done by Fina Turner as the Acid Queen. She leads Tommy into the room and turns into a giant syringe placing Tommy in it. A red pulsating liquid flows up and fills tiny syringes along the sides and three that enter his head.

The casket-like syringe opens a series of times to reveal Tommy as several different forms, ranging from his real father to a skeleton filled with snakes. After his trip with the Acid Queen, she winds up more shaken than Tommy, because she can't affect him.

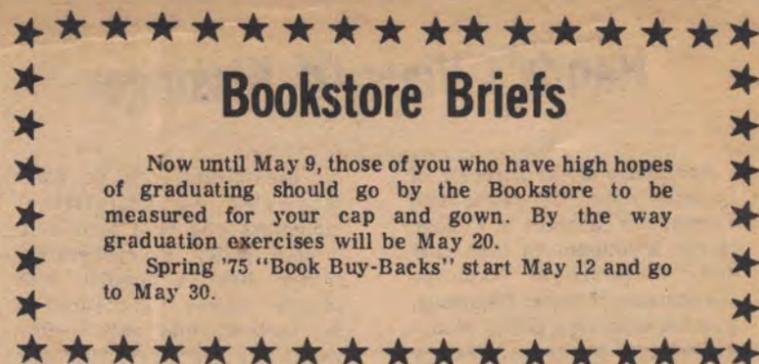
Roger Daltrey is excellent as Tommy. Even though most of his acting is confined to a dull stare of the deaf, dumb and blind Tommy, when he is freed he portrays to the peak Tommy as the Messiah. His facial expressions especially when perched over the pinball machine are fantastic. His singing is probably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

Ann Margaret is superb as Tommy's mother. She comes across very well. Her singing is tremendous and she progresses from a concerned mother to a rich aristocrat, finally to be so tortured by Tommy's silence that she threw a mirror and freed him from his shield of silence.

The sets and cinematography are just unreal, the work is really well done. The movie runs a little over two hours. The entire show is played on what is called quintonic sound, which is very loud but the separation of different parts is very good.

At first, you must get used to the bombardment of sound but before long you become lost in it and absorbed by the story.

The movie may never win an oscar, but it certainly deserves nomination on several accounts, especially for best musical score. It took six years and 10 million copies of the album to be sold before someone put "Tommy" on the screen but it was well worth the wait.



## Bookstore Briefs

Now until May 9, those of you who have high hopes of graduating should go by the Bookstore to be measured for your cap and gown. By the way graduation exercises will be May 20.

Spring '75 "Book Buy-Backs" start May 12 and go to May 30.

# KILO

By **DWAYNE COLVIN**  
and  
**JOE HENSLEY**  
Comet Staff

"Good evening, gang! This is Biff Mabry, with the two o'clock show on station K-I-L-O, 69 on your radio dial, coming direct to you from atop the Student Center at College of the Mainland. We're going to get into some heavy news in just a minute, but first, a word from our sponsor."

"Say all you cats out there, do you want to have that Marlon Brando look? If you do, then you should come by 'Yall Pay Hienrick's Hot Honda Heaven.' 'Yall Pay' is located on the beach in Galveston. Just look for the big Arabian tent. We can't say exactly where we are located, because we move around alot! Heh-heh. Ya'll stop by this weekend and cash in on our rebates. Buy any bike on the lot, and get the license plate of your choice, guaranteed to be unregistered."

"This is Clap Blooper K-I-L-O news. In the local scene today, there was a freak accident in the COM parking lot. Three freaks in a van ran into two freaks in a truck. And in the national scene, in the sexual revolution, the men are still on top. And now, this brief message."

"This is Big John, of 'Big John's Pickup Parlor.' We're running a sale today, pardners. With any new truck you buy, you git an E-Z Rider Rifle. Rack, fat tars on the back, and the radio only picks up one station, K-I-K-K! Stop by today and git your free bumper sticker, which reads, 'When In Doubt, Whup It Out'"

"This is Biff Mabry, back with K-I-L-O music. It is now dedication time. This first dedication is a record entitled, 'Get me to the church on time, because I'm late!', and it's from Sally, to the basketball and baseball teams at COM. The next one is from Moshia Dyan to Sammy Davis Jr., called, 'I can't take my eye off of you.'"

"And, finally, this one last deddication is to Robbi, from myself, named 'Your cups runneth over.' Now it's time for the K-I-L-O exclusive interview of the day. Today's is with Dr. Red A. Zaylor. Interviewing him will be a local journalist, John Baloney."

"Dr. Zaylor, what are your feelings on athletics in junior colleges?"

"BELCH"  
"Thank you, Dr. Zaylor. This is John Baloney, returning you to Biff Mabry,, K-I-L-O music."

"Thank you John Baloney, for doing such a good job in capturing the good doctor's opinion. You have been listening to K-I-L-O, 69 on your radio dial. We are now signing off the air, mainly because we don't have the funds to run this mutha'. For those interested, there will be a communal bath at \$3.00 a head (heh-heh) this Saturday in Eckert Lake to help raise funds to get station K-I-L-O back on the right vibes again. This is Biff Mabry, signing off."

# Financing Aid And Dan Doyle

By **RAY DOBYNS**  
Comet Staff Writer

In room number 150 at the Administration building sits a very dignified looking gentleman by the name of Dan Doyle. His premature graying hair and his friendly smile at once puts a student in a restful 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 here at the College of the Mainland. He is the person to get to know and to communicate with if you need financial assistance for the coming year(s). This is true for both present students and high school seniors.

Through Dan Doyle is funneled the many scholarships, grants and loans that are available to the students here. This column will try to touch on several of these programs. Interested students or parents should contact Dan at his office between 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday thru Friday for precise details. Listed below are several of the main programs offered both here and at most colleges and universities in the state.

**BASIC GRANTS:** This is a Federal Aid program designed to provide financial assistance to those who need it. Basic Grants are intended to be the base of a financial aid package and may be combined with other forms of aid to meet your full cost of education. This is a grant and, unlike a loan, does not have to be repaid. The estimated awards will range between \$50 and \$800 during the 1975-76 academic year.

**SCHOLARSHIP:** These have been with us for many years. Factors in awarding scholarships are many, ranging from financial need, academic

qualifications, test scores and honors.

**NATIONAL DIRECT STUDENT LOAN:** Funds for this loan are limited; thus, awards are based on need, academic standing, at least half-time enrollment, date of application and willingness to repay. A student may receive a maximum of \$2,500 for the first two years, \$5,000 maximum for undergraduate work, and a maximum of no more than an additional \$5,000 for graduate work. Repayment period provides ten years from graduation with a minimum payment of \$30 per month to complete the loan obligation. Teachers working in certain deprived areas or with the handicapped children qualify to have their total National Direct Student Loan indebtedness cancelled over a period of five years.

**HINSON-HAZLEWOOD LOAN:** This loan is for Texas residents only. It is naturally based on need. A student may apply for a maximum of \$1,500 each academic year and may apply for an additional \$500 for the summer sessions.



Dan Doyle

Repayment terms are the same as listed above for the National Direct Student Loan.

**FEDERAL INSURED LOAN:** Students may apply for this loan from a bank or other lending institutions which participate in this program. A student may borrow up to \$2,500 for each year with a maximum total loan of \$10,000. Same repayment periods as other loans.

**MOODY LOAN FUND:** The purpose of this loan fund is to make available, to any student needing assistance, an interest free loan sufficient to cover the cost of tuition, fees and books. These loans must be repaid in full within 120 calendar days during a regular semester and 30 calendar days during a summer term.

**COLLEGE WORK STUDY PROGRAM:** This program is funded both Federally and locally and provides many types of jobs. The student normally works 15 hours per week at the current minimum wage. Priority of assignment for this program is based on need, skills, interest, and available funds.

Many other forms of assistance are also offered. These include the Cuban Loan Program, Bureau of Indian Affairs Scholarships, Supplementary Educational Opportunity Grant, Partial Tuition Scholarship, Connally-Carrillo Act, Law Enforcement Act, and the Out-of-State Guaranteed Loan Program.

Department and colleges at many Universities offer monetary assistance in addition to that found in the Financial Aid Office. Fellowships, assistantships, scholarships, grants, and jobs are often available for graduate students and those interested should contact the Chairman of their proposed major dept.

# New Course For Teachers

**TEXAS CITY—**A course designed for teachers, counselors and other interested persons who wish to be certified as vocational counselors and vocational supervisors will be offered by Prairie View A&M College of the Mainland, June 3 through July 12. The class will meet daily at 5:00 p.m. in Room T-111 of the Technical-Vocational Building.

Registration for the course (IE-813—planning and Organizing of Vocational Guidance) will be conducted on the Prairie View A&M University

campus on May 1. Currently enrolled students may register during the last week of this semester's classes.

Tuition and fees for students enrolled in the summer session are \$50.25 for three semester hours and \$73.50 for six semester hours.

For additional information, please contact Dr. Ambrose D. Adams, Director of Continuing Education, College of Industrial Education and Technology, Prairie View A&M University, Prairie View 77445 (857-2528).



Bull meaning mistake or lie comes from the French *boule* meaning lie, especially when made in the form of a bragging statement.

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## COM Graduation Set For May 20



Paul Teague  
Guest Speaker

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 1st 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 (Boyer, 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 Samuel M. Stahl 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.

James P. Simpson, well-known Texas City attorney and a member of the Board of Trustees, will introduce the guest speaker. After the address, Dr. Donald F. Mortvedt, Dean of Instruction, will certify the candidates for graduation and Dr. Taylor will present the diplomas to the graduates.

Dr. Stanton C. Calvert, Dean of Student Personnel Services, will present the student 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 an Associate in Arts Degree; 51 who will be awarded an Associate in Applied Science Degree and 27 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, Sheila Ruth (Diploma-Offset Printing); Lackey, Johnny Edward (AA); McNab, Maureen A. (AAS-Nursing); Nordin, Gerald Wayne (AAS-Automotive Technology); Reagan, Richard A. (AA); Willoughby, Ronnie Layne (AAS-Law Enforcement); ALVIN: Dotson, Benny Joe (AA); Villarreal, Loida Nolano (AAS-Nursing); BACLIFF: Musgrave, Gail Lynn (AA);

DICKINSON: Barnett, Derrell Lee (AAS-Drafting and Design Technology); Biggs, George L. (AA); Brewer, Lillian Marie (AA); Devall, Bonnie (AAS-Nursing); Ear-

(see Grads, Page 8)

## Course Evaluations Go Through Many Channels

By JOE HENSLEY  
Comet Staff

Course evaluation sheets are filled out by every student at COM which go through several channels making some in classes.

First, they are ready by the instructor himself who then makes whatever course change he deems warranted by the evaluations.

According to Pat Darde, secretary to Larry Stanley (chrmn. of the humanities), the chairman of the division does not read the evaluations unless

the instructor concerned requests him to do so.

The chairman may ask to see the evaluations, but the instructor may refuse the request. If enough bad evaluations are discovered, the instructor may possibly not return to College of the Mainland.

In the past, students were asked to write their original thoughts of the course and instructor, but these evaluations could not be fed to a computer.

## Endowment Drive Is Halfway

College of the Mainland's drive to build an endowment fund is approximately half way to its initial goal of 100 Lifetime Patrons, it was announced this week by Charles T. Doyle, President of the COM Foundation.

The names of the charter group of Patrons are engraved on an attractive plaque which now hangs in the Board Room of the college.

The fund will be used to bring outstanding educators, musicians, playwrights and lecturers to the campus; to establish a variety of scholarships; to enhance the appearance of the campus through landscaping and to help finance the professional growth of faculty and staff members.

"The fund is similar to that of other educational institutions," Doyle explained. "College of the Mainland will be using the interest monies from the endowment fund to develop the kind of programs and events that are important for a community-oriented institution but are beyond the reach of the budget."

The total cost of the Lifetime Patron plan is \$120 and is payable over a period of 12 months. Each member of the plan receives an Annual Report of Foundation expenditures, two identification cards entitling the Patron and spouse to attend all non-instructional events at reduced student rates. In addition, the Lifetime Patron and spouse will have their names engraved on the permanent

plaque in the Board Room.

"we are still accepting memberships in the charter group of Lifetime Patrons," Doyle explained. "I sincerely feel contributions to the endowment fund can have a long-term effect on the future of the College of the Mainland."

Persons interested in becoming Lifetime Patrons are asked to send their contributions to: College of the Mainland Foundation, 8001 Palmer Highway, Texas City 77590. All contributions are tax deductible.

Further information regarding the Foundation and its goals for the future may be obtained by writing or calling Dr. Fred A. Taylor, President, College of the Mainland (938-1211, Ext. 271).

## Journalism-Music Scholarships To Be Offered

Scholarships will be offered at College of the Mainland for students interested in journalism and music, according to Larry Stanley, Chairman of the Humanities Division.

To qualify for the journalism scholarship, students must have high school journalism experience in news gathering, writing of articles and production skills.

"The scholarship students need not major in journalism at COM, but they will be involved in producing The COMET, the college publication," Stanley explained.

Students interested in the music scholarships will audition

with Stanley and recipients will participate in the COM Singers, the college choir. As in the case of the journalism students, they need not major in music to qualify.

For complete information

and an application form, please write or call: Larry Stanley, Chairman of the Humanities Division, College of the Mainland, Texas City 77590 (913-1211, Ext. 214). The deadline for applications is July 1, 1975.



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Have A Summer--  
Wishes  
The Best Comet Staff

## New Nursing Course Planned

The Non-Credit Vocational Division at College of the Mainland will be offering a new course, Medication Administration, for Nurse 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-licenses 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. 425. In addition, the prospective student must be at least 18 years of age, able to read, write and comprehend English and be currently employed in a nursing home facility as an aide.

The applicant must 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) to the course instructor and have had a tuberculin skin test and a stool culture within the past twelve months. They must be free from contagious diseases and in suitable physical and emotional 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 class in the

## 'Drama Club Presents Summer Tree'

By DWAYNE COLVIN  
Comet Staff

The COM Drama Club will present "Summer Tree," 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 voluptuous Santa Fe sophomore, in her first on-stage assignment, will be the young man's girlfriend.

Twelve year-old Leon Thorn will be making his debut as the little boy. The part for the little boy has been double-cast, but the boy's name is not known as yet.

Dwayne Colvin, who played a Dancing Waiter 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 Weberlien.

## 'Man of La Mancha'

### Tryouts Set

Tryouts for the Mainland Community Theatre's summer musical, "Man of La Mancha", will be held on June 8 at 2:30 and 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.

There are some talking-only parts that need to be filled.

Try outs for the orchestra will also be held at the same times. Especially needed are guitars, horns, string bass, and percussionists.

The production of the play begins on July 18 and will run every Friday and Saturday for five consecutive weekends.

Joyce Morris is producing the play and requests persons with questions to call her at 938-1211, ext. 429.

Admissions Office, Administration 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 Technical Vocational Building, Room T-49. The class will meet for a total of 50 hours.

For further information, please call 938-1211, Ext. 266.



### PROF DEFENDS VIRTUE OF COEDS

LEEDS, England (AP) — It is not true that coeds are promiscuous, a British psychology professor says.

"They do not deserve the reputation they have gained for sleeping around," said Prof. Gwynne Jones, 56, of Leeds University.

## OBLIVION

By ELAINE FLORES  
Guest Writer

Without waiting for an answer, Mike entered Barbara's house; excitedly grabbed her by the hand, and running, led her towards the cave that for many years had been their secret meeting place. Barbara did not speak, knowing well that she would find out what 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 not 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, "Robot, bring me a chair" but it didn't move.

"What happened?" she asked. "Oh, I forgot, its name is Sheldon." "Sheldon! You've got to be kidding." "No I'm not, try it out now."

"OK, Sheldon, bring me that rug," she commanded. Sheldon whirred, and purred, and clicked, and finally brought forth the rug. They started laughing simultaneously: "You've got to admit it's a very goofy robot" she said.

"I know," said Mike, "but a darn good accomplishment for someone who can't put anything together." "That entered my mind, just how did you do it?" she 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 it, 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 liked the music, and wanted to talk to me; our secret concerning the cave would stay ours. So I invited him in. I asked him about the wings, he said they had been used for flying at an earlier age, but were no longer necessary.

I then noticed he didn't move his mouth to speak, but I could still see him. He asked if I wanted to help the human race! 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! SHELDON."

As Mike concluded with his story, Sheldon started whirring 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 about 500 were all together. Once all the robots had gathered, everything went 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.

They then 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 to remain alive. Only children and teens had been left alive! Once adulthood was reached, they would also leave their human bodies to become preserved intellectually within 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 City birth statistic (Danforth Hospital) who has traveled afar 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 teaching degrees and the family packed up for Southwest Texas State University in San Marcos. In due course, the family returned to Bay City, where her father taught math and science at the high school and her mother became a guidance counselor.

It was Ms. Willis' turn to journey fourth 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, Washington called and she spent a year and a half in 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 San Antonio before joining the COM staff for the spring semester.

Ms. Willis is unabashedly delighted to be a part of COM.

"I am thrilled to be teaching in an institution with such an innovative approach to instruction," she commented. "Before coming here, I never realized an institution actually existed which based its teaching approach on letting the students know on 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 I find I'm learning a great deal along with the students."

Although Ms. Willis teaches both daytime and evening classes, she still finds time to play bridge and golf.

"It's nice to be back in Texas City," she declared, adding with a smile: "Only 18 months and 1800 miles ago, when I was working in Washington, I never dreamed I'd be returning."



Cheryl Willis



DIANE GALVAN, Pres. of COM AMIGOS



Ya-Ya Yaberra and friends

# Cinco de Mayo

Photos by Dwayne



# New Fad Arrives

By JOE HENSLEY  
Comet Staff

Lately there has been quite a furor 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 ignoring of our own orphans who have had their own share of misery too?

I think it's really a shame that war has to pen some peoples' hearts to accept someone as they are. Let's hope that in the spirit of giving these refugees have started, will not end when they run out of Vietnamese orphans to give away.



'Nothing against the Vietnam kids, but I wish we could become a popular fad'

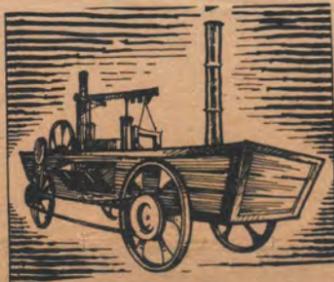
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However, there is another side to this story. Adoption laws in the U.S. differ from state to state. Most are either too strict or inadequate. Most state laws make it very hard to adopt a child. It took my parents three years to get me and that was 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 the joy we share to be wanted and to have a good home. 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 nothing more than share some of the love they have with another.

FACT, from Page 7

Ben Franklin, pioneer American printer and journalist, not only had a nose for news but also a musical ear for news. As a boy he peddled on the street printed copies of a ballad he wrote chronicling America's earliest tragedy, the drowning of the keeper of the Boston light and five companions in 1718, *The World Almanac* reports.



Oliver Evans of Philadelphia, successful inventor of a self-propelled amphibious dredge in 1805, produced an underestimated 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 DOBYNS  
Comet Staff

What's it like to be a dictator? What is a dictator anyway? How does one become one? Damn if I can figure it out, but it must pay well.

Look at how many we have had and still have. Why it's all the way from a leader of a large country to a little backwoods politician. Hell, I knew a few in the army.

What is that hidden inter-activity that exists in a few people that will cause them to have drive or ambition or dreams which can push them to goals the majority would not have?

To me, it's a lot more fun to sit around a family bar with a friend that can play a guitar, then to have life or death decisions over a person or a country.

How does that old song go about "The gleam from your chandelier cast a light up on the

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 Iberville Parish and the sheriff sets bail at \$3,000. This sheriff is part owner of the bonding company. He'll die 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 \$15,000 a year?

Little dictators. Some go to jail. But is it any wonder that the people in high government positions support dictators? They have been exposed to these people all their lives. If they didn't come from the small town influence, 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 "his people."

Tonight while I write this article, I am wearing the uniform of a weekend warrior. Sometimes you wonder, it might be nice to be one of those dictators, but not for me.

I can only feel pity: pity for the people who follow a dictator, pity for the soles he has destroyed, pity for the global countries that support him.

## OPINION



### Smith Gets Help

To Bob Smith  
Director of Student Life

Your remarks last issue (Bob Smith, Director, Student Life) were well founded. Thank you for speaking out. But this issue has hit a new low-reference "Third Party Slate", in particular.

"I'm proud to be an American --." Not only is this ditty hackneyed and tasteless, but purely un-journalistic. I suggest the author change his major as his future is definitely not in unseating Walter Cronkite.

In fact, part of the author's wish has come true; he writes with the flair of a dog. It appears to me that our "image" in the community most surely be enhanced by such blatant disrespect and journalistic ineptness, to say nothing of pseudo-counter-revolutionary corn.

I expect full well that I'll get the same professional, sophisticated response as you did with your comments—so I'll offer in advance (B.S.)2

Bob Wennagel

### Raving Ray Replies

By RAY DOBYNS  
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. Wennagel's name in the Student Director, it must mean our circulation has increased to outside the campus.

As for as my unseating Walter Conkite, I thank you for thinking I have such high ideals this early in a new career.

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

# Mexican American Art Exhibition

Photos by Joe



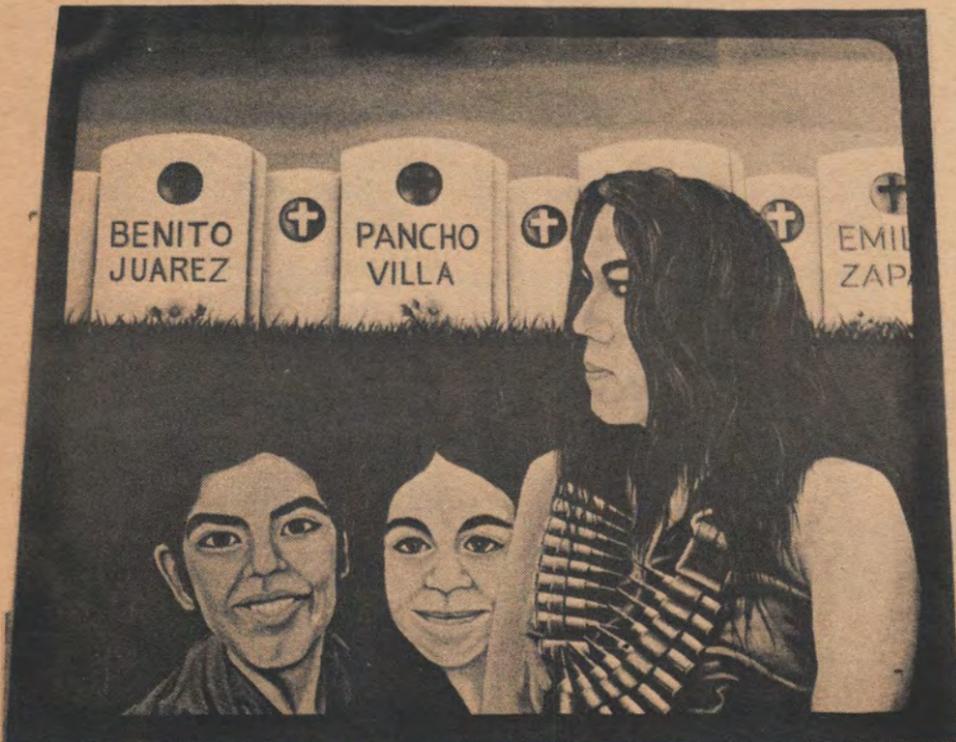
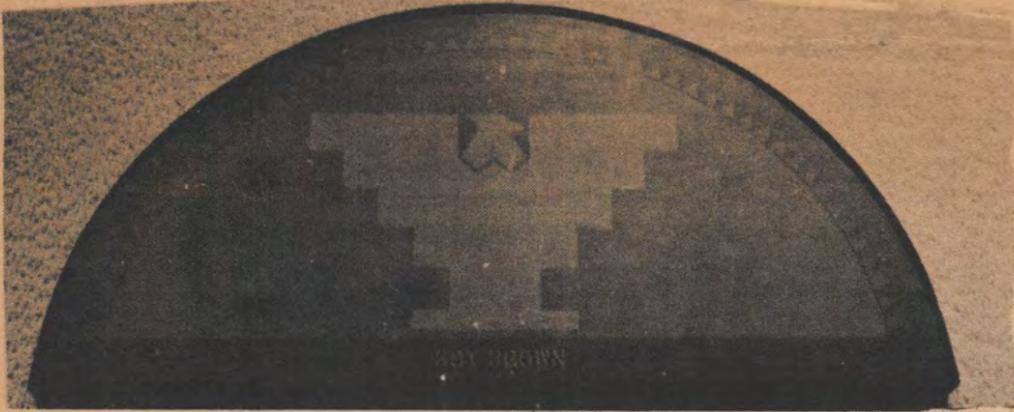
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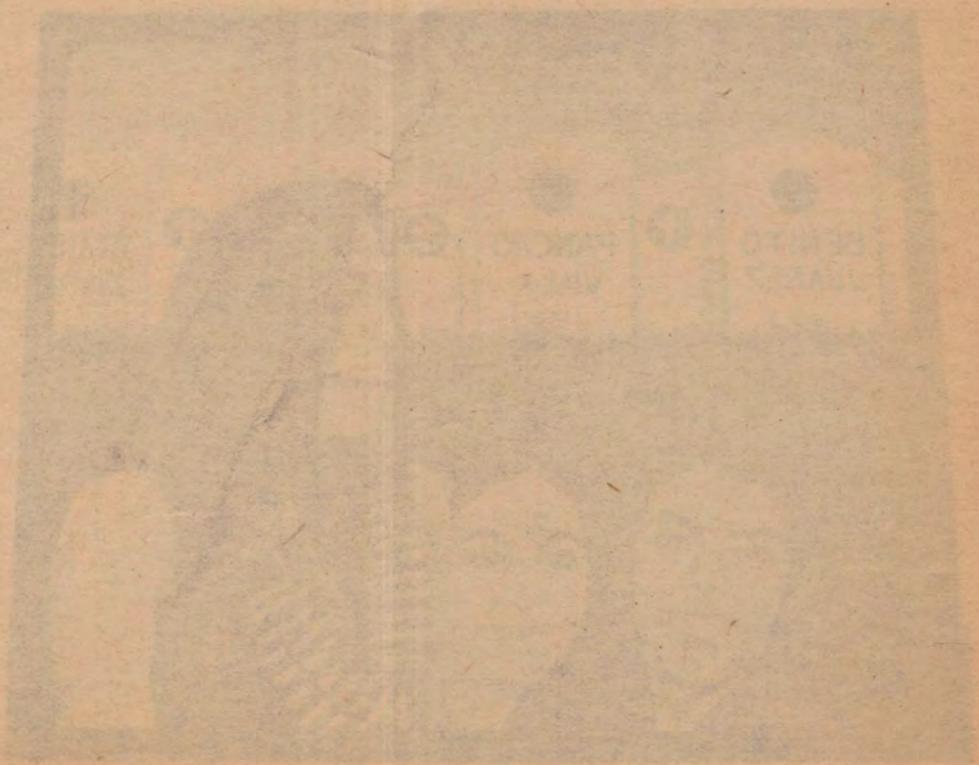
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## COM Golfers Win Fourth Place

By **MATTHEW COOPER**  
Comet Staff

The COM Golf team showed fourth in the G.C.J.C.I.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 Spillar.

"I think we had the most solid golfer (in the tournament) in Ray Lease" Spillar said. Lease finished as second medalist in the conference. Other golfers

who played for the Comets this season were Mike Reed, Tim DeLaune, Randy Southerland and Don Doyle.

The Comets placed fourth in every tournament this season. "The main reason was you are supposed to have five (golfers) and we had four" Spillar commented. The team with five players has its highest score dropped.

Spillar added that hopefully next year the Comet 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 in two summer sessions, June 3 through July 9 and July 11 through August 15.

Applications for the first session are now being accepted for registration on June 2. The Admissions Office in the Administration Building is open from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Monday through Thursday and 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Friday.

A few courses to be 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 graduating high school seniors who are planning to go to college this fall," commented George Thomas, Associate Dean for Academic Programs. "Whatever major they choose, they will have to take English 131 and History 135 & 136. 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 individualized approach to instruction," Thomas noted. "A student can lay a very solid foundation by beginning college under these conditions—wherever he goes after the summer on our campus."

Thomas added that COM's sessions should be of interest to university students returning home for the summer.

"Many college students work during the summer and our program takes this fact into consideration by scheduling many courses in the evening."

Detailed information regarding courses offered and registration procedures can be obtained by calling 938-1211, Ext. 266 (in Dickinson and the Clear Lake area, the toll-free number is 337-1631).

## COM Teachers Are State Racquetball Champs

Dan Travaille, Chairman of College of the Mainland's Division of Health and Physical Education and Suzanne Storey, instructor in the Division, emerged as Texas State Racquetball Champions in the state-wide Racquetball Tournament recently held in San Antonio.

Travaille bested 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 boredom sets in. "Und-e-r t-h-e B-6." Boy, you start looking for B6. By the time you are halfway down the second card; "Und-e-r t-h-e 0-75." You're almost dead.

Bang—the cue balls break. Your shot! Now you can show your stuff. You shoot. One ball goes in. You shoot again. You mill, but that's o.k. Time for a glass of beer anyway.

"Und-e-r t-h-e-N-45." What the devil was that second number he called? "Gosh, where is that waiter?" You look around. No one is talking-

smiling-or looking side to side.

"Boy, that beer was good." You shoot. You make another, then another. Everyone is having a good time. "Show dem, baby." "Where did you find that fish?"

Bingo-boy you finally figured out that second number. You're lost for sure now. Gosh, look at that next table. Those women 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.

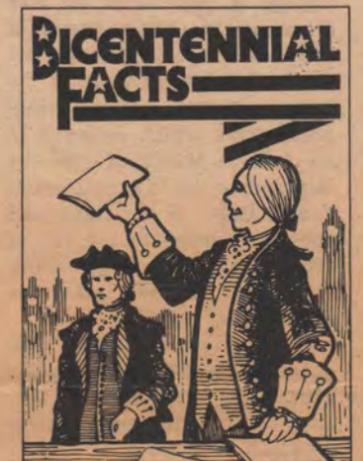
She is going to ask you where you have been. You are going to tell her with the boys playing pool. She is going to know how much it cost. You tell her \$5. Boy, she gets mad.

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.



No determination for the location of a permanent seat of the government of the United States was made by Congress until 1790. After long discussion Congress passed an act, approved July 16, 1790 stating "That a district of territory, not exceeding 10 miles square, to be located as hereafter directed on the river Potomac . . . accepted for permanent seat of the government of the United States . . ." The World Almanac notes that the federal government was transferred to the District of Columbia on the first Monday of December, 1800.



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## Exciting Volleyball Game Here Wednesday

**MATTHEW COOPER**  
Comet Staff

The excitement lasted down to the very end in the staff vs. student volleyball game held May 7, culminating in a three game staff victory.

Staff players won the first two games 15-4 and 15-11. The students rallied to win the next two 15-9 and 15-6. The deciding game was a tight one with the lead changing hands four times.

The staff players jumped ahead mid-game with a 6-9 score. Sara Alexander led the students to a 10-11 score to bring her team back into contention. Student players went on to reach game point first, but blew their chance on a missed play. The staff team then brought the game to a 14-14 tie. Loretta Davis served the deciding point and the game ended in a 14-16 staff win.

Teams were evenly matched with about 11 women serving on each. Donnie Spriggens was the student team coach and Lloyd Longnion coached for the staff. Byron Thompson officiated the game and Leroy August was the scorekeeper.

In all, about 30 student and faculty spectators watched the game at various times. Much spirit was shown by fans as they cheered their respective side on.



Joyce Scores For Staff

# Teague Appointed To State Board

Paul Teague, a Trustee of College of the Mainland since its inception, has been appointed to the Coordinating Board, Texas College and University System by Governor Dolph Briscoe, with the Senate confirming the appointment last Wednesday.

Teague, who is Business Manager of Local 347, International Union of Operating Engineers, will fill a vacancy in the 18-member Board created by the resignation of L.B. Meadows of Dallas whose term expires in September. If reappointed 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 worked to gain public acceptance of the proposed college. A year later, he was appointed to COM's Board of Trustees and participated in the unsuccessful bond issue in the Spring of 1966 and the successful issue which followed in the 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 talking about his new appointment, Teague readily admits that severing his official ties with College of the Mainland will be difficult.

"What I'm going through is very similar 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 to see their children become self-sufficient, 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, adding that he would always have a special interest in community colleges and their development.

"I imagine I'll be doing a great deal of listening 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; advising on financial needs; 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 beyond what he could envision.

"College of the Mainland is one of the most dynamic and responsive institutions I know—and yet I feel it has only begun to scratch the surface in, for example, the areas of technical-vocational and continuing education."

Teague puffed thoughtfully on his pipe before offering his personal vision of the college's future.

"I see a tremendous growth in our parallel transfer program now that the University of Houston at Clear Lake City is established. In fact, looking down the road ten to 15 years, I think the exception will be students NOT coming here for their first two years and then going on to the UH-CLC for their baccalaureate degree," he declared.

"I see encouraging signs that the public is becoming more aware of a very special attitude and concern that the College has for its students, many of whom come here from other institutions for summer classes and decide to stay because of

the personal, individualized atmosphere they experience for the first time," he explained, adding that he hoped the college would never lose its unique quality in the process of growth.

Teague's pride in the college is deeply-felt and he expresses it openly.

"I look at my work with College of the Mainland as something I've done for my children and their children. It's not often that one has a chance to create something lasting to pass on to future generations and I consider myself fortunate to have had the opportunity in my lifetime."

Teague and his wife, Shirley Faye, have a son and daughter attending Texas City High School.

Teague's early years were spent in Borger, which is 50 miles northeast of Amarillo. He graduated from Phillips High School, attended West Texas State University in Canyon and came to Texas City in 1958 to assume his present position. In 1966, he was selected to attend the Harvard Trade Union Program, a challenging four-month program offered by Harvard's School of Business Administration.

Reaction to Teague's appointment on the part of Board members and College officials is a mixture of pride and loss.

Jim Simpson, well-known Texas City attorney who has worked with Teague on the Board for many years, summed up the general feeling when he noted: "Paul Teague is the ablest man who has ever served on the Board of College of the Mainland. His loss will be keenly felt but offset by the contribution he will be able to make on a larger scale as a member of the Coordinating Board."

Dr. Fred A. Taylor, President of COM and one of the first persons to be employed by the newly-formed Board in 1966, stated simply: "Paul Teague is one of those few but unforgettable examples of the right man being at the right place at the right time. He made a difference which will never be forgotten."



Joe Rotramel Humors Two of His Fans

# Grads

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