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## Are Activity Fees Biased?

Have you ever wondered what the activity fees on your tuition receipt was for? I am particularly referring to those students between the late twenties and the fourties. For the younger group of students there are assorted activities and announcements out about these activities. The senior citizens have many activities that we read about. Buy what about the in-between group?

According to Bob Smith, who is in charge of organizations and clubs, there just wasn't any particular activities for the in-between group. Of course, we (and I am in this group) are welcome to join in the activities of other age groups.

He said the reason there wasn't any activities was because they had tried various programs and they had failed due to lack of participation.

That most of these students were in night classes and worked days. Therefore, time is a factor against these activities.

He said that if enough students in this age group wanted activities he would be most happy to provide them. I ask Bob where our activity fees were going. He explained that they were going to other resources such as the cost of putting the Comet together having an economic snack bar, and hundreds of other things that keep College of the Mainland operating.

However, if we want these activities the funds would be available. All that is necessary is for enough students to see Bob Smith in the college center, room 115 and let him know that you would like to see these activities evolve. I feel they would give us a sense of belonging to the student body.

## 2000 Year Old Art

Instructor Manuel Urbina has an interesting avocation. A teacher of American and Latin American histories, Urbina collects artifacts from the pre-Columbian and pre-Aztec societies of Mexico.

He first became interested in collecting these artifacts while he was a student at the National University of Mexico. Since he is a native of Mexico, Urbina was naturally interested in Mexican history, and from there, became more involved in the history of Mexican art.

One of the most interesting pieces in his collection is the figure of a man with a turtle-shell drum. This particular piece is over 2000 years old and was found in Nayarit, the western portion of Mexico. The figure was part of the Aztec funeral rite, and has a hollow area at the top for collecting the tears of those who mourned the deceased warrior. Figures such as these were the last things to be placed in the tomb before it was sealed.

Urbina also has a collection of coins dating to the reign of Phillip II, during the latter part of the 1500's. These coins were hand made individually by hammering the seal of Phillip II into slightly heated silver.

All of these artifacts, plus those owned by others, were displayed recently at the Nessler Civic Center during the celebration of Mexico's independence from Spain in 1810. The festivities were co-sponsored by COM and various Mexican-American organizations in Texas City.

As of yet, the hope for a permanent museum of Mexican heritage is but a dream.

## COM Basic Grant Qualifications Set

This is the first of a series of articles dealing with the various types of financial aid available to students in our college, university, tech-vocational and some extent our high school system. In this first article, the Comet will deal with the Basic Educational Grant.

One of the first grants the applicant should apply for is the Basic Educational Grant. In fact, this is the first form that will be given to the prospective student at the time he applies

for financial aid. Like the name implies, this is a basic grant, which though it will not cover your college expenses, can be combined with other grants, loans, or scholarships to work toward giving the student a complete aid package.

Of course, the first step in applying is to pick up your Basic Grant application which can be found at the Financial Aid Office of the school you plan to attend or possibly at one of your local high schools. The Texas Rehabilitation Commission should also have copies to furnish you.

## COM Gym Has New Policy

Robert Pryor, student body president, announced that regular student ID's are no longer valid after 5 p.m. for use of gym facilities. The gym is open on Monday and Wednesday evenings only because classes are held there the rest of the week. There is a \$2.50 charge for locker and towel usage, which is optional. However, due to an increase in the thefts and vandalism, it will now cost an additional \$5.00 for an adult recreational I.D. card.

Pryor spoke to a person identified only as a "gym supervisor", who told him that people are sneaking in the side

door of the gym and stealing towels and personal effects from lockers. The spokesman also said that this side door is to be outfitted with an alarm system.

Pryor expressed concern over the high cost of the new I.D. cards.

"It seems to me that this is a progressive tax to limit the number of people who use our gym. How is a \$5.00 I.D. card going to prevent theft?" He plans to take the matter up with the administrative council at the next meeting of that organization.

This form is fairly simple and instructions are given to help in completion. Personal financial information required on the form will not be released to the school or any state agency where aid is being requested.

Results of the application should reach the prospective student within four to five weeks. If the grant is approved, then a copy of the approval (called the Student Eligibility Report) should be submitted to the Financial Aid Office at the school you plan to attend. This is where the amount of this particular grant is calculated. It is estimated the awards for the 1975-76 school year will range between \$50-\$800. This, being a grant, does not have to be repaid.

There are a few qualifications that must be met by the applicant before can be granted. The following criteria was copied from the Basic Grant application of the Dept. of Health, Education, and Welfare.

1. You have established your financial need by means of the Basic Grant application.

2. You began or will begin your post-high school education after April 1, 1973. There are exceptions to this requirement, however. These exceptions are: (a) if you were enrolled prior to April 1, 1973, in a course of study (whether or not for credit) which was remedial in nature; (b) if you were enrolled, prior to April 1, 1973, in a course of study (whether or not for credit) which was designed to prepare you for regular enrollment in an institution of postsecondary education; (c) if you were enrolled prior to April 1, 1973, in an institution of postsecondary education while still enrolled in high school; or, (d) if you were enrolled, prior to April 1, 1973, in an institution of postsecondary education which was not eligible for participation in the Basic Educational Opportunity Grant Program prior to April 1, 1973.

3. You will be enrolled in an eligible program at one of the over 5,000 colleges, universities, vocational, technical, or career training schools which have been determined eligible for the Basic Grant Program.

4. You are a U.S. Citizen or are in the United States for other than a temporary purpose and intend to become a permanent resident or are a permanent resident of the Trust Territories of Pacific Islands.

Further specific information you may be interested in may be obtained by writing to: BEOG, P.O. Box 84, Washington D.C. 20044.



SHOWS WORKS—MANUEL Urbina displays authentic pre-Colombian artifacts from his growing collection. Flanking the two ancient pieces are fine Aztec reproductions which may be seen in the COM collection.

## Comet Begins New Term

Dwayne Colvin  
Comet Staff

Well, dear devoted readers, a new term has begun, and with it comes a new year of the Mainland Comet. If you will kindly hold your applause until the end, it will be easier to continue.

Those of you who are new to COM, and those of you who have just learned to read, do not realize what you missed last year. A few simple stories you ask? Balderdash and poppycock! You, my poor unfortunate friends, missed history! Not names and dates, but excitement. You missed the thrill of battle, the sea foam in your face, the ecstasy of victory, and the agony of defeat. I will admit that for the staff, there was more agony than ecstasy, but lets forget that.

Let me fill you new-comers in on what you missed, those of you who read the papers last year may turn to the sports section. You "newies" missed such stirring headlines as "Questions on Traffic and Parking", "New Constitution Sought" and "Monster in Eckert Lake".

You also have missed such fine examples of journalistic talent as a day in the life of COM's radio station "K-I-L-O", "Dear U.D.", which was our answer to 'Dear Abby', and our raving roving reporter Ray's report on the "League City Bar and Social Club".

Now after these examples, I am sure that you all are craving for more, but this is a new year and we must move on to better things.

Far be it from me how anyone can critize a paper that carries such articles as the afore-mentioned, but they did. I agree with you, I don't understand either, but they did. It is our hopes this year that the trouble makers have moved on and are no longer with us.

You may all begin singing "Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory" with the thought in your head, the promise in your heart, and the tears in your eyes that this will be a good year for all of us on the staff.

## Buckshot--

A "Get Acquainted" dance was held Sept. 18 in the Student Center. Music for the occasion was provided by a group called "Buckshot".

This band differed from a great number I have seen lately. To begin with, most of the members looked less than clean, which didn't make a very good first impression. The music they played brought back some very fond memories of 1973 and before, but was mediocre at best.

Most of the songs they played were not easy to dance to, which probably accounts for the fact that the vast majority of those present sat around with their

fingers up their noses.

The lack of current material, accompanied by technical difficulties and so-so showmanship prompted me to leave earlier than originally planned.

However, the drummer for the group did occasionally break away from straight "blappity-blap" and get in some good licks. As a whole, the group did an okay job on some of the material, but exhibited nothing spectacular. Who knows—maybe they had an off night it happens to the best of 'em. At any rate, everyone seemed to be having a good time.

## Mainland Planning Activities

Are you going to get involved in the Bi-Centennial activities planned this coming year for the Mainland area? The local Bi-Centennial Steering Committee has a three-fold program which includes several sub-committees: The Heritage, Festival, and horizons.

The Heritage group is trying to restore the old Davision home in Texas City. A Railroad Museum is being renovated in Dickinson also.

Bob Handy, Our Director of Basic Adult Education, is also on the Horizons Sub-Committee. He commented that the purpose of this group is to try to better the quality of life in our community. Horizons is actively involved in trying to improve the outside appearances of this area by for example, working towards having all unsightly telephone and electrical lines put underground. This, of course, requires much time and money. These improvement plans are set to last for thirteen more years, however.

"The Festival's purpose is to celebrate our heritage through the fine arts" said Larry Stanley, Our Director of the Fine Arts Department. Several activities are in the planning stage involving the months of February, March, and April. Our theatre has two plays in the offing for next year. A one-man art show, by artist-in-residence Don Thornton is definately set. Susan Smeltzer, another artist-in-residence is planning a piano concert. Our COM Singers and Male Choral Ensemble will be giving concerts throughout the year also.

The lunar calendar is still used to set the dates for traditional festivals in the Republic of China (Taiwan), in Chinese communities around the world and in Vietnam where the calendar was in use for many centuries.

The reason students have seen an increase in book prices is that publishers have raised their prices regularly over the past few years since Nixon's price freeze was lifted.

The second big gripe students have about the bookstore is that they feel they are paid so little for used books. When a student returns a book he bought, he receives 50 percent of the original purchase price. These books are then re-priced at 60 percent of the new book selling price. Mr. Rac stated that most area colleges mark their used books at 75 percent of the new price (a policy which COM Bookstore followed until Mr. Rac became manager).

Lois Slawson, Donna Hunter, and Gladys Horn are Mr. Rac's

## FILM REVIEW

# Winterhawk

Obviously a low-budget film, Winterhawk is, nevertheless, interesting and entertaining. Set in Montana in the nineteenth century, it is based on the story of a Blackfoot chief who sets out to buy the white man's cure for smallpox from a band of travelling pioneers.

Winterhawk, the young chief, sets out on the advice of his trusted friend, a white trader who, some years before, had married into the Blackfoot tribe. When he reaches his destination, however, his is thwarted and tricked, which results in the death of two of his braves. In retaliation, Winterhawk kidnaps a young (and beautiful) girl and her brother, intending to hold them for ransom.

Three-quarters of the movie involves the flight of Blackhawk and his prisoners, and pursuit by the settlers determined to overtake and save their people, aided by Winterhawk's trapper friend who has agreed to go along to see justice done for the Indian. Meanwhile, the two villains who initially tricked Winterhawk, unknowingly travel along the same route, at one point coming upon the white trapper's wife, and raping and killing her.

Through a careless, greedy move, the two unscrupulous characters reveal the death of the trapper's wife by selling furs they had stolen when they murdered her, and the trapper is told soon after, by the agent who buys the furs. Thus the trapper has two causes, and he overtakes the killers, shooting one and taking the other prisoner.

It is soon after this justice takes place that the climax begins building. As stated before, the film is entertaining even though predictable. At this point it deviates from the book and progresses to a happy ending, something we see to little of in films nowadays, in my opinion.

There are a few technical "goofs" in this film, believing the time period, the least of which are the deep green fields through which the parties ride; remember, the place is Montana and the time is November. Note also the fences in the background at the settler's camp, skillfully camouflaged by the camp activities, but there, in evidence, and affixed to metal posts no less. How many "goofs" can you find?

## Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor

In response to Gidget's opinion and statement concerning the "get-acquainted Dance" on Sept. 18. The SCPC would like to inform her that this dance brought one of the largest turnouts to the college of a SCPC sponsored dance. We would like to think that the band attributed to this. As to the comment made about their dress—we are an equal-opportunity employer and frankly if we had to stand up on the stage for four hours we would wear tennis shoes too. We're sorry the band didn't suit your taste's—maybe you had an off night—but their credentials are excellent. We are glad you thought them medicore, everyone else thought they were great. We love the comment about people sticking their fingers up their noses, you had them in your ears! The SCPC was pleased with the dance, and the band.

SCPC.

## Bookstore Passes Buck on Increased Prices

Many College of the Mainland students gripe about the high prices of new books and the low price they get when selling them back. Are these gripes legitimate?

According to COM Bookstore Manager David Rac, students should not feel "victimized". As for the "high" prices of new books, Mr. Rac is limited by an average 20 percent mark-up on new books, while the retail prices of the new books are set by the publishers. Mr. Rac says that a 20 percent mark-up is considered very minimal in most retail operations. "Most bookstore managers will laugh at you when you talk about a 20 percent mark-up" stated Mr. Rac, "and we barely scrape by on it!"

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# Hopes Bounce High For Comets Basketball Team

Coach Jerry Bryant's 1976 edition of the Comets will boast a primarily new team this year, consisting mostly of Houston recruits.

Although the scholarship fund was dropped from \$1500 to \$450, the coaches succeeded in recruiting some impressive players. Byron Thompson and Craig Reginns will be the only returning players this season.

Starting the new squad are Lanis Hayes, Floyd Patterson, and Mike Stanton of Kashmere in Houston. All three of these recruits played on a Kashmere State 4-A Championship team. Alonzo Hazley, the biggest man on the team standing 6'5½" and weighing in at 200 pounds, transferred from Ranger Junior College and previously attended Yates in Houston. John Irving, a cager from O'Connell, will also be joining the new Comet lineup. Irving was a member of the O'Connell All-State Catholic Team.

Some of the local cager talent will be seen in William Randall

from La Marque, Nat Lynch from Texas City, Donny Springgins from Dickinson, and Richard Mangrun from Hitchcock. Roger Boggess from Forest Brook in Houston and Benny Reynolds, a recruit from Louisiana, will wrap up the lineup.

Because Galveston Junior College dropped their basketball program this year, there will be no conference in this area. However, the Comets will still be competing against local and state wide teams.

The C.O.M. Cagers will begin competition Nov. 12 against Howard County Jr. College in Big Springs. Howard County has been rated as one of the highest scoring Jr. colleges in the nation, scoring over 100 points a game for five years. However, the Comets defeated Howard County two out of the three games they played last year. The team is looking forward to a good season and attending various state tournaments.

## Women's Volleyball Initiated This Year

COM is enlarging the sports program this year by initiating a Women's Volleyball Team.

There was some sceptism about the team at first, but after tryouts there emerged an eight girl team. As Suzanne Storey, coach of the team, put it. "Eight girls are really not enough for a team, but the desire and willingness to work hard shown by these eight convinced her that it was well worth it."

The Women's Volleyball line-

up will include Julie Dues, Georgia and Cindy Dues. Mary McGown, Lynn Glazner, Joan Oden, Dollie Cain, and Mary Selzer.

Since this is the first year that COM has had a Women's Intercollegiate team, Coach Storey feels that this will mainly be a building year. Storey stated that the team had a lot of potential but only time will tell if they can get it together.

## Volleyball Schedule

BRIAN SMITH

### OCTOBER

Tuesday 7  
Wednesday 8  
Monday 13  
Wednesday 15  
Friday 17  
Monday 20  
Wednesday 22  
Wednesday 22  
Tuesday 28  
Wednesday 29  
Friday 31  
Thursday 6  
NOVEMBER  
Thursday 6

TEAM	TIME	SITE
Brazosport	12:30	Home
Lee	12:00	There
Brazosport	2:30	There
San Jacinto North	1:00	Home
Alvin Tournament	8:00	There
Lee	2:30	Home
Alvin	1:00	There
Alvin	1:00	There
Alvin	12:30	Home
San Jac North	1:00	There
Galveston	1:30	There
Galveston	2:30	Here
Galveston	2:30	Here

### JH COM BRIAN SMITH

### DATE

### TEAM

### SITE

### TIME

Nov. 12	Howard County Jr College	Texas City	7:30
Nov. 17	Angelina Jr.	Lufkin	7:30
Nov. 21	Pensacola Jr. College	Texas City	7:30
Nov. 22	Concordia Lutheran	Austin	7:30
Dec. 2	LaMar Varsity	Beaumont	5:15
Dec. 5, 6	Brazosport College Tournament	Freeport	TBA
	(Alvin, Blinn, Brazosport,		
	Concordia, Gulf Coast Bible, Laredo, TCTI)	Laredo, TETI	
Dec. 11, 12, 13	San Jacinto Jr. College Classic	Pasadena	TBA
	(Tyler, Lee, San Jac)		
Dec. 17	North Harris County	Texas City	7:30
Jan. 9	St. Phillips Jr. College	Texas City	7:30
Jan. 12	Gary Job Corps	Texas City	7:30
Jan. 15	Angelina Jr. College	Texas City	7:30
Jan. 17	Bay Ridge Christian College	Texas City	7:30
Jan. 20	LaMar University Jr. Varsity	Texas City	7:30
Jan. 26	University of Texas Jr. Varsity	Austin	7:30
Jan. 29	Alvin Jr. College	Texas City	7:30
Feb. 5	Alvin Jr. College	Alvin	7:30
Feb. 7	Concordia Lutheran	Texas City	7:30
Feb. 9	Gary Job Corps	Texas City	7:30
Feb. 14	Bay Ridge Christian College	Kendleton	7:30
Feb. 16	North Harris County College	Houston	7:30
Feb. 17	St. Phillips Jr. College	Asn Antonio	7:30
Feb. 21	Southern Bible	Texas City	7:30
Oct. 16	Lee	Texas City	2:00
Oct. 18	Southern Bible	Texas City	2:00

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR: Dan Travaille-938-1211 ext. 417

COACH: Jerry Bryant-938-1211 ext. 419

TRAINER: Willie Bremmeman

Bremmeman

COLORS: Blue, Red, White

LOCATION: 8001 Palmer Hwy. Texas City, Tx 77590

## COM Needs Child Care Center

College of the Mainland is lacking an important facility, a child-care center for children of students now attending the college and those unable to attend due to the lack of this facility.

There are several reasons such a program. 1. Disruption of classes by children who are brought to the college by their parents. 2. Inadequate safety and supervision of children at this facility. 3. An extension of the services of the college to the parents of young children who are now unable to attend.

Besides being a place where students children could be kept the center could also be an

educational facility. Those interested in child development could use the center as a workshop. Also psychology students could learn the behavior of children on a first-hand basis.

Anyone who is interested in finding out about the proposals made for such a program should contact Bill Spillars in Suite C of the Learning Resource Center. Those interested parties should petition the college board about this program.

The need for such a program should be in the interest of all the students of this college.

## COM Begins Intramurals

### BRIAN SMITH

This year, on Tuesday and Thursday, 7-10 p.m., C.O.M. students will be able to participate in an intramural sports program at the gym.

The program will include coed volleyball, cross country running, swimming, archery, and badminton. In the Spring, the students will be able to choose from basketball, softball, tennis, weightlifting, and a special Free throw contest and racketball tournament.

The program has not been fully organized as of now, but Coach Bill Montague, Coordinator of Recreational Programs, said that the intramurals should begin sometime in early October.

Coach Montague added that some of these activities will have to begin before 7:00 because of the lack of outdoor lights in certain areas.

## Student Retreat Planned Oct. 4, Says Pryor

Robert Pryor, who was elected president of the Student Government in May of '75, plans a "retreat" for the students October 4. Dr. Ginsburg, Bob Smith, and Robert Pryor set up the "retreat" at the Holiday Inn on Nassau Rd. 1 in Nassau Bay. This "retreat" is to explain to the students elect how the new constitution will be working and what their duties will be. There will be a committee set up at this time also.

The committee will consist of Dr. Taylor and Robert Pryor. Four deans who are; Dr. Calvert, Dr. Morevedt, Mr. Brown, and Mr. Miller. There will be four volunteers who are; Don Bass, Richard Plotz, Tom Hermin, and Joyce Mason.

There will also be four vice-presidents whose names are not available at this time. The duties of the vice-president will be to serve on the committee, to solicit and achieve input on issues relevant to the commission on which they serve, and to attend meetings of the Executive Council.



COM 1975-76 girls volleyball team. Front row; Mary McGown, Dollie Cain, Lynn Glazner, Georgia Dues. Back Row; Mary Sezler, Joan Oden, Cindy Dues, and Julie Dues.

# OPINIONS

## Low Key Election?

The importance of the forthcoming election in early November has not yet surfaced in part, because it lacks the battle of personalities and political symbolism that are usually associated with elections.

Lack of fanfare may have an adverse effect on the voter turnout in the case a small electoral turnout.

The issue to be decided is the acceptance of our new state constitution.

The candidate for office is a mere piece of paper, a paper that has an importance beyond that of any individual candidate, for the words written on this paper govern how, not only those in office may operate, but the laws that we all live under. This piece of paper, if accepted, will remain in effect, more than likely longer than any candidate will remain in office.

We urge all those who are eligible to vote to do so. We have an opportunity to decide which way to vote on an issue based on a cold hard written position rather than the likability of any political figure.

This is an opportunity we may not have again for a long time so let us take advantage of it. Please vote we all may need it.

## High Road Low Road

### PROFILE

We all arrived here by taking different roads and we are all here for different reasons. This is what makes us different and interesting and I hope to seek out among us for some of the more interesting stories. This issue I will start with G.H.

G.H. is a story of exes. He is an ex-miner, warehouseman, floorman car salesman, insurance agent, bartender, mailboy, printshop helper, stockboy, collector GI, pumper of gas cook & floor sweeper.

G.H. says "I drank myself out of most of those jobs but I didn't like any of them any way and as it turned out I needed each and every one of them to get where I am at."

It turns out that the person with the drinking problem is the last to know, and so it was with me. I had to be hit on the head in order to realize what I was doing to myself and those around me.

There is a lot of truth to the saying that you only hurt the one you love and I did. After I had lost my wife and son and all that I owned, I realized that it was time for me to do something about my drinking.

That was eighteen months ago, and I have not had a drink

since then. When I stopped drinking, the good things started to happen like I have a new bride that I love and a built in family. Most important of all I find that I want to give instead of take and that in order to give I must have something. That is why I am here, so as to learn enough that I might share it. To be in school at the age of thirty five and discover what I had been missing all these years and to realize that people are really great I guess that's what it is all about.

## Vandals Strike, No Leads

Vandals did their work in the men's restroom, at our first school dance. The mirror was shattered and a paper dispenser kicked in. It really says a lot for the mentality of some people, to be capable of such nonsense. One would expect it of junior high students, but certainly not of college level.

Our Campus Policeman, Joe, said he had no leads as to who perpetrated this incident.

## Thornton Has One Man Show

C.O.M.'s resident-artist, Don Thornton will have a one-man exhibition of his artwork at Rosenberg Library in Galveston. The show will run from September 20 thru October 25. Thornton's favorite medium or style of artwork is sculpture and examples of his style will be exhibited.

Thornton has an unusual material which he uses for his sculpture. He takes discarded junk and creates something of aesthetic value. As an artist he believes that Americans waste too many of their natural resources and that they abuse what they create and then throw it away. Don's idea is to bring order to things where utter chaos exists and what better subject than junk which is completely chaotic. The reason he works in sculpture and prefers is that he believes that it is closer to the human form and reality.

Since he believes that his art is more the work of a skilled craftsman rather than an artist and that hard work is more important it would seem that his work is like that of our early American skilled craftsmen.

Don graduated from L.S.U. and is currently artist-in-residence at College of the Mainland. This exhibition is the latest of some nineteen one-and two-man shows. For the United States Bicentennial Don has created two sculptures for the Houston Ballet. One will represent a spaceship and the other will represent the 1900 hurricane which devastated Galveston island; it will be called Ragtime.

## Low-Fat Biscuits

To make a simple, low-fat biscuit, blend 1 carton of your favorite fruit flavored yogurt with 2 cups enriched self-rising flour. If necessary, add 1 to 2 tablespoons of milk. Bake on greased baking sheet in preheated 450 degree oven 10 to 12 minutes.

## How's Your Love Life?

By CAROL SMITH

### ARIES (March 21—April 20)

Last-minute decisions could bring a turning point in your love life now. However, avoid becoming too impulsive. Quixoticness could cause friction between you and your lover. Keep a tight rein on your urges and adopt a "wait and see" attitude. Your lucky number for October is (6).

### TAURUS (April 21—May 21)

You should be very popular on the social front this month. There may be extra magnetism provided to attract romantic prospects, especially in environments such as education or community involvements. However, you should aim for a lighthearted, flexible attitude toward love this month. Your lucky number for October is (3).

### GEMINI (May 22—June 21)

You should have a lot of vitality this month which will allow you to enjoy more social or romantic activities now. There may be a third party entering into your relationship with someone, or perhaps you will be the third party entering into someone else's romance. Your lucky number for October is (1).

### CANCER (June 22—July 23)

You may find your attitudes toward personal relationships changing somewhat this month and that you are meeting new types of date prospects. This month favors romance over a serious attraction. Your lucky number for October is (8).

### LEO (July 24—Aug. 23)

You may be somewhat alter-bound these days and taking on additional responsibilities. In the event you're determined to remain eligible aspects practically guarantee romantic pleasure. Your lucky number for October is (6).

### VIRGO (Aug. 24—Sept. 23)

You certainly shouldn't have any complaints about your love life this month Virgo. With all your charm and magnetism you really have a free hand about the progress of your romantic inclinations. Your lucky number for October is (1).

### LIBRA (Sept. 24—Oct. 23)

An existing relationship could be under stress. However this is not a favorable time to begin a new romance. Remember true love can overcome all aspects! Your lucky number is (9).

### SCORPIO (Oct. 24—Nov. 22)

Try to avoid misunderstandings with your partner and aim for clarity in judging his/her words or behavior. If you are involved in a meaningful relationship adverse aspects may test your feelings for each other. You may be more independent while your partner is more demanding. Your lucky number is (6).

### SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23—Dec. 21)

You are more aggressive this month in pursuing a new attraction. However, aggressiveness doesn't go over too well in an already started relationship. Avoid tendencies to domineer. Marriage could be in the picture for some of you Sagittarians. Your lucky number for October is (9).

### CAPRICORN (Dec. 22—Jan. 20)

Activities related to travel or education could be fortunate sources of new romantic attractions now. Avoid a misunderstanding with your partner; this could stem from lack of communications between you. Your lucky number for October is (3).

### AQUARIUS (Jan. 21—Feb. 19)

There should be plenty of flexibility in your love life this month. However, stay clear of becoming too involved or serious as these romances will be short-lived. Your lucky number for October is (7).

### PISCES (Feb. 20—Mar. 20)

This month could produce the action you've been waiting for onship. If you're in the mood to marry aspects have spotlighted this sort of thing. Be flexible in adjusting plans as there could be a mix-up beyond the control of either of you. Your lucky number is (1).

## Television Season Arrives; Improvement?

By GEORGE BOURNE

A new TV season has arrived as we all new it would. Just like Detroit and its new cars; few new changes are worth noting.

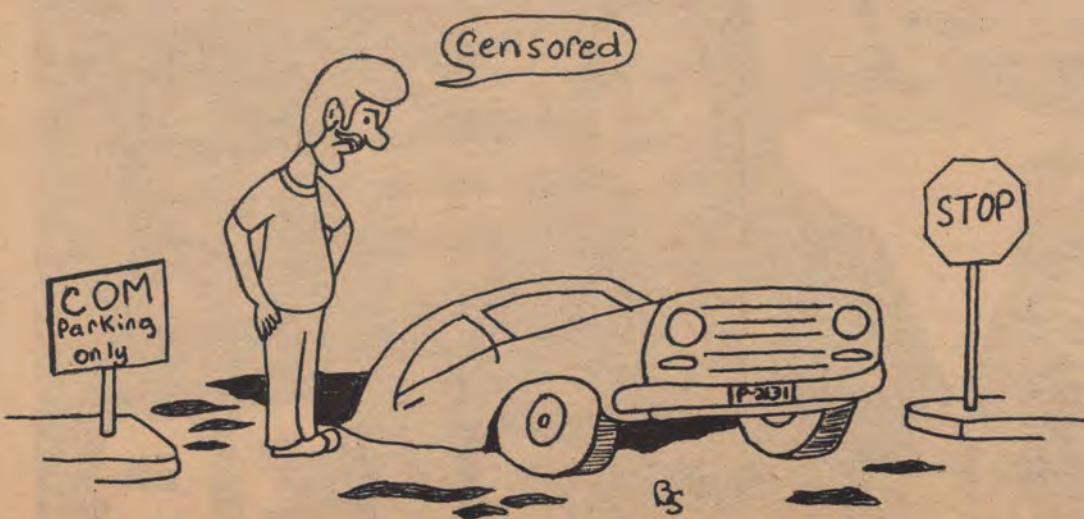
Their are however a few new shows worth noting and I will comment on some of these in the coming weeks. One of the few bright start to appear this fall is the Ellery Queen show.

Can you imagine a crime show in this time of violence? It is indeed hard but that is just what we are treated to in this new who-dunit. The well rounded characters are portrayed by Jim Hutton as Ellery Queen and David Wayne

as the father, Inspector Ellery Queen. They are supported by a galaxy of stars who actually seem to enjoy their rolls.

The time and location of the story is of interest to myself if no one else for it is New York of the late forties where I grew up and I do feel a sense of something out of the past. Perhaps that is why I like the show. The part that I like best is at the end when all the clue's are in and we are asked if we know who did it.

I have as yet to get the correct answer but I certainly enjoy trying.



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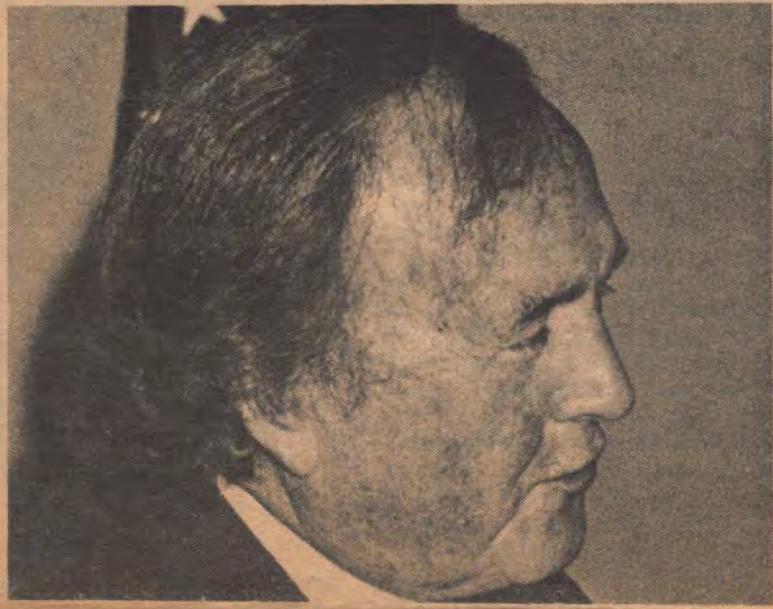
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## Faulk Speaks

### At Forum



John Henry Faulk, who was a victim of McCarthyism and was blacklisted as a broadcaster in the 1950's will be the guest speaker at College of the Mainlands' "American Issues Forum" Wednesday at 7:15 p.m. He will speak in the Teachers Auditorium kicking off four weeks of topic freedom in America. The is invited free. Students are encouraged to attend.

Mr. Faulk has written a book titled "Fear on Trial," was the subject of a recent television special looking into his past during the McCarthy era. He recently signed a contract to appear on the nationally syndicated television program "Hee Haw".

Mr. Faulk fought back against his accusers by way of a law suit against Aware Inc., the outfit which had accused him of Red Sympathy back in the 1950. He was awarded 3.5 million in

damages as a result, 750,000 of which he was able to collect. Most of the money awarded Mr. Faulk went to pay his high legal expenses.

Besides speaking at the American Issues Forum, Faulk will address Journalism 231 students on the subject of liable and speak on his experiences. He will also answer any questions that the class might have.

Faulk, who now lives in Madisonville, Texas with his second wife and six year old son, will also be guest of honor at a reception from 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. The students and the general public are invited to attend and meet Faulk.

The American Issues Forum meets regularly on Monday nights, 7:15 p.m. to 9:15 p.m. The public is invited to attend the programs without charge.

## Instructors Meet At COM

By LOCHIE FOWLER  
Comet Staff

Well-known educators from a five-county area conducted fourteen workshops or individualized instruction at the Annual Fall Conference of the Texas Joint English Committee held on Saturday, October 25 at College of the Mainland, College Center.

The theme of the Bi-Centennial meeting was "The English Revolution: These Are The Times That Try Men's Souls". The keynote speaker was Dr. William P. Fleming, Department of English at Sam

Houston State University. Also speaking at the conference was Dr. Donald Lee, Professor Emeritus of the University of Houston, as well as area elementary, secondary and college level instructors.

Executive committee officers involved in the planning for the conference were: Brenda Brown and Jo Ann Pevoto, co-chairmen; Thomas F. Carter, Jr., secretary and Don Bass, treasurer.

Delegates to the conference included English teachers from kindergarten through college in Brazoria, Galveston, Harris, Fort Bend and Waller counties.

## Survey Of Former COM Students

By CAROL SMITH  
Comet Staff

Larry Wilkinson, director of research survey of former COM students. The survey ran from mid-November '74 to April '75. Mr. Wilkinson said the reason for this survey was to find out how College of the Mainland's unique approach and philosophy effect the students after they leave COM. Larry said the survey itself was unique in that; they first sent questionnaires to 500 representative students of the 26 who enrolled in Spring of 1972. The students who didn't return the questionnaire were then sent another in a more personal fashion signed by his own handwriting. Then if they still were not returned they sent a questionair by registered mail. Thus, they received 52

percent of the questionaires back.

Larry said that some of the funds for this survey came from a sub-contract from Project FOLLOW-UP, a statewide effort to design a FOLLOW-UP system for all Texas two-year colleges. Larry says that they intend to hold a survey such as this every year.

The Results of The Survey:

Almost 9 out of 10 were satisfied with their experience at College of the Mainland. (Less than 6 percent were dissatisfied.)

—65 percent are employed full-time, 4 percent parttime, and 47 percent are still enrolled in some college or university.

—48 percent have achieved their educational objective at COM, and 4 percent are still pursuing their goal or hope to do

so in the near future.

—Only 5 percent failed to achieve their educational objective and have no further plans to seek education.

—Of those employed since leaving COM 65 percent have made use on-the-job of the education they received at COM.

—37 percent had NOT intended to complete a degree, diploma, or certificate program when they attended COM.

—35 percent transferred to more than 20 four year colleges where they maintained a 2.8 overall grade point average.

—Of those transfers, 78 percent rated their preparation for further education as "good to excellent" and 5 percent rated it as "fair".

—None rated it as "very poor".

## Non-Credit Courses

COM's non-credit Technical Vocational program will be adding three new courses, and registration is now underway. The Records Office in the Administration Building is handling registration for the new programs from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday and from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Friday.

Among the new courses offered is Auto Tune-Up, which will begin Nov. 8, and will meet on Saturdays from 8:30 to 12:30 p.m. It is an eight week course designed to supplement the auto-technician's ability in regard to pollution abatement equipment. The course will allow the mechanic to diagnose malfunctions and to properly tune machines equipped with emission control systems. Tuition is \$10.00.

A four week course in Local Codes for Air-Conditioning and Refrigeration Personnel will meet Fridays from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. beginning November 14. Persons employed in air-conditioning and refrigeration fields will concentrate their studies on codes for the La Marque, Texas City, Hitchcock, and Alta Loma areas. Building inspectors from each area will be invited to discuss codes as they effect heating and cooling systems, installation, repairs and replacement. The tuition fee for this course is \$25.00.

Another course being offered is Office Filing Systems. This is a six week course and will meet Mondays and Wednesdays from 7:15 to 8:45 p.m. beginning October 21. The course covers basic principles of maintaining and controlling stored records and, of course, basic filing. Tuition for this is \$10.00.

For additional information on these courses call 938-1211, extention 278 or 279.

## COM Recieves \$1000 From Elks

PAT FARRAR  
Staff Writer

COM has just recently received a contribution for \$1000 from the Benevolent Order of Elks, Mainland Lodge No. 2141 in benefit of an endowment fund.

The Lodge has an earnest commitment to youth not only as exemplified by its yearly scholarship fund, but also in that it has been placed third in the nation for its youth work. The group was also elected the outstanding Elks Lodge in Texas for its youth program.

The Elks first set up an endowment fund as early as 1928 when \$100,000 was raised. This has since grown to \$27,000,000 with an interest of \$1,000,000.00 per year.

Dr. Taylor commented that the interest from COM's endowment fund would utilized in the development of new programs presently beyond the operational budget. Anyone interested in information concerning the fund and its goals may obtain it by calling or writing Dr. Taylor, College of the Mainland, 8001 Palmer Highway, Texas City, 77590 (938-1211, Ext. 271).

Town  
Meeting  
Organized  
For  
COM  
Students

By CAROL SMITH  
Comet Staff

The student government has organized a town meeting for College of the Mainland students to come and air their problems. The first meeting will be held in the auditorium, located in the LRC building 131, on October 30 at 12:30. All students are welcome to come. However, you must present a student ID card to enter.

The student government is to help students, with any problem whatever pertaining to COM. This meeting is to get you, the student body, acquainted with the members of the student government, and what each Committee represents. Robert Pryor says, "We want to help the student all we can, with any problem he may have. However, it is up to the student to contact the representative that handles his particular problem." Come to the meeting whether you have a problem or not. Get to know your student government officials, the Deans, and other committee members.

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# OPINIONS

## Student Apathy

A large part of the student body at COM are full of apathy and basically do not care what happens or is going to happen at the school.

However, there is hope. This hope lies in the hands of a small group of dedicated students. These busy people are better known as the Student Center Programs Committee and the Student Government. They can be easily recognized by their telltale blue warm-up jackets which have Student Center Programs Committee or Student Government printed on the back in large white letters that almost jump out at you and slap you in the face.

All kidding aside, these people are proud and want everyone to know they belong to these organizations. They really care what happens at COM and what's going on in your head. The SCPC is responsible for showing all those free movies, planning dances and other miscellaneous activities. The Student Government does its very best to see that students needs are fulfilled and that the students opinion reaches the administration of the school.

These students are interested in making COM a better place to be. They try to make life a COM as exciting and interesting as they possibly can. These organizations need your support as well as your participation.

Oh, but you ask, are they doing a good job? We think they are doing a great job as well as having a terrific time themselves..

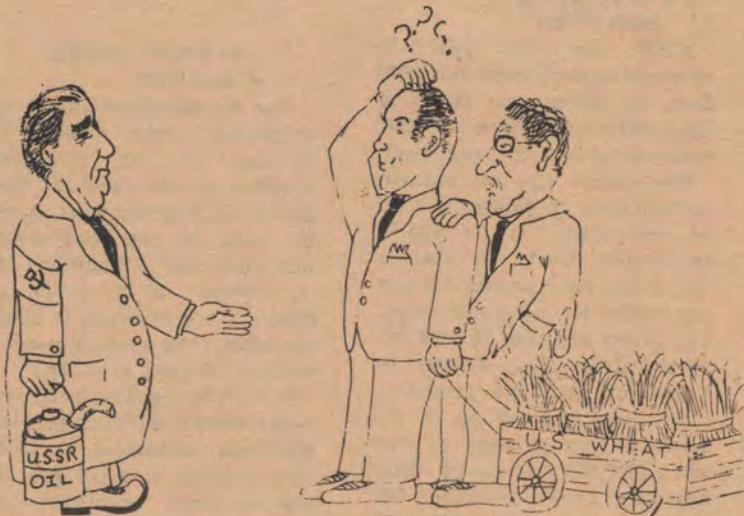
Why not let them know what a good job they are doing? Or do you think you could do a better job? Let them know..

By Tom Herman

There is a Social-psychological phenomena called contagion. These acts are reinforced through their existance and the media's instantanious information output. It excites the small minority of potential psychotic homicidals to actions. The problem is explainable—the solution is much more complex (if there is in fact a solution! Projecting into the future, my guess is that the only solutions are public isolation and a media communication rather than personal contact.

The other alternative would be the Swedish system of no security at all. This of course changes the power of the leader to an absolute minimum. Which, in our present system is out of the question.

The public might accept no physical contact with political leaders, but the politicians would not accept a readily, that relationship. Part of the appeal of politics is to be seen, heard, touched, as well as, the power and prestige.



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## COM Instructors Talk About Assassination

By Jim Finley

Numerous reporters, editorialists, and behavioral scientists have advanced theories (or partial theories) in their efforts to explain the recent assassination attempts against President Ford. Many have expressed surprise that such attacks would be aimed at our present incumbent. This surprise is based upon a popular belief that only those politicos with sufficient charisma to evoke deep feelings of love and/or hate constitute potential targets of assassins. With luck and good weather, Gerald might muster a ranking of .002 on a charisma scale from 1 to 10. (Betty should rank much higher).

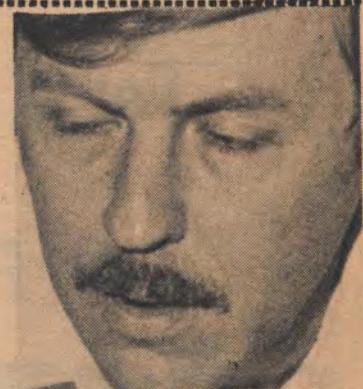
Therefore, it seems appropriate to look elsewhere for an explanation of the threats against this President's life. Of course, the 'softness' (or, if you will, complexity) of the behavioral sciences preclude a comprehensive understanding of these events at this point. However, I believe that the rather simple process of identifying and isolating certain 'socio-environmental' factors which seem especially operable to the incidents can be a productive initial step toward an explanation.

The forces (and the interaction of such) which I think contribute to establishing the bases for a more explicit and complete analysis can be best perceived in a particular cultural and time context. It seems that the most visible trait of the particular cultural and time context. It seems that the most visible trait of the larger cultural setting which spawned these assassination attempts is that of normative ambiguity (individual, as well as collective, insecurity in defining both appropriate and inappropriate social norms and goals). These ambiguities were obviously generated by the unsettling rapidity of social change characterizing the decade of the 1960's. This accelerated speed of social and norm modification is, perhaps, best explained by what Margaret Mead refers to as 'configurative' socialization (defined as one's peers exerting greater influence as socializing agents than the more (defined as one's peers exerting greater influence as socializing agents than the more traditional vehicles of socialization such as the family and the church). This dysfunction (negative in the stability sense) in the cultural transmission process led both to an increasing loss of traditional cultural values, and the emergence of a number of radical counter-culture (or secular religious) groups during this period. Battle lines were defined along a number of issues (primarily, the war issue), and the conflict intensified throughout the 60's. With a few short term victories

(rather ironical victories in the sense the most of the American people became disenchanted with our war effort—not because of its immorality, but because our government had refused to make an all-out effort to achieve a military victory and, the level of politicization in this country encouraged our generals in the field to begin lying about our military success vis a vis the enemy's. This led directly to President Johnston's return to private life and a change in policy direction), along with, perhaps, more substantive spiritual and symbolic achievements (with the Pentagon Papers, Watergate etc. the good guys became the bad guys and even though the bad guys remained bad guys, since all were bad guys now, the original bad guys ceased to appear quite so bad anymore), the radical counter-culture appeared largely wasted by the early 70's.

Thus, a de-radicalization (and even de-politization) of a substantial percentage of the counter-culture of the 60's had been effectuated (except for small, isolated pockets of these groups across the country, especially in the San Francisco Bay Area) by our withdrawal from Southeast Asia. The general success of the 'establishment' in defusing the 'revolution' resulted in a 'tightening-of-the-ranks' and further militarization (urban gorilla mentality and tactics) of those 'true-believer' cults which persisted. (NOTE: Even though the Manson family and Squeaky Frommen have been described by some as apolitical, the Manson concept 'Helter Skelter' is definitely political in nature. The activities of the family and their life style was of obvious concern to the establishment.)

These militant groups still operative in the early 70's have drawn substantial reinforcement from the ever-growing level and intensity of political alienation found in the larger population. (I define political alienation as a combination of three feelings: distrust of government and politicians, a sense of the meaninglessness of electoral politics and political choices, and personal powerlessness to change the course of American political life.) Recent studies of political alienation in this country by Robert Gilmour and Robert Lamb (Political Alienation in Contemporary) indicate that nearly 80 percent of the American people may be characterized as rather intensely politically alienated (p. 142). This political disillusionment is probably significantly correlated with the diminishing strength of our major political parties (check the increasing number of in-



Finley



Herman

dependent voters and the widespread dissatisfaction with parties and party leaders), the increasing atomization of our political life and thus the resultant de-institutionalization of the struggle for power. This trend towards personalized politics (the search for a charismatic leader with simple-minded solutions for our awesome and complex societal problems) makes our system 'ripe-for-the-plucking' by a demagogue. (Ironically, the old party regulars serve as our most viable check against the 'man on the white horse'.)

Thus, while the radical counter-culture has lost strength in numbers, it has sought to compensate by closing ranks and revitalizing its revolutionary commitment thru terroristic activities. Perhaps, the revolutionary romanticism for some of these individuals has faded with the realization that it is next to impossible to ignite revolution in a highly industrial society. However, once the course is set, the fanatic is more than willing to make the extreme sacrifice for posterity. Meanwhile, the 'establishment', unwilling (or incapable) of dealing successfully with economic, environmental, energy, corruption, crime, and personal privacy problems continues to lose support as the level of alienation continues to rise.

This general future and time context provides the 'socio-environmental' stage for the individual performers to act out the dictates of their own personalities. The interaction of personality and socio-environmental stimuli is another step along the road to understanding the recent events, and another 'can or worms' indeed.

# 'Establishment' Reign wanes, says instructor

By LOCHIE FOWLER  
Comet Staff

When asked recently what implications the recent assassination attempts on President Gerald Ford might have on politics, Jim Finley, COM's instructor of Political Science stated that he felt that the "establishment" would continue to lose support as the level of alienation continued to rise. He added: "Our time period and general culture act as a socio-environmental stage upon which the individual performers act out the dictates of their personalities. The interaction of personality and socio-environmental stimulus is yet another step on the road to understanding recent events."

Finley believes that the current problems had their beginnings with the frustrations of the war effort, when the military was restricted from going for an all-out victory. Generals in the field began prefabricating the truth about our military successes as opposed to those of the enemy. This evolved into a change of policy direction, and along with it, the Pentagon Papers and more lately, Watergate. People lost faith in everyone in politics and military—all the good guys had become bad guys and the bad guys ceased to look as bad as they had before.

In the early 1970's the dissenters, or counter-culture, of the 1960's had broken off into small, isolated pockets scattered across the country. When the "establishment" attempted to defuse them it resulted in a tightening of the ranks and further militarization of these groups.

"These militant groups still operative in the 1970's have drawn substantial reinforcement from the ever-growing level and intensity of political alienation found in the larger population," says Finley,

who defines political alienation as a combination of three feelings: distrust of government and politicians, a sense of the meaninglessness of electoral politics and political choices, and personal powerlessness to change the course of American political life.

Recent studies in this country indicate that nearly 80 percent of the American people may be characterized as rather intensely politically alienated, and this is probably linked with the diminishing strength of our major political parties and wide-spread dissatisfaction with leaders of those parties added to a trend toward personalized politics (the search for a leader who can draw a following and at the same time find simple-minded solutions for the country's staggering societal problems.) This trend leaves our country vulnerable for a new white knight in shining armor to attain control.

"To us, while the radical counter-culture has lost strength in numbers, it has sought to compensate through terroristic activities," Finley states, adding that while these individuals have, in all probability given up their dreams of revolution because they have realized that such a battle is not feasible in a highly industrial society, the isolated fanatic, once he has decided upon a course of action will proceed to the death.

Asked whether he felt future candidates would not run because of the chances of their being assassinated, Finley said that in his opinion potential political candidates would not be deterred by this because they have politics in their blood and the ultimate sacrifice (life) is worth the winning.

## Letter To The Editor

Evidently many students have not feasted their eyeballs upon the cute cylinder shaped objects in the corners around our school. You still need another hint do you? O.K., those things are lined with jolly green giant polyethylene baggies. (Hefties, for all you who know about or are in the garbage.) TRASH CANS, YOU FOOLS!!!

From our observations we have developed keen knowledge of garbology and due to this wisdom we are concerned with students and any other slobs apparent ignorance of our indoor ecology. (It seems they are preparing for a big roach chow down!) MESSY, SLIMY, STICKY, and OOOOOG ICK!!!! described the tables, floors, and couches in the Student Center after lunch hour. (Take the elbow test) Various elbow tests around here have registered positive for the five C's. Apparently this blight is spreading like V.D. in Boys Town. The Five C's are no secret. They are as follows:

1. Coca Cola spilt, that is)
2. Cups (paper, that is)
3. Cigarettes (21 1/4 million to an ashtray)
4. Crumbs
5. Crudola (general crap)

We, The Society for a Cleaner Student Center are pleading for the right to sit at the table of our choice and not be molested by mush. CAN YOU DIG? Better yet, CAN YOU DIG OUT OF IT? Wanna help? You do? Good! Start by answering these profound questions:

- A. What would your Mother say?
- B. Are you being messy in order to rebel against your high school principal and/or principles?
- C. Are you a walking faux pas?
- D. Do you have a garbage fetish?
- E. How would you like someone to make the job you do a lot harder for you?
- F. Are the maintenance personnel your very own private bus persons?
- G. If yes to the above, have you considered leaving them a tip?
- H. Are you intelligent enough to understand the meaning of this exposé?

If you answered no to the last question, DO NOT WORRY!!!! There is still hope for you. Now is the right time, and all you have to do is squeal, grunt, and oink like a you know what by your messiest mess and a member of the society will kindly explain in simpler terms. Our thanks to the Comet (Yea Josephine) for printing this letter and hopefully this and following editions get put in their proper place.

Just sign us.  
THE SOCIETY FOR A CLEANER COM (the underground faction of students dedicated to bathing daily and keeping COM fit for our use.)

## OPINIONS

### Where Are The Silent Voices?

GEORGE BOURNE  
News Ed.

campus and destroys that much needed feeling to right a wrong.

A lack of meaningful causes certainly isn't the reason for there are many ways that our political candidates need workers to help them push their causes. Politicians need watching and even removed from office, when wrong-doings have been proved. The ecology of our land is far from clean, yet the demands for cleaning upon our leaders seems less. The press itself needs watching lest it again become lax and we spawn another "Watergate".

The work to be done is there and waiting for a concerned group of citizens. Who better than the same group who became our national conscience?

Now is the time for the young to speak, for the needs are great and their power is so mighty that it dare not be ignored.

**Do Your Part**

**Vote**

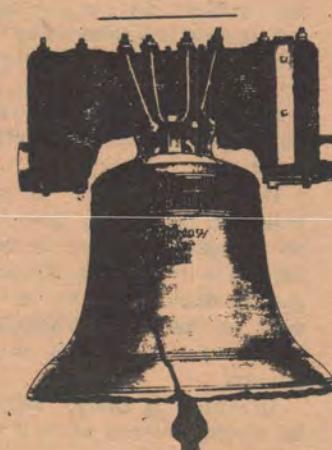
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## A Year book For COM

What would you think about a yearbook for College of the Mainland? The journalism department and the Student Government would be interested to know your opinion. If the student body would support a yearbook, we will see what can be done to form a staff and put out a yearbook. Talk to the Student Government or send a letter to the Comet, and we will see what can be done.



Take stock in America.  
Buy U.S. Savings Bonds.

## Entertainment

### 'Salesman' Actors Interviewed By English Class

By LOCHIE FOWLER  
Comet Staff

English 132 students were treated recently to an evening of fine entertainment in the form of a question and answer session with the principal actors of DEATH OF A SALESMAN which was recently presented at The Mainland Community Theatre this past month.

Many in-depth questions were discussed at length.

One was: "Was Linda perceptive?", and Faye Robertson (Linda) gave a good argument that yes, Linda was very aware of Willy's frame of mind.

George Phenegar was still, in several minds, inseparable from the character he played, and the majority of the questions directed at him were prefaced with: "Willy—" a case of mistaken identity he said pleased him very much.

Another question was posed as the why Willy always favored Biff and excluded Hap. One interesting theory was that his attitude toward his sons had its origin in his own childhood.

Bob Handy, (Biff) was a very pleasing source of information and kept the discussion moving. Stanley Godek (Happy) shed some welcome light on Willy's line of salesgoods, saying that, because of a reference to "an eye for color" he believed Willy sold a product in the apparel line.

The question and answer session, which lasted more than two hours was informal and interesting. Coffee was served and the general consensus was that it had been an evening well-spent.

### 'USA' To Be Presented

The Mainland Community Theatre will present U.S.A., a musical review as that organization's November play selection.

The play, based on John Dos Passos's classic novel of the same name, U.S.A. traces the United States through World War I and the Great Depression. Celebrities of the times are interwoven with nostalgic melodies, retaining all the color, sentiment, and throbbing reality of the era.

It is well worth the effort to attend these productions—Community Theatre is doing a fine job.

### Pumpkin Party

PAT FARRAR

COM's Pumpkin Carving Contest will be held in the Student Center's pit area on Wednesday, October 29, 1975 at 12:30 p.m. Those who wish to enter must do so in teams of two, before October 24, in Karen Atkinson's office located near the Information Desk at the Student Center.

The prizes for the contest will be certificates for free food and drinks in the Snack Bar. Afterwards, the pumpkins will be donated to the children's ward at Galveston County Memorial Hospital.

### Phantom Of The Paradise

This one is first class as far as low budget films go.

The action centers around a frustrated musician, Winslow, who is duped by Mr. Swan, a producer. Swan steals his music, has him beat up, busted and sent to prison. In jail, Winslow undergoes dental surgery, which ruins his voice and makes him look really funky. (All his teeth are silver—yukk)

After breaking out of prison, Winslow swears to get revenge on Mr. Swan. In the process, poor Winslow gets a record pressed on his face. (Always in the wrong place, etc.) At any rate, Winslow does finally get even with the evil Mr. Swan in a rather cliché big dying scene.

The film was not one of the best of the year—technically it was a bomb—the dubbed-in scenes done rather poorly, etc. However, it does point out with biting satire the pitfalls of the current music scene. Paul Williams graphically illustrates how music producers misuse talent, and manipulate and crush musicians to fatten their own pocketbooks and egos. The dialogue is a killer if one can think quickly, and the plot so ridiculously corny, it's hilarious.

The acting was passable in most cases—with a few outstanding performances worth mentioning. Beef, the glitter king, keeps one in stitches with his lisping conversation and sashaying across stage. Mr. Swan comes off as so evil, the audience is tempted to throw rocks at the screen. (And did exactly that at one presentation.) The Phantom was portrayed with gusto, and actually became believable.

All in all, "Phantom of the Paradise" is a good flick. Corny, outrageous, and also has quite a bit to say about the music industry and the way it is run. Worth a buck on Dollar Night at the Drive-in, anyway.

## COM Taubes Host

By Gidget Campbell  
Comet Staff

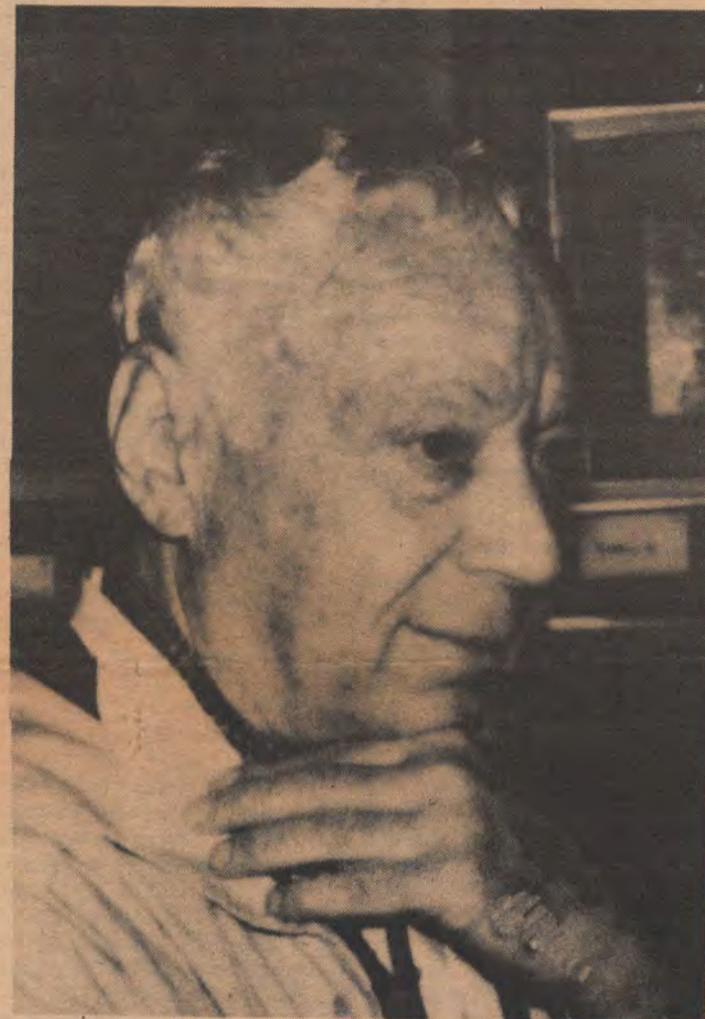
COM will offer an opportunity to study under the internationally renowned artist, Frederick Taubes. A five day oil painting workshop is scheduled for Nov. 3-7.

Registration is being handled by Carol Veth at 938-1211, ext. 431. The fee for attending is \$100. All interested persons are advised to call her immediately, as registration for the workshop is understandably limited. Students must supply their own

easels, but other supplies may be purchased at the workshop.

Taubes will also hold a lecture Saturday, November 1 at the COM Teaching Auditorium. The public is invited to attend, and admission is only \$3.

Frederick Taubes is considered one of the world's most expert authorities on painting techniques, and has written over forty books on the subject. His paintings hang in 27 public collections and museums, including the Metropolitan Museum of Art.



FREDERICK TAUBES - World famous artist and author

will hold lecture and workshop.

### 'Big Eddy' Big Bore

GEORGE BOURNE

Here we go with another situation comedy based on a success of the past. "Big Eddy" is an attempt to capitalize on the unique writing style of Damon Runyon.

The star of this little caper is Sheldon Lenard who fits the stereotype of a Runyonesque character to a "T" has been gone from the viewing scene for a number of years.

The part played by Mr. Lenard is the same part he always plays. And he does a good job in the title role. He is in fact the strong point of the entire show.

Sheree North, whom we haven't seen in years turns up looking not older but better puts in a fair performance as the wife of Big Eddy.

With all this talent one would think we had a real winner to watch, but this is not the case. In spite of the effort of the stars it all goes for naught due to the great amount of corn we the watcher must wade through. The point of every episode is a moral for us to learn from and I for one find I don't enjoy them.

This show is weakened by two factors other than the morels we are subjected to and they are poor writing and weak development of supporting parts.

The network has already indicated that it may drop this show which may return Sheldon Lenard to the writing, directing and producing of other shows such as the "Dick VanDyke" show where he had much success.

All in all "Big Eddy," will not be sorely missed when it has left us.

## Texas

### Opera

### Theater

By LOCHIE FOWLER  
Comet Staff

Texas Opera Theater, Houston Grand Opera's touring arm, kicked off its Festival '76 in Houston on Thursday and Saturday, October 23 and 25, with performances of THE BARBER OF SEVILLE. Rossini's comic opera which is an all-time favorite will be performed in English with a 26-piece orchestra conducted by John DeMain, Exxon Arts Endowment Conductor and new music director for Texas Opera.

The Opera Theater's fall tour of BARBER began immediately after the Houston opening and, for the first time, the company is being accompanied by a complete orchestra. The opera will be performed in Galveston's Opera House on November 14.

Texas Opera Theater specialized in presenting school "Informances," civic service and social organization programs and in tailoring an opera presentation to an individual audience's need and budget. Also, one to five-day residencies (including seminars, lecture-demonstrations, as well as public performances) are available. Humperdinck's HANDSEL AND GRETEL and the comic horse opera SWEET BETSY FROM PIKE, are available for in-school programs in addition to the touring repertoire. Anyone interested in booking a performance may call Texas Opera Theater at 227-1287 (Houston).

### Season Tickets

### Still Available

LOCHIE FOWLER  
Comet Staff

Mainland Community Theatre has advised that theatregoers who plan to purchase 1975-76 season memberships be told to contact the theatre office at College of the Mainland by Friday, October 18.

"We are overwhelmed by the response to our season subscriptions, which have doubled over last year's total sales," commented Jack Westin, staff theatre director. "This kind of backing is clear proof that our community wants and is willing to support theatre arts for all ages," he declared, adding that the future for Mainland Community Theatre looks "MOST PROMISING."

Those wishing to order season memberships, or anyone who would like additional information may call 938-1211.

# How's Your Love Life?

By CAROL SMITH

Comet Staff

## ARIES (Mar. 21—April 20)

You are a born leader Aries, but make sure your mate knows where you are leading him/her. Don't make promises you're not going to keep, or misunderstandings about your feelings of love for this person. This could bring unexpected sadness for you both. Your lucky number for November is (9).

## TAURUS (April 21—May 21)

This is an exciting month for you. While there are new attractions throughout the month, you may find yourself making choices between love and friendship. Perhaps one of these new attractions will be involved in a romantic triangle. Your lucky number for November is (5).

## GEMINI (May 22—June 21)

If there has been a special person in and out of your life and nothing concrete happens soon forget it. You will probably be sifting up a couple of relationships this month, but they weren't very sound anyway. Look toward the future now. There should be some interesting new prospects. Your lucky number for November is (2).

## CANCER (June 22—July 23)

Your love-life should be super-active this month. New dynamic attractions are in store with some surprising developments. However, obtain some self-restraint in dealing with your love partner, as overemotionalism will get you nowhere. Your lucky number for November is (7).

## LEO (July 24—Aug. 23)

There should be a lot of romantic attention focused on you this month. A former romance may reenter the picture. However, your attitude may reflect some changes. As a result a rather different sort of individual may appeal to you now. You are looking toward more serious thoughts about romance. Your lucky number for November is (5).

## VIRGO (Aug. 24—Sept. 23)

Your personality is enlivened this month which can attract enjoyable romantic attention. However, aspects could find you totally unrealistic viewing it. Try to be more noncommitted rather than marriage minded. Your lucky number for November is (8).

## LIBRA (Sept. 24—Oct. 23)

There are some changes due in your love life now. Most Librans should be devoutly thankful if they have experienced the upsets and uncertainties of unfavorable aspects. You will find more stability in an existing relationship, or more rewarding developments in a new one. Your lucky number for November is (8).

## SCORPIO (Oct. 24—Nov. 22)

You are beginning a long term period of increased magnetism and attractions that

is likely to draw romantic involvements. However, you should be cautious in matters of the heart. There should be a new love attraction within a career or educational environment which should be pleasant. Your lucky number for November is (4).

## SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23—Dec. 21)

The romantic department looks favorable this month Sagittarius! Good aspects should bring emotional happiness. This could relate to an existing relationship, or perhaps a brand new very vital attraction. Avoid making or believing insincere promises. With this in mind your relationships should flourish. Your lucky number for November is (6).

## CAPRICORN (Dec. 22—Jan. 20)

Romantic developments which may have been delayed should now proceed as hoped for; engagement, marriage, or perhaps a more loving response from someone you've long admired. Favorable aspects could be helpful in your meeting new prospects. Your lucky number for November is (9).

## AQUARIUS (Jan. 21—Feb. 19)

Fortunate aspects are in the romantic life for you this month Aquarius. Romance will pop up in environments related to education, publishing, and church activities, also if you should be travelling. These aspects should find you becoming involved in new love interest, or deepen an existing relationship. You also may be terminating a relationship that is not sound. Your lucky number for November is (9).

## PISCES (Feb. 20—Mar. 20)

Your romantic feelings are in the category of security and permanence at this time. Thus, there should be a number of Pisceans altar-bound this month. However, if you are not altar-bound it could be because that someone special is on his/her way to you. Be cautious of promises or exaggerated compliments. Your lucky number for November is (3).

## Eskimo Art On Display

CHARLES WINGATE

Comet Staff

An exhibit of eskimo art is now being shown on the first floor of the LRC until November 20. This primitive art is from Greenland and is part of a collection of E.A. Talmann.

Most of the art is figurines and have some religious meaning. Other articles have practical purposes for hunting and fishing.

The artifacts are made mostly of wood and ivory with intricate carved faces on them. The art is not ancient but represents a style that had a primitive form. There is also a tape on Greenlandish language.

## Pipeline to knowledge

CHARLES WINGATE

Comet Staff

College of the Mainland has a clearing house of knowledge for community use within the boundaries of the campus. In college lingo it is called the LRC. The library section contains two divisions, print and more print which both supply a wide range of information and services.

The print section contains of course books and magazines which deal with the improvement of learning capabilities at the college. Like most up to date college libraries the books are classified under the Library of Congress system. This system was adopted by the Library of Congress located in Washington D.C. This organization is quite different over the Dewey Decimal System which is prevalent in most local school and public libraries. A larger collection of books may be catalogued and easily located.

According to Ann Miller, librarian the role of the library is "To support the institution, provide services and act as a clearing house. It is a problem solver. If the library cannot provide the service other resources will be checked into the staff.

Mr. Bill Slaney has said the library wants to increase circulation. With a budget of \$25,000 the library tries to

## Fullingin Collects

### Korean Artifacts

By GEORGE BOURNE

"Collectors of Korean ceramics are few, but dedicated" says Dwight F. Fullingin, College of the Mainland's assistant director of veterans affairs.

Mr. Fullingin, who became interested in Korean ceramics while stationed in that country during 1967 and 1968, has at this time a collection of about one dozen pieces.

The collection contains the works of three dynasties, the oldest being the "Silla" dynasty which goes back about twelve hundred years. The works of this period are characterized by the unglazed crudeness, strong forms and includes simple decorations.

Going back about eight hundred years are the works of the "Koryo," dynasty which includes the now famous and lost, "Cleladon," glaze. This glaze, which is blue green in color has been copied but never duplicated.

The most recent period is that of the "Yi," dynasty which was noted for the colors, that its artisans put in their works. This period also featured a crackle finish which enhanced the glaze of the particular piece. The works of the "Yi," dynasty were of a more delicate nature in the beginning but in later years the work was of a lesser quality.

The quality of the work in Korea was never as good as that of the Chinese and was in fact copied and improved upon by

provide a variety of reading material and other services. These services are available to anyone in the community with a college I.D. card.

The second but no less important division is non-print media. Jerry Anderson, coordinator of this section has a different problem. There is often an over use of the services. Some important but often unknown services of the non-print media must be explained. This area provides for all audio-visual aides. Tapes, cassettes, projectors, films, and transparencies, photography and related material. A catalogue of all materials can be found in the card catalogue right along with the books.

Since many of the lectures are on tape in the LRC. Students need not be hampered by absence. A system called variable speed control can compress a lecture and reduce the study time. The tapes are either 70 or 55 percent of the entire lecture. It provides for a faster learning pace by speeding up the tape without having distortion. Jerry Anderson would like for more instructors to take advantage of the non-print but most of them do not know how to operate things such as the video-tape machine.

The LRC is available to all students at the college. There are specialists to help in gathering information. The facilities are wide and varied but each person must decide what he wants to get out of it.

## Where Does The Money Go?

The cost of education, (particularly that of college education) has been a topic for discussion for many years. With the cost of living on the rise, the cost of college tuition has naturally corresponded with this rise. Just where does the tuition fee we pay here at COM go? For what is it spent?

According to Dr. Brown, Dean of Administrative Services, College of the Mainland collected \$212,000 in tuition fees this year. Of this sum, \$27,600 is used for payment of a revenue bond debt accrued in 1969. (COM borrowed \$170,000 in the form of a federal grant to complete phase I of their building project.)

Of the remaining money, approximately 36 percent is allotted for general administrative and student services. Instructor's salaries and supplies account for 45 percent, and 15 percent is used for maintenance of buildings and the campus in general. The remaining 4 percent finances (in part) the book store and refreshment center.

Dr. Brown added that local funds, mostly in the form of taxes, finance 49 percent, of COM's expenses. About 30 percent is furnished by the State of Texas, 15 percent by the federal government, and 4 percent from unnamed auxiliary sources.

the Japanese who today are large collectors of Korean art.

Laws enacted since Mr. Fullingin was in Korea forbid the removal of art works from that country and this has raised the value of his pieces. Mr. Fullingin stated that there were enough items around to satisfy the few collectors in this country.

## Poetry Contest Announced

CINDY ROOK

Managing Editor

The National Poetry Press is sponsoring a contest open to any student who is attending a junior or senior college. The deadline for turning in manuscripts is November 5. There is no limit to the number of poems one can enter, however each poem must be typed or printed on a separate sheet of paper. Each paper must have the name, address and college address on it.

Shorter works are preferred by the judges, because of limited space, but there is no set limit. There are not any rules pertaining to the form in which the poems are to be written. Manuscripts should be sent to: Office of the Press, National Poetry Press, 3210 Selby Avenue, Los Angeles, Calif. 90034.

## Charge Full Speed Ahead

By ANN DYER

Comet Staff

College of the Mainland students—like many other Americans, are suffering from a widespread social disease known to some as "Chargeomania". Symptoms of the disease are over-charging, and thereby indebtedness, want of things now that you can pay for later, and a need for instant gratification.

The root of all this evil is the credit card, a direct "buy-product" of the American credit system. A credit card can get you a champagne dinner at Maxine's in Paris.

You can even pay your way to heaven, if you think that's possible, because some churches accept credit cards as well as cash for contributions. Why not pay for that long-awaited honeymoon trip to Waikiki with your credit card? Or you can even make a down payment on that mink you've always wanted!

But, alas, College of the Mainland appears to be the last bastion of the old-fashioned "cash on the barrel-head" way of doing business. COM students wishing to pay tuition and activity fees with a credit card are out of luck. And did you have your credit card handy when it came to pay for books? So Sorry:

Cash and checks only in the bookstore. Have you ever asked in the snack bar in the student center if they'll accept a credit card? Don't waste your time. THEY WON'T.

If you have lost a library book or have a large fine to pay in the library, have cash or a checkbook on hand, because the library won't take a credit card either.

One good thing can be said about the lack of this convenience at COM. At least there won't be any long-forgotten charges made at COM lurking in your mailbox to surprise you when the bills come.



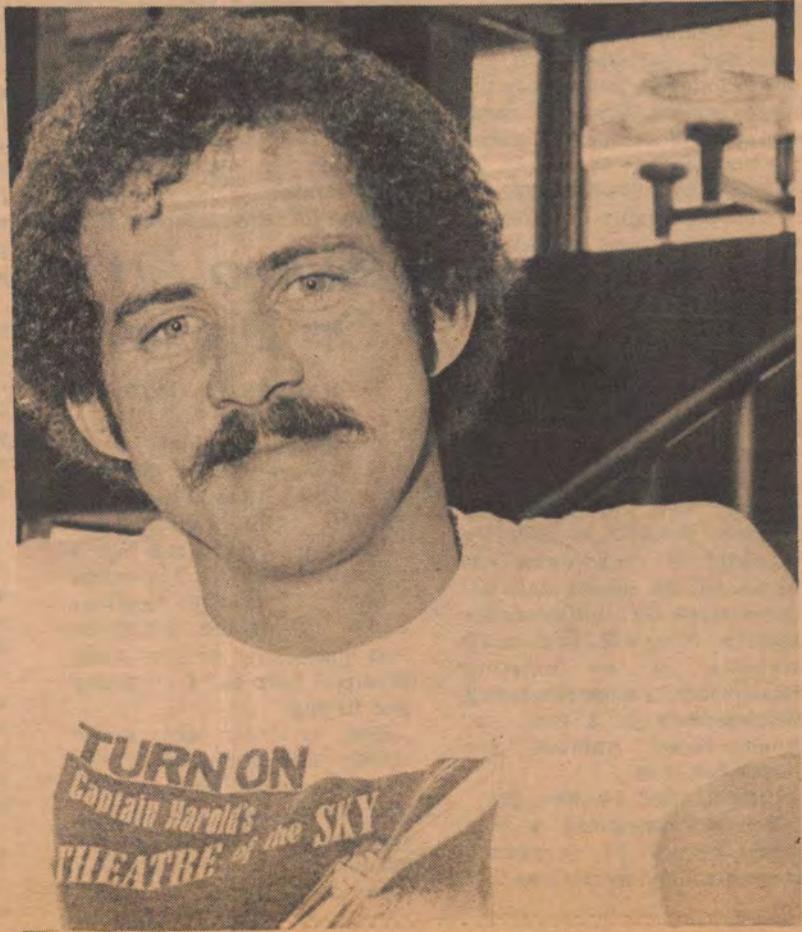
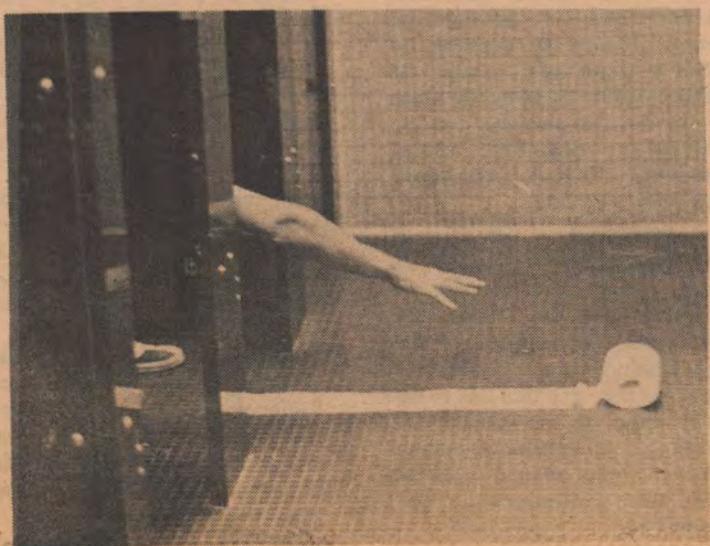
**PAT FARRAR**  
Staff Writer

Bill Pope, a graphic arts major at COM, has recently been awarded first place in the second week competition of the Galveston Daily News amateur photography contest. The winning photograph portrayed a young girl in the rain.

His photograph will be kept by the News for the overall competition at the end of the eight-week contest period. The first place winner at that time will receive a \$100.



## COM In Focus



men and women, to step into the rink.

In the first game of the season on October 11, the Aeros defeated the New England whalers, 5-0, and Howe scored his 852 career goal. Some canadians feel that the United States will inevitably control the pro hockey games as a result of more young players and a greater emphasis on the sport.

## Hockey Gaining Popularity

BRIAN SMITH

For a sport that has been played for years, hockey has just recently gained thousands of new fans.

Men, women, and children have all taken to the ice, resulting in an increase of skating rinks and players in amateur hockey leagues. According to Time Magazine, "The Amateur Hockey Association of the United States, the governing body of

leagues for kids, had 10, 298 teams registered last year, more than double the total in 1969". In six A.H.A.U.S. classifications, ranging from Mites, 8 and under, to Juniors, 17 to 19, approximately 200,000 athletes complete.

Hockey is not an inexpensive sport and cannot be played on a vacant lot. At some rinks, ice time may cost up to \$60 an hour. But the real expense involves

buying equipment. Skates can run up to \$100, helmets \$25, protective pants \$50, gloves \$65, and \$8 for a stick. A player may also wish to purchase shoulder pads, shin pads, elbowpads, and other accessories that may total about \$110.

Because of the lack of ice time, more rinks are being built and the sport is thriving. The fever is striking everyone, including the southern states where rinks used to be scarce.

In Texas, the increase in hockey fans and players is most likely a result of The Houston Aeros, World Hockey League Champions. Hockey heros like Gordy Howe of the Aeros, prompt youngsters, as well as



The Comet's Basketball team matched skills against Lee Junior College last Thursday in the COM gym. The Comets will begin season play on Nov. 12 against Howard County Jr. College here.

Intramural Schedule			
Activity	Entry Due	Play Begins	Time
Table Tennis	Nov. 5	Nov. 5	1:00
(Mixed Doubles)	Nov. 7	Nov. 10-14	
Pool 8-Ball	Dec. 3	Dec. 3&5	1:00
Photo Contest	Dec. 5	Dec. 8-11	12:30

**Support The  
Comet Basketball  
Team**

**Sign Up Now**

There is still time to sign up for the annual events sponsored by Student Activities. This year's events include bowling, pocket billiards, table tennis, chess and this year football has been included. These activities are sponsored in order to form a team to represent COM at the ACU-I Regional Games Tournaments.

The ACU-I consists of Junior and Senior Colleges and Universities in Texas, Arkansas and Louisiana. All Regional winners will go on to represent COM at the National Finals. If you would like to sign up for any of these games, go by Leroy August's office, upstairs in the College Center, room 216.



Jim Mc Nutt took second place out of 25 contestants competing in the Men's Sub-Novice Division of the Louisiana State Open Raquetball Championship.

## Gators Edge Comets

By BRIAN SMITH

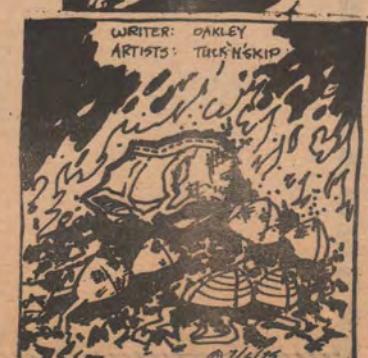
The San Jacinto North Gators edged the COM Comets volleyball team, 15-10, and 15-1, consecutively in the COM gym on October 15.

The first game proved to be a shocker when Bialas, number 23, of the Gators, served up thirteen consecutive points against the Comets. Although the Comets succeeded in reaching double figures, San Jacinto took the first game 15-10.

The Comets revealed a greater playing ability in the second game when Lynn Glazner, 6, served up 4 points to boost the score to 7-6. The remainder of the game proved to be a head and head battle until Barbie Springer, 2, with 14-10 on the scoreboard, served up 2 points for a 14-12 score and a hope for a Comet comeback.

However, the Comets attempt fell through when the Gators served up one more point taking the game and the match.

## Campus Daze



# \$33,500,000 Unclaimed Scholarships

Over \$33,500,000 unclaimed scholarships, grants, aids, and fellowships ranging from \$50 to \$10,000. Current list of these sources researched and compiled as of Sept. 15, 1975.

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All movies shown in College Center - Room 120 Contact Leroy August for information concerning Intramural tournaments Contact Karen Atkinson for information concerning SCPC sponsored programs SCPC = Student Center Programs Council				
3	4	5	6	7
	4 - St. Assoc. Mtg.	Sports Day - At Brazospot  12 & 7 FREE MOVIE "Ministry of Fear"  1 - Table Tennis Tny.	12:30 - SCPC Meeting	8 p.m. - Arena Thtr. "Live Musical Review \$1 - Students
10	11	12	13	14
1 - Pinball Tny. Mixed Dbls.	1 - Pinball Tny. Mixed Dbls.	12:30 - Free;Free "Musical Duo" Folksingers  9 a.m. & 7 p.m. -- Free Movie "Flame of New Orleans"	12:30 - SCPC Meeting  8 - 12 p.m. RECORD HOP \$.75	8 p.m. - Arena Thtr. "Live Musical Review \$1 - Students
17	18	19	20	21
7:30 - Basketball Angelina - there	12:00 - Free Movie "Brother John"  4 - St. Assoc. Mtg.	12:30 - TRIKE RACE	12:30 - SCPC Meeting	7:30 - Basketball Pensecola - Here
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Cheri Joynson, (not visible, Regis Meyers), Don Blake, Sunny Westin, Andrea Miller, Betty Regan, Kenneth Wetcher, Myra Schmitt, Cliff Mabry, Ray Schmitt (at piano).

## U.S.A. Opens November 6

The second production by the Mainland Community Theatre will be a musical review of America entitled "USA". The play will open November 6th and will run Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights until November 22nd.

Joyce Morris will produce the play, with the help of musical director, Ray Schmitt. Jack

Westin will perform the duties of stage director.

Those performing in the production will include Myra Schmitt, Don Blake, Cliff Mabry, Cheri Johnson, Andrea Miller, Ken Wetcher, Regis Meyers, Betty Regan, and Sunny Westin.

For ticket reservations, call 938-1211, ext. 227.

## Boyle Elected President

By LOCHIE FOWLER  
Comet Staff

Dan Doyle, College of the Mainland's Director of Financial Aid, was elected President of the College and University Financial Aid Ad-

ministrators at its recent statewide convention in San Antonio.

Doyle's election to the Texas Association, which is the third largest in the nation, marks the first time a president has been elected from a public junior-community college.

Last year, Doyle was selected to represent the Association in Washington, D.C., and was also one of ten administrators selected by the HEW office of Education from a five-state area to review applications for Federal student funding in Texas, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Arkansas and Louisiana.

Dr. Fred A. Taylor, President of COM, noted "We are delighted that Dan Doyle will be able to bring his expertise and experience to this critically important position."

The major objective of the State Association is to encourage students to pursue a higher education and to provide the financial aid necessary to achieve their goals.



## Problems Discussed

By CAROL SMITH  
Comet Staff

College of the Mainlands' student government had their first "Town Meeting" Thursday. There were a number of students and faculty present.

There were several questions raised by the students pertaining to the parking lot, loans that COM doesn't offer, and a child care center that COM doesn't have.

Dr. Fred Taylor stated that to improve, or to get some of these facilities would mean taking away from the resources we already have.

There is only so much money in the budget, he said.

To build a child care center at COM, for instance, would cost a great deal of money. Thus, we would have to perhaps take away some of the resources for educational facilities to make this program available. Dr. Taylor said as much as we would like to have this facility, it would be out of the question at this time.

The date for the meeting will be set later.

## Phi Theta Meets

The next meeting of the Delta Sigma Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa will be on November 5, 1975. The meeting starts at 12:30 in room 122 of the College Center. Everyone is asked to attend.

## Audio Survey Shows Trends

By PAT FARRAR  
Comet Staff

planners.

One trend that was discovered was that more time is being given to planning and operating events by staff whereas student volunteer time is diminishing. Student leadership is temporary with a high turnover of members on program boards.

Most activities are planned because of the high interest in outdoor recreational activities. Live entertainment at the grass roots level is of more interest than the big name professionals. Films are becoming less popular, with arts and crafts taking an up-swing. Campuses aren't as politically active as in years past.

The major finds of this survey was that there seems to be a shift by students towards more temporary planning with the union staff professionals taking on most of the work load.



## COM Promoter

By CAROL SMITH  
Comet Staff

Mary V. Danaczko is one of College of the Mainlands' behind the scene promoters. Mary is the Public Information Officer for COM. She has been at COM for the past two years and says, "I find my job here just as challenging and rewarding as the first day I started here."

Mary writes all the material we see in the college catalogues; the various newspaper articles concerning COM; and all news pamphlets that are mailed out to COM students and the general public as well.

Dr. Fred Taylor, President of College of the Mainland says, Mary has done an outstanding job in communicating the purposes and values of COM to the public."

Just to enter Mrs. Danaczko's office one can tell she is thoroughly devoted and en-

thusiastic about her job. One is greeted with a warm and friendly smile which are elements of communication. Needless to say, Mary's career in public relations is an exciting one. She earned her degree in Journalism at Ohio State University. She has edited material in public relations for various schools and companies in five different states.

During her career, she has written some half-a-dozen articles for such well known magazines as "Parents Magazine," "The Chicago Tribune," "Yachting" and several other educational magazines.

When you're reading one of the pamphlets on College of the Mainlands achievements, or browsing through your COM catalogue think of Mary Danaczko, because she's the gal behind it all.

## Poetry

## Life Force

Rushing swiftly  
running over itself  
the water  
is impatient,  
full of unspent energy.

Then  
with a dull moan  
of agony  
it explodes  
against the rock  
fragmenting  
flashing dull white  
and angry silver  
in the only battle  
it has ever known.  
Grey with age  
and pitted,  
fatigue etched carelessly  
across its stubborn sides...  
the rock eagerly absorbs  
the onslaught  
even as it slowly  
painfully  
gives way.

Doug Forbes

## Choir

## Needs People

Wayne Doyle, director of the Mainland Choir has announced that the choir will perform a Christmas concert December 16th, Doyle also added that 30 additional voices are needed.

"There are no auditions for the Chorale. Anyone who loves to sing is welcome to join us", Doyle said.

Rehearsals are held every Sunday afternoon at 2:30 in the Choir room of COM's Fine Arts Building.

Interested parties may contact Larry Stanley at 938-1211, ext. 214.

## Pool Tourney

## Results

Mary McCown, who in the past had allowed several tournaments to literally slip through her fingers, put it all together this time to win top honors in COM's first women's pool tournament of the semester.

Finishing second and third respectively were Laura Garcia and Arlene Fletcher. Pat McNeely, who surprised a lot of people was fourth. The tournament was held Oct. 16, 12 p.m. in the game room.

## Mc Nutt Speaks

Chairman of the College of the Mainland's Division of Business, Ms. Dorothy McNutt spoke recently before the fall meeting of the Post Secondary Deans and Directors of Technical-Vocational Programs. The topic of her discussion was "Cooperative Education 1975: Proposals 1984".

Ms. McNutt, was elected secretary of the Texas Association of Post-Secondary Technical-Vocational Administrators, and is currently working on her doctorate degree from Nova University in Florida.

# OPINIONS

## Conforming To Conformity

## Missing

## Person

By GOERGE BOURNE  
Comet News Editor

There is someone lost; a person of importance is missing.

The missing person is none other than the "Individual," who has disappeared among the maze of conformity that surrounds us in the life styles that we all seem to espouse. Whenever the individual appears, he is thought of as strange, different and somewhat of an odd ball. There is a little bit of this missing person in all of us and I believe that when one lets him (or her) out one tends to feel better. Society in general tends to be in better shape when more than a few let themselves throw off the cloud of conformity and speak out.

Part of the reason that we, the members of society in this land today, hide many of the thoughts that we have is due to peer group pressure. This means that we don't want our peers to think that we might have different ideas on subjects that are of mutual interest. Though we do have different ideas, they are kept within, thereby keeping the respect, we hope, of those that are sharing a mutual concern or interest. It seems to me that by repressing these ideas, what we gain in respect we lose in self-respect; moreover, the segment of society that the person is concerned about loses, for the inputs toward the solutions of the problems are lacking in variation and numbers. When one adds the number of non-individuals or nonconformists one finds that there are quite a number of people who are silent, thereby robbing us, the members of society, of a lot of original thoughts and concepts. The new ideas that surface above the sea of stale thinking come from that person who dares to think differently.

When an individual does speak up and put forth a new concept he has not only broken the shackles of conformity that bind those who fear to be different, but more than likely he has found a new freedom—the freedom of expression. This

freedom of expression that the person has found often seems to release some of the frustrations that tend to build up within him. Some of these same frustrations are frequently caused by the seemingly insurmountable problems of today's complex society, thus when the newfound freedom of expression is applied toward these same problems, some of the above-mentioned frustrations seem to disappear. With the disappearance comes the realization that the maze of complexities that once stood in front of the individual has disappeared also.

How does the individual put his new discovery to work for himself? First, he becomes aware of what the problems are and this he does by such means as reading the daily paper, watching television news programs and specials on items of interest and concern. Another means of awareness is to attend local meetings of such groups as the town council or school board. As the individual is now aware of what problems exist, he may now address himself towards them in a knowledgeable manner. With this step the single soul becomes an individual rather than a follower of the herd. Thus he becomes that "Individual"—who was missing.

When I began this paper I pointed out that the individual in our society today had, for a large part disappeared through our quite natural tendency to conform, rather than stand up, be different, and be heard. The frustrations of modern living tend to overwhelm and discourage, creating a feeling of impotence which is magnified by our ability to leave the solutions to others. It is by becoming involved that we are able to find release from the bondage of conformity. With involvement a person becomes an individual rather than merely existing as a member of the silent majority, and this can bring a sense of accomplishment rather than a feeling of frustration.

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# Editorial

There is a large lack of student involvement at COM. Very few students care about what is going on here and even less want to do something about it. But then it is that very same students who complains and says that their is nothing going on here and that they are extremely bored.

Why are people afraid to become involved and in turn have some fun? Sure, you may only be here for two years, or maybe less, but that is no reason not to have some fun while you are here.

Just this month alone there is going to be three free movies, a table tennis tournament, four days of pinball tournaments, a Record Hop, a trike race and six performances of the review, U.S.A. This is not all of the activities planned for this month either. There will also be numerous sports activities. Including basketball and volleyball games and a number of intermural games.

So get off your chair and do something instead of complaining. There is something for everybody, but if you are not one of the people who fall into the catagorie of being an everybody, why not try suggesting some activitiy that you would enjoy?

## Letter To The Editor

## Duck Pollution?

Dear Editor:

I am writing in regards to the terrible problem this school has with the ducks. Now, I'm not against ducks at all. As a matter of fact, some of my best friends are ducks. It's just that they are messy. Have you noticed how they throw their feathers all over the place without concern about anyone else? And how they make that constant quacking noise on purpose? I think they're all part of a Commie conspiracy to keep us college students from completing our education and upholding the American way. So, I say, eradicate the filthy buggers!

NUNE THE DUCKS!

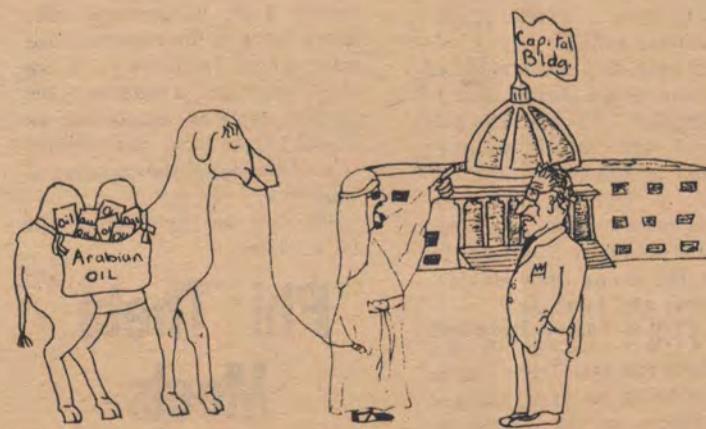
Thank you,  
Bill Pope

Dear Bill,

I can understand how you feel about the ducks. But I ask you, if you had those dirty feathers all over your body on a hot day, wouldn't you want to try and shed a few? Also, do you try and study out by the lake? I don't have any trouble with noise inside the building. You have a point when you say that they might be part of a Commie plan, but who listens to a duck? Or for that matter, who talks to them?

I'm sorry Bill, but the ducks were here before you were and I have a feeling they will remain here after you have gone. How about a committee to clean up after the ducks? If there is anyone interested, get in touch with Bill.

The Editor.



How Much?

# Ace Bowlers Score High

By BRIAN SMITH  
Comet Staff

Richard Watts and Eileen Tepera took first place in the Student Division while Lloyd Longhion and Sally Hudnall took first in the Faculty division of the COM Mixed Doubles Bowling Tournament.

Cynthia Davison took the low average of the tourney with 32.6 while Larry Moreno bowled and average of 53.3.

The winners of both divisions and the high and low game players were presented with trophies at the end of the competition.

## Results of Mixed Doubles Bowling Tournament

TEAMS	STUDENT DIVISION	TOTAL PINS
Richard Watts-Eileen Tepera		882
Mary Stickney-Cosme Tijerina		751
Dianne Guyton-Moses Brown		743
Joe Valesquez-Rita Shipman		646
James Knapp-Katrina Jones		608
Henry Westmoreland-Rebecca Green		500
Kevin Kemp-Raquel Garza		486
Deborah Eaton-James Winston		450
Larry Moreno-Gina Wofford		441
Sharon McKenna-Glenn Augustus		436
Cynthia Davison-Andra Toussaint		420
<b>FACULTY-STAFF DIVISION</b>		
Lloyd Longhion-Sally Hudnall		889
Karen Atkinson-Bob Shinn		875
Jerry Anderson-Barbara Bridges		781
<b>HIGH GAME</b>		
Richard Watts		176
Eileen Tepera		144
<b>LOW AVERAGE</b>		
Cynthia Davison		32.6
Larry Moreno		53.3

# Shake it Baby!

By LOCHIE FOWLER  
Comet Staff

COM's Division of Physical Education and Recreation has added non-credit classes in Belly Dancing, Beginning Tennis and Gymnastics to its curriculum in an attempt to offer the Community courses in which it shows interest.

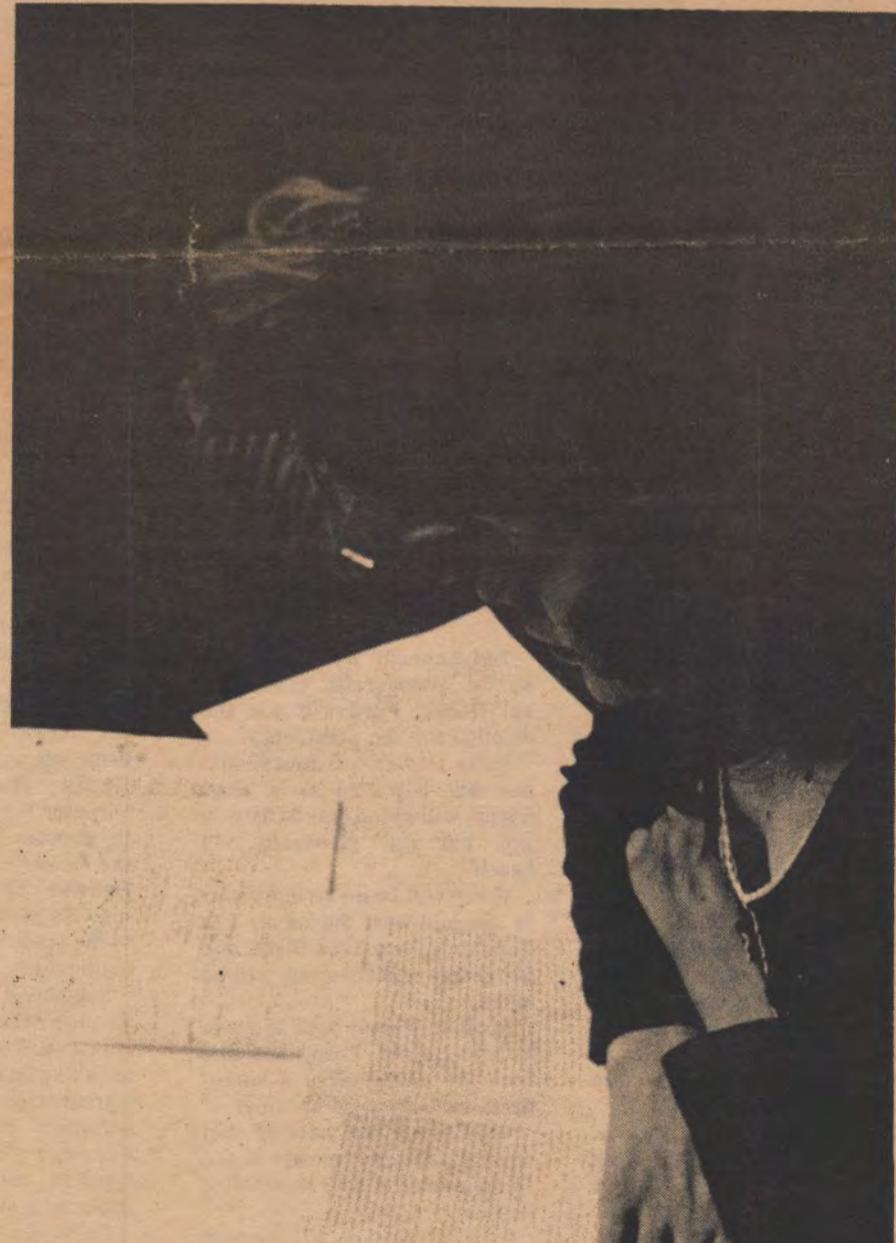
The newly-created Belly Dancing classes are scheduled to begin November 18 and run through December 23. Session times are Tuesdays and Thursdays, at 8:30-9:30 a.m., 9:30-10:30 a.m., and 10:30-11:30 a.m. The course will be taught by Barbara Dunn, known instructor in this field throughout the area. Tuition for the five weeks will be \$5.

Tennis will be offered in two new non-credit classes. One is scheduled for Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9:30-10:50 a.m., and the other for 7:15-8:35 P.M. also on Tuesday and Thur-

sdays. Sessions will run October 28 to December 9, and Tuition cost is \$6.00

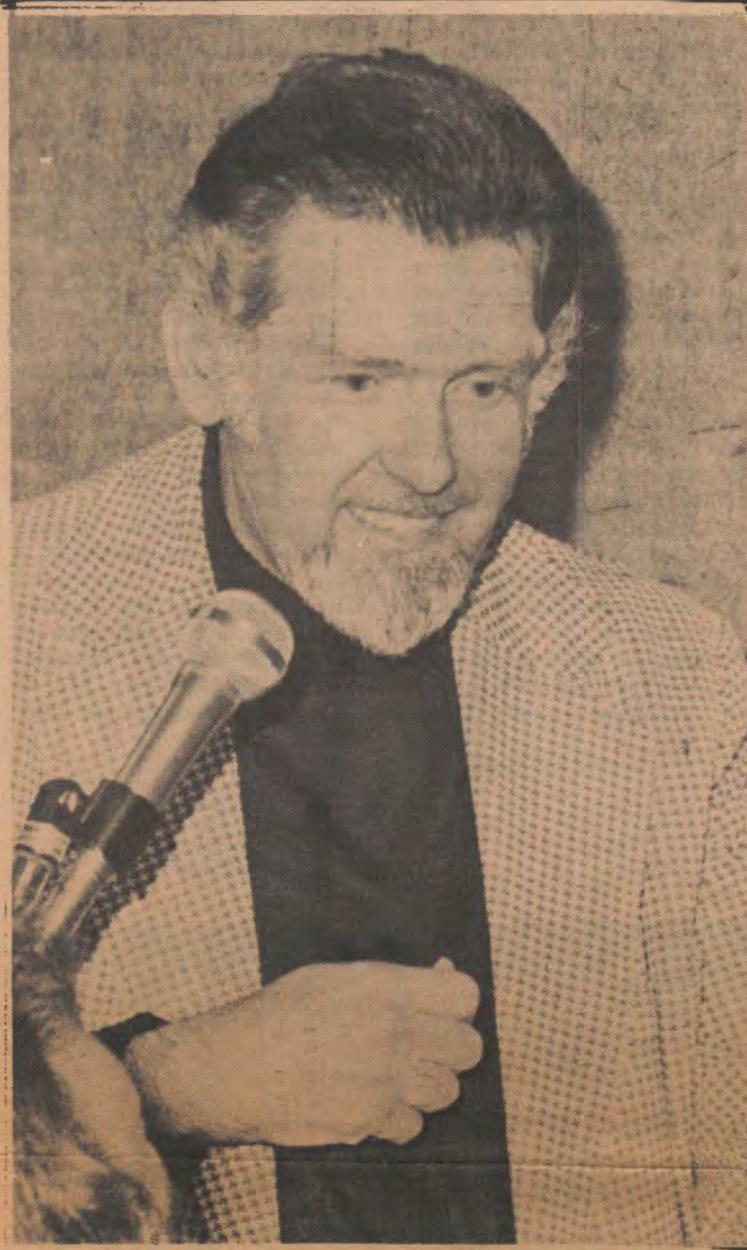
There is a growing interest in gymnastics in this area for youngsters, and beginning October 28 and 30 respectively, a six week session will begin for children six years of age and up. There will be one class on Tuesdays and another on Thursdays, both meeting at 6:00 p.m. and lasting until 7:30 p.m. The classes will be taught by Mr. and Mrs. R.D. King, both well-known in the area for their experience in the field of gymnastics.

Registration for any of these classes must be completed at the COM Non-Credit Registration Office. Further information may be obtained from the Physical Education Office, 938-1211, Ext. 417, or Non-Credit Registration, Ext. 266.



## Campus Moods

# ENTERTAINMENT



**George Val George**

## ESP Mystifies Audience

By GIDGET CAMPBELL  
Comet Staff

George Val George, an enigma for all seasons, recently appeared at COM'S Student Center. Val George is one of those unique individuals who possesses that mysterious quality labeled as "ESP". Val George maintains that he is not a mind reader or fortune teller, but that the human mind is capable of sending and receiving messages. He also stated that everyone possesses ESP, but that certain people can develop their powers more readily than others.

To begin his demonstration, Val George wrote "something that will come to pass before I leave here today", and gave the paper to an audience member. He then correctly recited a passage in a book by asking a student assistant to imagine that she was writing the passage on a black board. In addition, the mystic accurately named a telephone number another participant was thinking of and even described the person to whom the number belonged.

Val George then went to prophesy upcoming events, a talent for which he has an 87 percent accuracy. Among his predictions are:

Ted Kennedy will be drafted as the Democratic candidate, but Gerald Ford will win the election for the presidency.

Patty Hearst will reveal that she was betrayed by a close friend, will spend only 90 days in jail, but will eventually kill herself.

There will be an airline crash in the mid-west during an Los Angeles to New York flight, and 124 people and the crew will be killed.

Another woman will attempt to kill Gerald Ford, but this time, he will receive a superficial wound to the shoulder.

Val George also advised that any one who had money in the stock market to pull it out after the election.

As a conclusion, Val George asked five people to write a 3 digit number, and then asked a sixth participant to add the numbers together. The total of the numbers was 2,479. On the slip of paper being held by a student throughout the demonstration, was the number, 2,479.

### BUY BONDS!

Take stock in America.  
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## Try Your Luck With Pluck!

**TO PLAY:** There will be 51 cards dealt; with any one of the four duces (2) removed from the deck before the deal begins.

**NOTE:** After all cards are dealt, the dealer has the option of exchanging that duce (2) for any one of the cards his/her hand.

**THE DEAL:** Cards will be dealt in succession with each player receiving 17 cards each. If a player is dealt more than one in succession or receives more than 17 cards, play is stopped, and the same player redeals.

**SCORING:** The required number of books (tricks) to be made by each player is 6, 4, and 7.

**Example:** The player to the dealer's left is required to make 6 books; the player at right makes 4 books, and the dealer is required to make 7 books.

**THE GAME:** 1. The dealer is always the player to call trumps.

2. Whenever the player fails to make the required number of books he/she is plucked by the player(s) making over his/her required number.

**Example 1:** If player no. 1 makes only 4 books when he was required to make 6, then he is plucked twice by player no. 2 who was required to make 4 but actually made 6.

**Example 2:** Player no. 3 makes only 3 books; player no. 1 makes 7 books; and player no. 2 makes 7 books; then player no. 1 gets 1 pluck, no. 2 gets 3 plucks.

**NOTE: Description of Pluck:** To pick and/or pull.

**Example:** If a player hands you 3 of hearts; you are obligated to pass that player the highest card from your hand in that suit.

**NOTE:** You must give the player(s) that handed you a card, the highest card from your hand in that suit(s).

### Giesen Uses New

### Teaching Aids

By Lochie Fowler  
Comet Staff

While her teaching aids are not new, careful choices have made a definite impact on the students in Ms. Clare Giesen's current Sociology 132 class at COM.

Ms. Giesen believes in utilizing local experts in the particular fields her course covers, and thus far has brought into her classroom the following specialists to speak to her students: Brenda Mitchell, an art therapist who talked about using art as a therapeutic tool; Rorry Harper, Associate Director for Inlet Crisis Center in Houston, who talked about the Center's function; and Don Henslee, Municipal Judge for the City of Webster, who talked to the students about crime and delinquency.

Scheduled for the future are St. Joe Kuenhee, vice Squad, Houston Police Department, speaking on his experiences and attitudes on vice and deviant behavior, and Ron Pruitt, an attorney for a number of Houston clubs, discussing his experiences in the courtroom.

On November 4, Tom Murrah, Vice President of the Capital National Bank in Houston, will approach the subject of poverty from the Banker's view, and on November 14, Beverly Manne will speak on the area's senior citizens' projects in terms of family structure and breakdown.

"I find guest lecturers are one of the most effective teaching tools I can possibly use in the classroom," observes Giesen, who feels the world-at-large should be the classroom for a course in social problems.

**Judo,**

## Anyone?

By CAROL SMITH  
Comet Staff

Elisabeth Staute Bourne is a unique woman on the COM campus. She is the only woman in COM's second judo class of twelve men.

Mrs. Bourne said she never joined the class to try and challenge men or anything. She just needed the exercise and found judo to be the most interesting form of exercise. She says at first it bothered her a little that there were no other women in the class, but now it doesn't bother her at all. When asked if she was afraid that she might get hurt by one of the men she said, "I'm not afraid of the men, but I'm a little afraid every time I go because I have a hard time learning to fall."

Mrs. Bourne says she doesn't go into the sacred ritual of judo very deep, however, she has good feeling of self-awareness after the classes.

She finds learning judo in itself a challenge and plans to continue until the end of the course. She says she hopes more women plan to join the group, that it might be more fun.

So Judo anyone?



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MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM COMET STAFF

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## Opinion Poll

"If you were in the hospital with a terminal disease, would you prefer to allowed to "die naturally" or to be kept alive by life-sustaining machinery?"



BARKER



WITHERSPOON



SELZER



SHARP



WEBERLEIN



BAZEMORE

By ANN DYER  
Comet Staff

**VALERIE BARKER:** "I would prefer to die naturally. What good would it be to stay alive by a machine if you're going to die anyway?"

**BURNELLA WITHERSPOON:** "If I wasn't in control of my body or mental functions I would rather die naturally."

**MARY SELZER:** "I would like to die naturally because it is less pressure on family and friends."

**BETTY SHARP:** "If I were in the hospital with a terminal disease, I would demand my right to check out of the hospital and therefore suffer my end and place and anywhere I so chose. (Under an old oak tree.)"

**MARY ELLEN WEBERLEIN:** "If I were given my choice, I'd let nature take it's course."

**ALMA BAZE MORE:** "If a machine can keep you alive and you can still live a halfway normal life (working, etc.), then I say it's alright to have the life-sustaining machine. But, if you did not have any control over my body, I would prefer to die naturally."

## Any Questions For Bentsen?

By CAROL SMITH  
Comet Staff

The Mainland Comet is running a survey to find what the three most important questions students of COM would like to ask Senator Lloyd Bentsen. Students who would like to participate are to turn their questions in by no later than December 19. The questions are to be put into the journalism box at the information desk in the student center.

As most of you know Senator Bentsen of Texas is running for President of the United States. In the December issue of the Texas Monthly, Senator Bentsen seems to be picking up a good number of votes. We are asking that students submit three questions that they feel are important to ask Senator Bentsen. The three most frequently asked questions will be sent to Senator Bentsen and his answer will be published a coming issue of the Comet.

## Bennick Is Teacher Of The Year

By GIDGET CAMPBELL  
Comet Staff

The Texas Business Education Association named COM's own Ann Bennick as Teacher of the Year for District IV. Ms. Bennick is an instructor in the Division of Business and was selected by a point system based on professional achievements in the past five years.

Ms. Bennick is responsible for the development of the first audio-visual-tutorial systems in Texas. This system is used for teaching the Office Machine and Typewriting course here at COM. (The system is the second in production in the United States.) In addition, Ms. Bennick has served as a consultant to the University of Houston at Clear Lake City in the development of an audio-visual-tutorial laboratory on that campus.

Ms. Bennick was chosen as Teacher of the Year in the region containing the largest membership in the state, and included participants from Galveston, Fort Bend, Montgomery, Brazoria, and Harris Counties.

## Hubisz' Plus Viets equal Happy Home

By LOCHIE FOWLER  
Comet Staff

During the closing days of June, John Hubisz, Physics instructor and his wife Jola, a Literacy instructor at COM, undertook a new and exciting venture that of providing a home for six members of a Vietnamese family from Saigon. These people came to the Hubisz' by way of Guam, and Fort Chaffee, Arkansas, as did most of the other recently-arrived Vietnamese in the Galveston-La Marque-Texas City area. Ms. Hubisz said, "We will have them at least a year, and we are enjoying the family and learning so much from them."

Dung Quan is the eldest of the children and was employed as a typist for the American Embassy in Saigon. She speaks English fluently. She said her family was scheduled to be taken by American soldiers to the American Embassy Building in Saigon on the last day of the refugee airlift. Time grew short, and no one came, so in desperation, Dung, her mother, three brothers and two sisters gathered up their few transportable belongings, and struggling against crowds thronging the streets, made their way to the Embassy building with a friend.

Upon their arrival, they found soldiers guarding the doors, and no one was being admitted. One of Dung's two teen-aged brothers, both of whom had

taught American military men karate suddenly recognized a former pupil as one of the guards. He told his friend, a karate co-instructor, that the guard looked familiar, and the friend gained admittance for himself and Dung's family through this chance encounter.

Dung and the others were among the last to be airlifted from the roof of the Embassy building. When asked her feelings about this country, Dung says she likes it here, but "I am lonely sometimes for my country."

## BICENTENNIAL FACTS

A prolific author of anti-British satirical plays, Mercy Otis Warren was an outspoken patriot. "The Blockheads," a celebration of the ignominious British evacuation of Boston, was her answer to British Gen. John ("Gentleman Johnny") Burgoyne's Loyalist play "The Blockade of Boston." Mrs. Warren's personal cause for anger against the British was the attack of a Crown officer upon her brother, patriot attorney James Otis, whose skull and brain were so injured he never recovered his sanity. *The World Almanac* recalls,

## Spring Semester Offers Latin American History

By ANN DYER  
Comet Staff

This spring semester a new course, Latin American History, is being offered to College of the Mainland students. The course, History 237, is a 3-hour, credit course that is transferable to all accredited colleges and universities. There is no prerequisite required.

The purpose of History 237 is to give students a survey of the major significant events of Latin American history from 1492 to 1810. The course will cover units on the Aztec, Maya, and Inca Civilizations; Spain and the New World; Conquest; Encomienda; Church; State; Spaniards and Indians, and The Borderlands.

The class will make trips to nearby museums to see displays of authentic Aztec and other pre-Hispanic artifacts.

The class will use the textbook "Spain in America" by Gibson.

The instructor of the course will be Dr. Manuel Urbina. Dr. Urbina completed his M.A. in Latin American Studies at the University of Texas in 1967. He is currently a candidate for a Ph. D. in Latin American History, also at the University of Texas. His dissertation topic is "The Impact of the Texas Revolution on the Government Politics, and Society of Mexico; 1836-1846."

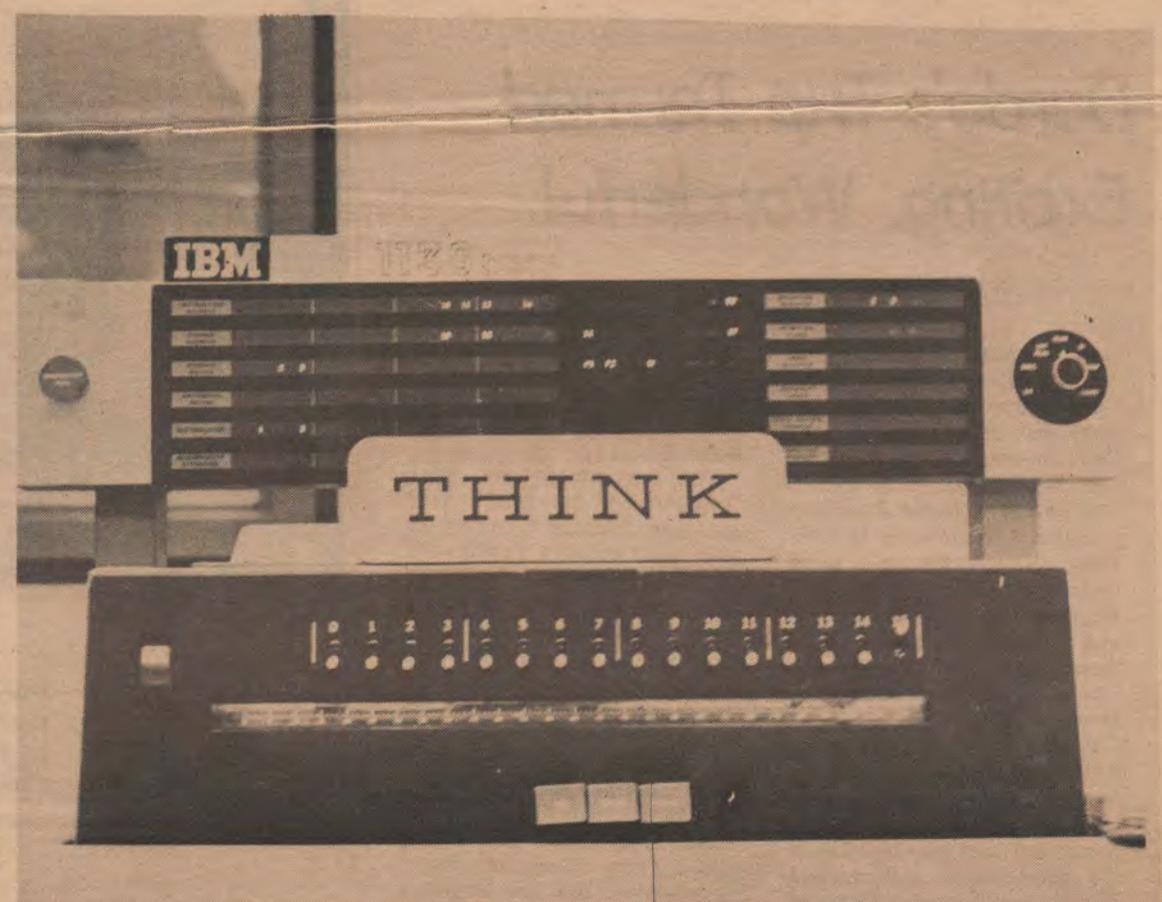
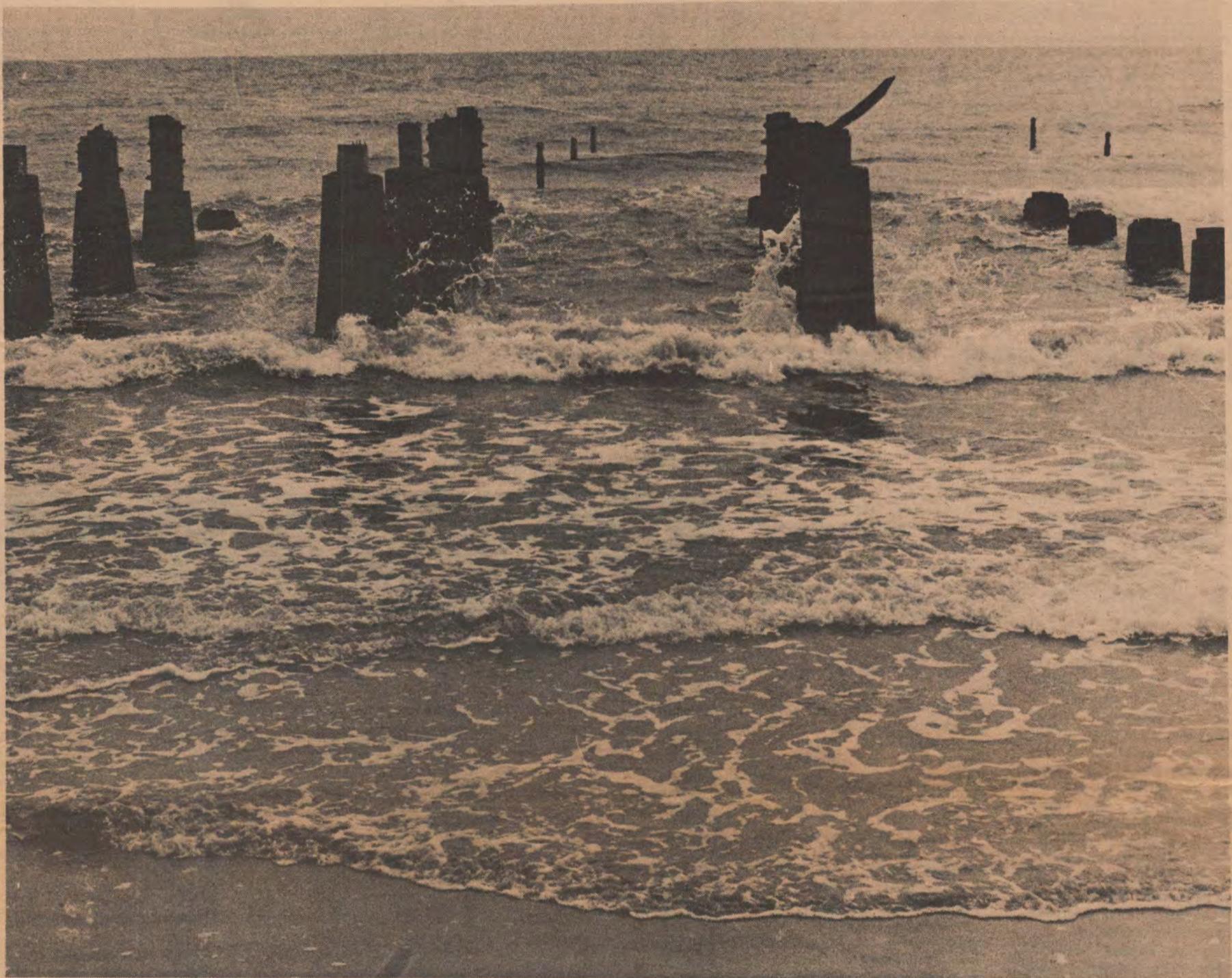
Dr. Urbina is listed in "Latin American Area Specialists at Texas Colleges and Universities" published by the University of Texas at Austin, Institute of Latin American Studies.

The class will meet each Monday and Wednesday at 5:45 p.m.

# IN FOCUS



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photographs by Kevin Kemp

## Entertainment

### Campus Daze



## The Whodunit Again

By GIDGET CAMPBELL  
Comet Staff

Houston's newest arena, the Summit, hosted "The Who" last month in that group's opening leg of a U.S. tour. If the audience reaction is any indication, the concert was a smash success.

The concert began fashionably late—around 8:30 and opened with a group from Jamaica called "Toots and the Maytals." They exhibited a tremendous amount of energy and sound musicianship, but the audience response was lukewarmly polite. Part of the lack of enthusiasm was probably due to muted sound which was corrected by the time "Toots et al" completed their segment of the show.

At 9:35, "The Who" took the stage like a tidal wave, opening with several cuts off their new album. John Entwistle was featured on a song he wrote entitled "The Spider", which was very impressive. The sound was still fuzzy at this point, but was straightened out by the time Roger Daltrey sashayed

into "Behind Blue Eyes"—(Which prompted quite a few females to squirm in their seats!)

A medley from the opera "Tommy" followed, which was entertaining, due to Peter Townshend's kinetics and Keith Moon's morbid sense of humor, but became a little boring because of a lot of obvious time-consuming jamming.

The light crew did an excellent job, the highlight of which was total darkness pierced by an aureole of multi-colored lights during the "See Me" portion of "We're Not Gonna Take It." This was a trifle corny, but effective nonetheless.

The musical genius of The Who was established even further by this particular concert. Peter Townshend's famous leaps across stage, Roger Daltrey's obvious sex appeal, Keith Moon's incredible rapport with his drums, and John Entwhistle's mastery of the bass guitar made the first rock concert at the Summit an event that will be remembered for a long time in Houston.

## Darde's Trip Termed Exciting, Wonderful

By LOCHIE FOWLER  
Comet Staff

Last month, Pat Darde, secretary of the Humanities Department, and her husband, Joe, an engineer with Amoco Gas Company began a ten-day vacation trip through Mexico. They concentrated on a large triangular area from San Miguel de Allende, Guanajuato, and Dolores Hidalgo, planned their trip carefully, and drove fifteen hundred miles while in Mexico.

Pat says her favorite town was San Miguel de Allende, partially because it was 6500 feet above sealevel in the mountains, and also because of the picturesquely ancient churches and chapels she found there. "One church, or chapel, rather, was built in 1736. It's amazing to find something that old, and to try to realize just how many years that is," she said. She learned a little of the history of San Miguel de

Allende, "It was the Lexington-Concord of the Mexican Revolution of 1810. I'm reading some more about Mexican history since we've been home."

The accommodations were flawless, and the people they met were friendly. "Two things that particularly fascinated me," she remarked, "were the fountains set in the walls of the town, and the fact that milk and firewood are delivered house-to-house by donkeyback. The housewife comes out to the donkey, bringing her container, and the milk is drawn from huge cans he carries. And she selects her own firewood when the delivery donkey arrives. On the last day of our stay there, we learned that the fountains were the city water supply. People came to the fountains with buckets and filled them for their homes."

The Dardes, when obtaining their insurance for the trip, were given a log of good roads,



Portraying the "Littlest Angels" in the forthcoming production of Hansel and Gretel are (left to right) Christine Buras Ray Bass, and Kelly Conway.

## Poetry

### Blinded

By PAT FARRAR  
Comet Staff

To find you alone  
surrounded by glass  
Perception blurred...  
not clear-like the glass.  
You scream at the strangers—  
say they don't understand  
but how can they know you  
when you won't let them in?

To find you alone  
surrounded by glass...  
when will you learn  
the understanding is there—  
you just have to ask.



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# Politics In Spring '76 —

## Finley Touts New Course

COM offers a new and exciting course for those who are politically minded this semester: International politics: Political Science 237. The following article by Jim Finley, COM's Political Scientist should interest those who are naturally politically minded, and those who hope and want to be.

### FINLEY

International relations is a study that is plagued with platitudes. It is a field where every man plays expert, where every teacher, every speaker, every preacher, every cabby, every table-thumping dinner guest has special insight and the inside story. The morning papers serve up a daily dose of cautious optimism and variations on the theme that justice will triumph. Popular writers give us elaborately presented glimpses of the obvious.

What an injustice! If ever there was a field where clear, hard thinking would bring immediate rewards, international relations is one. The importance of its study today is obvious. None of us cares to come to his final rest as a bit of fall-out. The fear of war has terrified us all and nearly paralyzed our thinking processes as well. Like primitives engaged in magic, we ritualistically repeat the procedures that have failed us before. We resemble the man who, faced with a foreigner who could not understand his language, shouted a little louder in order to make himself understood. We are well aware of the problems that need to be solved, but we would get further if we stopped shouting and examined the problems in a less excited frame of mind.

### CARNIVAL

by Dick Turner



"Boys in domestic science class are silly! They should learn that sort of thing from their fathers!"

This is not to imply that international politics lacks excitement. Quite the contrary. The world's most significant events make up its history. Relations between nations have been exceptionally turbulent in the years since 1914. Two great world wars have shaken us to our roots, and we dread that somehow we will set off a third. These same years have seen the United States rise so rapidly in wealth and power that almost nonchalantly we have taken over the leadership of the world from Britain, only to find that what was grasped without effort may require great effort to hold, for new and jealous giants are growing up beside us.

Beneath the fast-paced melodrama of war and of contests for world leadership, there is a deeper drama going on. Modernization is changing the face of the globe, creating new nations, and altering the nature of international politics. This is a creeping change, economic and social in its roots, but its progress is marked by political upheavals. The colonial world has shaken itself free, and colonialism as we have known it is coming to an end. The distribution of power among the major nations of the world is shifting. The period when white men ruled the world is drawing to a close.

One of the most exciting things about the age in which we live is that we find ourselves between two eras. We were born in one world, and we will die in another. Our lives span the passage between them, and from where we shall stand in a few years we shall be able to see them both. Most of these who lived one hundred years ago, even sixty years ago, had limited horizons. They did not question the rules by which they lived or the accepted explanations of events. They took it for granted that the world as they knew it, with minor

corrections would continue to exist forever. Those who live a hundred years hence will also have a restricted view. For them the past will assume the nature of a myth carefully tailored not to disturb existing prejudices and conceptions, while the present will be accepted as eternal. But we are living in one of these brief periods when both the past and the future can be seen in clear perspective and the differences between them identified and traced to their causes. It is an age in which the social sciences, international relations among them, have come to life.

The average undergraduate takes a course in international politics primarily to gain some understanding of the contemporary world and, in particular, of the role played by his own country. Most, of course, seem to be interested in finding out more about particular events and issues, be it the cold war, European transnational integration, Vietnam, or the ABM. The one thing many students do not expect when they enroll in a course in international politics is an abstract analysis of the nature of the international system and the role of states in that system. Yet, because current events so soon become "ancient history," the aim of this course is to provide the student with those tools of analysis that will enable him to analyze tomorrow's events for himself. With this particular course orientation it is hoped that the student will gain a deeper comprehension of some of the external and internal problems states confront and why frequently they act as they do whether they are capitalist or Communist, highly industrialized or economically underdeveloped. Thus, the cardinal purpose of this course is to sensitize the student as to how to think about international politics. The idea is to convey to the student that there are a number of different ways to think about the subject and not just one way, not simply a "right" way.



### CAMPUS DATE



### Students Show Stuff

College of the Mainland held a multi-media Student Art Exhibition in the Fine Arts Gallery, College Center and Learning Resources Center. The exhibition opened with a reception on December 1.

The juried exhibit featured a broad cross-section of the students' work and included painting, drawings and pottery.

Two "mini-exhibits" featuring the work of Rebecca Tubbs and Sonia Dawidowicz, advanced painting students were also held in the Administration Building and College Center during the same period. Both artists have created series of paintings which were hung as a group.

## Comets Lose To Lamar

By BRIAN SMITH

Recently matching skills with the Lamar Cardinal JV's in Beaumont, the Comets added a 70-84 loss to their season record.

After a 46-31 halftime score, Lamar wrapped up the game, pressing after every shot. In the last minutes of the game, both teams emptied their benches. The Comet substitutes narrowed the Cardinal lead but the clock ran out.

Lanis Hayes took scoring honors with 16 points while Byron Thompson followed with 15. Alonzo Hazley and Craig Reggins also hit double figures with 11 and 10 consecutively. Mike Stanton hit seven while Richard Mangrum and William Randall both added 4 points to the tally. Byron Thompson led the team with 13 rebounds. The loss drops the Comets' season record to 2-3.

### Pool Tourney

### Winners

Donnie Spriggins and Daphney Fowler captured first place in the COM Mixed Doubles Pool Tournament recently. Moses Brown and Laura Garcia came in second with Mary McCown and Cosme Tigerino taking third. All three teams were presented trophies.

### Opinion

## Yankee, Go Home!

Say, those Folks up in the big town of Houston take their politics serious, don't they? First I see Brisco on the TV and say that the mayor is trying to make the city of Houston look like New York. How as a native New Yorker I resent that statement for it is easy to love New York when you are one thousand miles away. Houston could never get as dirty as the "Big Apple," nor could it get as broke without the help of the labor unions bleeding it dry.

A lot of those muggings we hear about from the "Big Apple" occur because it is a city of walkers. This is due to the extreme expense one would incur if one were to try to use a car. Therefore Mr. Brisco, I submit to you that Houston is Houston and New York is New York and never the twain shall meet.

Back to the politics of Houston, Mayor Hofheinz also got himself on the tube and made a few harsh statements. It is interesting to note that the story about the Mayor making this big mistake was page four of the Houston Chronicle, the very paper that is against him, so why not on page one? I'm sure I don't know, but I wonder.

Good luck Houston, sounds like you all will need it.

# OPINIONS

## Editorial

### On The Road To Detente

President Ford's trip to China points out how far along the road our two countries have gone in the development of friendly relations. Sino-American friendship is with us and it appears it is a solid lasting friendship. The Chinese are quick to point out the defects in our new relationship with the Russians, and they are not at all discrete while they are doing it. It seems that the Senate is also holding hearings where the same idea is being talked about. It seems that the U.S.S.R. has been cheating on the "SALT" arms agreement according to some of the witnesses. Since this is the pattern that the Soviets have always followed only the most optimistic should be surprised.

But what about our other new friend the Chinese? Could it be that they are being just a little too quick in pointing out the faults in our other relationships? This is certainly a good way to divert attention away from whatever faults there might be in our mutual relations. The Chinese have one great fear at this time, and that is the protection of the Russian border.

The Russians it seems also fear the Chinese because of this same border. This then could be the reason that both countries seek friendship with the United States. With the U.S. as a friend, both countries would feel a greater sense of security.

In both cases the countries involved are being less than honest with us and using time in order to develop greater strength for a possible war. If this war should come about, and it very well might, where will the United States stand? The current population growth rate in China is going to strongly suggest expansion in the future, and the place that is going to look best is on the other side of the Russian border. This then might be the long range plans of our new Chinese friends.

It would be a good idea then for us to step back and take a good long hard look at the relations that the United States is in the process of developing. We could be getting ourselves into something that might be hard to get out of.

### Yule Cheer?

By CAROL SMITH

By the time the yule tide season rolls around—or did it come in October?—I begin to get a little tired of Christmas.

Some stores in our area put out Christmas ornaments, Santa signs, and even Christmas music right after Halloween. I never saw any turkeys or pilgrims floating in the air when I went into the stores around Thanksgiving (anyone remember Thanksgiving?) instead it was Santa Claus. This is undoubtedly because they wouldn't make a profit from Thanksgiving, and perhaps I can understand this. But do they have to put Christmas merchandise out so early that by the time Christmas gets here we are so sick of hearing and seeing Christmas plugs that most of us don't even enjoy Christmas? Not to mention the little sick feeling we get when we realize we've been taken by spending too much money for that special little gift which the merchants hypnotized us into buying back in October. And, as if that wasn't enough, we find nearly everything we bought for Christmas on sale the 26th anywhere from \$2-to \$10 cheaper.

I think it would serve the merchants right if we would go on a Christmas strike. No, I don't mean to forget Christmas and picket the stores, but instead have an old fashion Christmas. Celebrate Christmas in a sacred manner in which it was meant to be celebrated.

We can make our own gifts. Beautiful inexpensive gifts can be made for people of all ages. And if we want to buy a more expensive gift we can buy them after Christmas when they go ON SALE!

Who can enjoy Christmas after hearing about it for two and a half months? Is it supposed to be how much the gift costs that matters or is it the feeling behind it? Sometimes, I don't think we can put that much good feeling behind our gifts when Christmas is abused so much.

## One - Man Show Success

Dear: College of the Mainland Students, faculty and staff—Thanks to your generosity at the recent one-man art show, the amount of \$138.00 needed to purchase dentures for Walter Gunlock was received. The "Sons" and Daughters" of Gunlock, are also happy to announce that Walter should receive his dentures two weeks before Christmas.

Merry Christmas Walter.

Jim McNutt

## STUDENT ART DISFIGURED

Dear Editor:

To those of you who have had the opportunity to view our recent student art showing through out the campus; you may have noticed several pieces of work that have been defaced in the library area. Being a student of art myself I am aware of the extreme amount of thought, preparation, time and arduous work put into the pieces we are showing in the exhibit.

My first reaction to this was rage and frustration, But as I write this I feel a sense of pity for anyone involved. Pity without sympathy or compassion.

To the body or bodies who took part I leave you with a quote from Kahlil Gibran: "Judgement".

"The learned man who has not judgment is like an unarmed soldier proceeding into battle. His wrath will poison the pure spring of the life of his community and he will be like the grain of aloes in a pitcher of pure water."

Denny Wawralz

## COM is Regional President

By CAROL SMITH  
Comet Staff

The Student Government attended a regional meeting at Alvin, last Thursday. The meeting was held to elect new regional officers, to examine several student government structures that are now in use, and to see who is interested in running for state office.

Different colleges vote and elect one college to be regional president. The college that is elected regional president becomes a representative for all the other colleges in the area at the state commission. Robert Pryor states that, "Our student government is proud of the fact that College of the Mainland has been elected President of Region for the past two years. This is something that none of the other colleges involved have done."

All student government officials along with Dr. Allen Ginsburg attended the meeting.

All persons interested in the formation of a formal debating club should leave their name and address and phone number in the COMET box in the student center. If there are enough names to start, you will be contacted.



Mrs. Bonnie Longnion, College of the Mainland reading specialist, works with Abel Torres (left) and Lannie Watts, two of the 10 Texas City firemen enrolled in a six-week reading course which is part of the State's new program for certification of firefighters.

# Campus News



MERRY  
CHRISTMAS!

## OEA Installs

### Officers

By Shirley McCREE  
OEA Reporter

The OEA, a newly-formed office education association of College of the Mainland, met in Room 120 at the Student Center last month to install the officers and initiate the members of this years association.

In the beginning of the program, Miss Cheryle Willis, who along with Miss Carolyn Wiley are advisors to the group and instructors in the Division of Business, gave and introduction and welcomed all of the members and officers to the OEA. Sandy Compian, the Vice-President, then stated the purposes of OEA and Nancy Ricicar, President, presented the OEA Emblem and made a speech to all the members.

New officers for the Student organization are: Nancy Ricicar, President; Sandy Compian, Vice-President; Madena Smith, Secretary; Marilyn French, Treasurer; Betty Jo Dieringer, Historian; Schineatha Griffin, Parliamentarian; Shirley McCree, Reporter.

New members are: Jeannette Cerace, Sandy Compian, Rita Cullum, Cheryl Devona, Betty Jo Dieringer, Wynetta Foster, Shirley L. Freeman, Marilyn French, Donna Gayton, Schineatha Griffin, Sandra Hengst, Sandra Hinson, Shirley McCree, Susie Osborne, Sandy Peacock, Susan Sauers, Jena Smith, Madena Smith, Coral Toups, Catherine A. Vaughn, Mary Ann Willis, Lindie Wright, Sarah Rogers and Debra Ware.

### Greg Go - Getter

Greg Benefield, a second year student at College of the Mainland majoring in Drafting is here for one reason and one reason only. Greg is attending College of the Mainland in order to improve himself and there-by become a creative person. Greg would like to become involved in some form of art at a later date but for now he intends to start his career as soon as he completes his course in Drafting.

Greg not only carries a full load at College, he also works full time at the Bonanza Sirloin Pit in Texas City. He invites all his fellow students to come and visit him at the Bonanza during lunch as he is the first cook there at that time.

Benefield when asked about his hobby answered thusly, "Wine, women and Money." Greg also states that he does not intend to transfer to a higher college as he is ready to start work as soon as he can.

### Officers Elected

By GIDGET CAMPBELL  
Comet Staff

New officers for the Air Conditioning and Refrigeration Advisory Committee for the College of the Mainland were recently elected for the 1975-1976 school year.

Elected as chairman for the committee was Jesse Stewart, from Union Carbide. Vice-Chairman for the year is Everett Markham, owner of Southern Comfort Company. Elected to the position of Secretary was Robert Henderson, of Amoco Oil Company.

The Air-Conditioning and Refrigeration Advisory Committee is comprised of 16 members who assist COM with problems regarding instruction of Air Conditioning and Refrigeration courses, obtaining and equipment and course planning.

### SER Offers

### Opportunity

An opportunity for unemployed, under-employed or disadvantaged persons to train for vocational and technical careers is available through operation SER, a federally-funded organization now in operation in Galveston County under the Comprehensive Employment and Training Act. Additional information is available by calling 938-1211, or 765-9313.

SER (Service Employment Redevelopment) offers job preparation and placement, job counseling, testing and follow-up, as well as GED and English lessons—all at no cost.

One of its most important services is to provide financial assistance for residents wishing to attend College of the Mainland or Galveston College on a full-time basis. Qualified persons would be eligible not only for tuition assistance, but will also receive funds for books, tools, supplies and for any testing which might be needed.

Interested persons are urged to contact either one of SER's two offices: 5016 Texas Avenue, Texas City or 1902 Avenue N 1/2, Galveston.

Some of the careers for which students can prepare at College of the Mainland are; nursing, welding, automotive mechanics, refrigeration mechanics, clerical, data processing and graphic arts.

### COM Buys Computer

College of the Mainland has a new computer, The Hewlett-Packard 3000 which is a computer with an open end future. The computers is to be used not only in-the-day-to-day business of the school but will be used in the direct instruction of students.

This computer is but one of twelve now in use by Texas Community colleges. When this computer is in full use it will be able to handle the college payroll, institutional research as well as student records from registration to final grade.

For instructional use of this computer involves four basic approaches. The first is that of tutorial problems, and the second is the solving simulation. The others are drill and practice.



The new computer is under the direction of Bill Hackleman, recently appointed Director of Computer Services. Hackleman comes to College of the Mainland from the Apollo program. Bill has earned his B.S. degree from the Southwestern, and has a M.S. the University of North Carolina. Hackleman also taught Physics at Southwestern for three years before entering the computer field.

"It's going to be a challenge to utilize the computer to its fullest extent," Hackleman commented. "The computer will be invaluable in conducting the on-going business of the college."



### Dues Due

Nancy Ricicar, president of the Office Education Association, said that OEA dues of \$2.50 are due at the next meeting. The idea of a fund raising was brought up during the meeting. Members of the meeting suggested that the OEA sponsor an informal dance in the spring.

For the OEA Christmas Project, members of the association will collect canned goods for a needy family or visit a local orphanage and give small gifts to the children.

Take stock in America.  
Buy U.S. Savings Bonds.

### World Literature

### Offered

During the spring semester only, sophomores may take a transfer course of World Literature. English 233 transfers to most senior college courses of study as an acceptable and sometimes preferred choice for the second year literature requirement.

In both ancient and modern readings, the class will meet heroes from Europe, South America, Asia, and Africa. They will see a modern play where the insane ancient emperor Caligula pushes his power and philosophy to its logical but violent end. Other stories will show the roles of women in relation to men.

Each student in the class will choose his own specific area, period, or topic as a specialty.

The class will meet at 11 a.m. Mondays and Thursdays this spring, but it may be two years before the Division of Humanities offers this course again during the daytime.

Any two sophomore literature courses taken in any order will meet COM's degree requirements. English 132 is a prerequisite for all of them.

The instructor is World Literature, Mrs. Carolyn Hartnett, is glad to discuss it on ext. 310 or in office L270 in Faculty Suite C.



All persons interested in a formal debating club please leave their name and telephone number in the COMET box at the student center.

# **COM STUDENTS!**

**The Bookstore will buy back used books  
from Dec. 8 thru Jan. 13.**

**Take advantage of the Buy-Backs policy  
in time for the holidays.**



**The Bookstore will also feature special  
hours for Spring Registration Jan. 14 - 15  
from 8:30 am to 9:00 pm.**



Manuel Urbina accepts a check from Mexican American Organization members. They are, from left to right, Tony Guerrero, president; Richardo B.G. Morales, Treasurer; and Amado Acosta, Financial Advisor.

## Urbina Accepts \$200 Check

GIDGET CAMPBELL  
Comet Staff

A \$200 check was presented to COM's scholarship fund by members of the Mexican American Organization. The Texas City-based organization raised the money through refreshment sales at the Cinco de Mayo celebration at COM last May, and also at the Mexican Independence Day



## Provost Presents African Art

GIDGET CAMPBELL  
Comet Staff

The Humanities 231 class cordially invites the public to attend special lectures by Carl Provost. The subject will be African art, and will be held in L 248 on February 17th and 20th from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Anne Sherrill, instructor for the course, is enthusiastic about the special lectures, and adds that Provost lived in the Belgian Congo for about nine years. While there, he collected all types of art from Africa.

Ms. Sherrill asks that interested people contact her in Faculty Suite B regarding attendance to the lectures.

## Rubio To Speak Today

GIDGET CAMPBELL  
Comet Staff

The relationship between the United States and Latin AMERICA WILL BE DISCUSSED ON Monday in room 120 of the College Center. The lecture is free, and will begin at 12:30 p.m.

The lecture is the fourth in the "Great Decisions" lecture series and the guest speaker will be Jesus "Joe" Rubio. Rubio is presently completing work on his dissertation for a doctoral degree from the University of Texas in Austin, and is currently serving as the Associate Dean for Technical-Vocational Programs.

Bob Handy Director of Adult Basic Education and Community Services, has been pleased with the turnout for the noon lectures. "Even more important, each session has stimulated a lively give-and-take discussion period after the lectures."

## Parking Lot Regulations To Be Strictly Enforced

BRIAN SMITH  
Comet Staff

Campus Police Chief, Joe Rotramel recently announced that on March 8 his department will start enforcing the new campus parking and traffic regulations.

Officer Rotramel stated that for at least two weeks prior to March 8 warning tickets will be placed on vehicles that are illegally parked. After March 8, warning tickets will be placed on vehicles that are illegally parked. After March 8 violators will be given a citation which will cancel their campus

privileges. Violators will be required to pay a fee in order to regain their parking privileges. This fee must be paid within a given number of days. Violators paid within a given number of days. Violators who fail to pay the fee, will be filed on in the local Justice of the Peace Court and will be required to pay whatever fine he levies.

Decals shall also be required for all vehicles parked on campus by members of the faculty and staff after March 8. The decals are now available in Officer Rotramel's office.

Rotramel added that students may have decals on a voluntary basis until September 1, when all vehicles will require decals.

"Special problems have special solutions and I will be glad to talk to anyone who feels that this parking arrangement will create an unusually heavy burden?? However, Officer Rotramel also stated that the added security to the vehicles in these areas will more than compensate for the small amount of inconvenience you will suffer."

## Traveling Art Class Created

GIDGET CAMPBELL  
Comet Staff

The Humanities 231 course is a different approach to the study of fine arts. The class has scheduled two field trips this month, one to Carl Provost Gallery and also to the Lowell Collins Art Gallery. The objectives of the class are to give students the ability to appreciate fine arts and the civilizations that developed them.

Ms. Anne Sherrill, instructor for the course, explains her plan of study in this way.

"You can bring some things to class, but there is a definite advantage in transporting the classroom to the source, where people are going to benefit most. In order to really appreciate the fine arts, it is necessary to observe them in the proper, unclassroomlike atmosphere."

"Most really significant pieces of art could not be brought to College of the Mainland, and I feel that students benefit from experts and scholars in the field. This is why we are planning trips to the Provost and Collins Galleries. Students are entitled to exposure to the best, and I feel that Carl Provost and Lowell Collins fit in that category."

In addition to the tours of the Carl Provost Gallery and Lowell Collins Art Gallery, the class will attend the showing of the Russian Hermitage before it leaves Houston. The Hermitage consists of art work from Russia which have never before been seen in the United States.

## New Vice-President Selected

By JEAN BURKHART  
Comet Staff

Two new members of the Student Association have been selected by a vote of the Student Association to fill the positions left vacant.

Nannette Schlitterberger, who was selected for Vice-President of Planning and Development, believes that a "student government should represent the student body one-hundred percent and should pave the way for communication of ideals between the students and

Administration." Schlitterberger says she is enjoying her first semester at COM. She later plans to go on to UHCLC to complete work on getting a CPA.

Margie Hulsey was selected to fill the position of Secretary and Treasurer left vacant by Judy Jones who has assumed the position of Vice-President of Instructions. Hulsey also in her first semester at COM was formerly of Galveston College. Her major is in Clerical work.



"I don't get it. Thomas Jefferson hairdo, Mark Twain mustache, Billy the Kid boots — they're the 'Now Generation'?"

## Entertainment



Don Sanders, a Houston area singer-comedian, will be at COM on March 11 for a coffeehouse. The coffeehouse will begin at 8 p.m. and is being sponsored by the Student Center Programs Council. The cost will be \$1.00 and free coffee and donuts will be served.

Junior College Day has been designated by Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo. Block of 300 tickets to the night rodeo performance has been set aside—February 27th. Reserved seat tickets are \$5.00 each. Orders should be sent to Houston Livestock Show, attention: Mrs. Louise King, P.O. Box 20070, Houston, Texas 77025 (713-748-3740)—be sure to request tickets reserved for Jr. Colleges.

Forest resources are renewable; the nation today has 759 million acres of forest land—a remarkable feat since it represents three-fourths of what forest was here when Columbus discovered the New World.

### COM Film Slated

By PAT FARRAR  
Comet Staff

Don Wiseman, instructor of the Audio-Visual Productions class at COM, has announced that his students will make a documentary film on campus in the near future. The subject matter is still in the planning stage, but previous films done by Wiseman's classes have usually dealt with promoting the college. Wiseman also hopes to direct a short feature film written by Barry Midkiff one of his students. Midkiff will be responsible for most of the production of the film.

The course offers the student the opportunity to learn all phases of motion picture making including: script writing, directing, cinematography, sound, editing, and production.

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## COM Sponsors Piano Festival

CINDY ROOK  
Comet Staff

An All-American Community Piano Festival is being sponsored by COM. Piano Students of this area will offer a program of American composers. The program will take place March 28, The program will start at 3 p.m. and will be directed by Susan Smeltzer. Smeltzer is an award winning concert pianist and artist-in-residence at COM.

Auditions will be open to piano students of all levels in the Dickinson, Hitchcock, La Marque, Santa Fe, and Texas City school districts. Auditions will be on March 6 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and on Sunday from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Students must be recommended for audition by their private piano teachers, band or choir director.

The audition literature may include any work by an American composer. Students at the elementary and intermediate levels must submit two memorized pieces within a maximum 10-minute limit. Pre-advanced and advanced levels must submit one memorized piece within a 10-minute limit.

The deadline for applications is Feb. 28. Interested students must forward the following information: Name, address, phone age, level, audition pieces and teacher. Audition applications should be sent to: Susan Smeltzer, All-American Community Piano Festival, 8001 Palmer Highway, Texas City, 77590.

Audition appointments will be sent to each participant by mail.

### Photo Contest Salutes American Worker

CINDY ROOK  
Comet Staff

Manpower, Inc., and Minolta Corporation are jointly sponsoring a nation wide photo contest in honor of our country's 200th birthday. There will be local and national contests, with over \$75,000 in prizes. The theme of the contest is "A salute to the American Worker."

On the local contests level a Minolta SR-T 200 35mm single

lens reflex camera will be given as first place. On the national level three grand prizes of seven-day, all expense paid tours of Williamsburg and Washington, D.C., or 1,200. Entry forms and complete rules are available upstairs in the Student Center in the Journalism office.

### Prose and Poetry

## Where is the place...

Where is the place for sensitivity anymore?  
Can it remain inside a lover's eye  
Or behind a poet's smile?  
Inside the homes of countless workers  
and cabbies, drivers and truckers?

It is not my own possession  
it belongs to you  
and old women on fixed incomes  
with their starving pet animals  
and street sweepers with three wheeled brooms

Nothing is solely mine  
not my name some others were named before  
not my personality  
others have given me parts of themselves  
like marriage  
for better or worse  
til death does me apart.

To be afraid is no sin  
I fear heights that are on shaky grounds  
and rushy rides  
and you  
and me  
but to run from that fear is  
inexcusable—  
sinner repent your prodigal ways!

I am lonely alone  
and often lonely with you  
as you sit  
a silent watcher  
waiting for your spontaneous love  
and your eagerness to run from it.  
I sit silent too  
unable to tell you a thing

DOUG FORBES

## in our opinion

# Smoker's Lib?

Dear Comet:

We feel that the Student Center should have a non-smokers Section and a smokers section.

If a smoker is constantly asked not to smoke in front of them, they should, therefore, be told to sit in a non-smoking Area, with an oxygen mask available. Am I asking too much?

Sincerely,  
The Blood  
Bath room  
Phantom

### EDITOR'S NOTE —

A course in handwriting would probably be of more help to you.

## Goose the Geese

As all of the students here at College of the Mainland know we are having quite a problem with a couple of members of our resident fowl population. I'm not talking about the ducks either. It's the two long-necked creatures commonly known as geese.

I really don't mind the squawking, and the hissing with those evil looking tongues of theirs really bother me either. What gets under my skin is when they try to take a hunk out of my epidermis. This is when I cry foul.

Something must be done about these little monsters. A nice dinner might not be a bad idea, but then the animal lovers here at this school might be biting me more than the geese. I'm lost for good ideas so I'm asking all of you out there to get your pointed little heads in action and give me some alternatives of what's to be done with these feathered flunkies.

KEVIN KEMP

## Get Your Seeds Off

Dear Editor,

Well, everybody spring is almost here. And as all of you lovers of that funny little weed know it is time for spring planting. According to "The Farmers Almanac" we're not supposed to have any more hard freezes so it's safe to start planting. This year, though, try a different twist. When you clean out your baggie and separate the seeds don't cultivate them in your own little garden. Instead when you're driving somewhere just toss the little buggars out the window and let nature take its course. Be sure "The Blue Meanies" are not anywhere around, though. If everybody got together on this we could have quite a crop in this area and everybody could be "bringin' in the sheaves." If it was done nationwide there would be no way to control it. So remember to throw those seeds before you smoke that weed.

Sincerely,

A follower of Johnny Appleseed

### Do-Your-Own-Thing Art Shown

GIDGET CAMPBELL  
Comet Staff

That big brown thing hanging from the balcony of the Learning Resource Center is not, as rumored, from outer space. Nor is it the product of the inmates of Galveston County Home for Unplucked Chickens. And contrary to popular belief, the kids at Little-Moon-Over-Big-water nursery had nothing to do with it!

The artwork is the produce of

the Humanities 231 course, under the instruction of Anne Sherrill.

The class deals with appreciation of the fine arts, and recently visited Don Thornton for a quick course in artistic expression. Each member of the class was told to draw the world as he sees it, and told not to peek at what the others were drawing. The end result of the expressions is the collage (or big brown thing) currently displayed in the LRC.

## Former Comet Captures Award

### JERRY GUYTON

Comet Staff

Author Jackson, one of College of the Mainland's basketball greats was recently named "Player of the Week" in the Texoma Athletic Conference.

Jackson, who recently transferred to Wayland Baptist College has turned the Pioneers whole basketball program around. He Leads the TAC in scoring with 21.1 game average and has hit 84.8 percent of his foul shots. As a result, the pioneers are 8-10 for the season and 1-1 in the South Zone race.

Jackson poured in 20 points recently against both Phillips University and Oklahoma Baptist University as the pioneers swept a two game series.

While his scoring power has been the key to the success at Wayland Baptist this season, both Phillips and Oklahoma Baptist were impressed with his defensive talents. "He can really stick you on defense, which is unusual for a strong offensive player these days," said Oklahoma Baptist sports publicist John Parrish.

It was Jackson's performance in the opening two games of the season which snapped a 29 game losing streak back in November.

"We're not at all surprised at Jackson's spectacular showing," commented COM coach Bill Montague, "He still holds all the COM records in basketball."

## Baseball Season Begins

### JERRY GUYTON

Comet Staff

Although inexperienced, with only one return starter, Brian Magruder, optimism reigns supreme in the baseball camp of the Comets.

"We have some guys who can really slap the ball around," said Coach Barroso. "I believe we're going to be very competitive and win some games."

The pitching staff this year will be made up of: Radie Perry, Doug McKee, Mike Stewart, George Myers and George Bostick. This is quite an improvement over last year's staff of only two pitchers.

"Fielding is going to be a great asset to the team, with the guys getting better every practice," commented Coach Barroso. He added, "The team is in good shape confident, and looking forward to a great season. With student body support at the games and a little luck, we should improve our record over last year."

### BOWLING TOURNAMENT

### BRIAN SMITH

Comet Staff

place with 923 points. Barbara Bridges and Jerry Anderson took second with a total of 766.

Moses Brown and Nenita Caro took high game with 197 and 145 consecutively. However, high game honors went to Cosme Tijerina and James Knapp in the mens division. They both attained an average of 165. In the womens division, both Nenita Caro and Liz Crum bowled a high average of 134.

### PARKING AND TRAFFIC REGULATIONS

- I. General Instructions.
  - A. Parking is by permit only.
  - B. Vehicles shall park only in authorized areas.
    1. Students-In student parking areas.
    2. Faculty and Staff-In Faculty- Staff areas.
  - C. The person in whose name a vehicle registration is issued will be held responsible for any violations involving the operation and parking of their vehicle.
  - D. A student must upon demand by a Campus Traffic Control Officer show a valid operator's license and College of the Mainland I.D. card.
- II. Citations may be written and/or vehicle may be towed away at owner's expense for:
  - A. In all cases where parking spaces are marked, the whole vehicle must be within the boundaries of the parking space.
  - B. Parking in no parking zones or adjacent to curbs which are painted red.
  - C. Parking in handicap parking zones without proper permit.
  - D. Parking other vehicles in motorcycle parking zones.
  - E. Parking on sidewalk, or in such a way as to block a door, road, or fire lane.
  - F. Parking in violation to any posted sign.
  - G. Driving on campus sidewalks without proper permission from the Campus Security Office.
  - H. Backing into parking spaces.
  - I. Failure to register your vehicle and display a permit to park.
  - J. Parking in any way which blocks traffic.
  - K. Failure to stop and heed instructions given by a Campus Traffic Control Officer.
  - L. Exceeding the speed limit of 15 mph in campus parking lots.
  - M. Chaining a bicycle to a building, light standard, tree, shrub, etc.
- III. Schedule of parking violation citation by a Traffic Control Officer.
  1. Your campus parking privileges will be suspended. You will have ten (10) days in which to have them re-instated.
  2. You may have them re-instated by:
    - a. Paying a re-instate fee within ten (10) days at the fee payment window in the Administration Building.  
First citation \$2.00 fee
- First citation \$2.00 fee  
Second citation \$4.00 fee  
Each ticket thereafter-\$5.00 fee and possible disciplinary action.

b. persons not paying this fee may be filed on by the Campus Security Office and may have to appear before the Justice of the Peace Court to answer for violations of the State Traffic Code.

### IV. Appeals.

A. Appeals will be heard by the Campus Security Officer if you call extension 400 and ask for an appointment.

## Blood Drive to Begin

BLOOD DRIVE—Monday, February 23, 1976 COM will participate in its bi-annual blood drive. Hours are 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

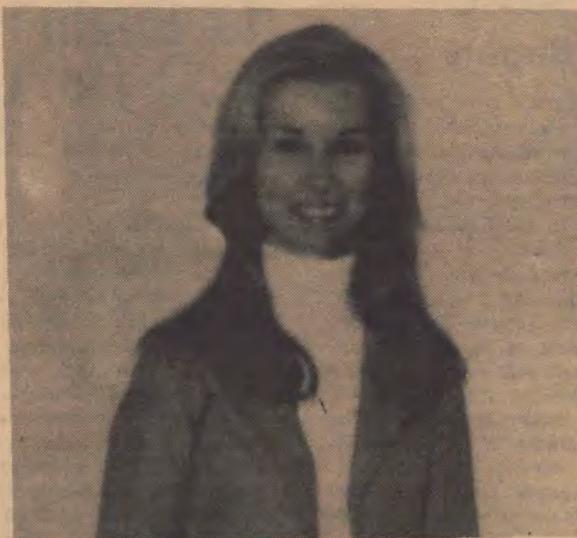
By participating in the College of the Mainland blood drive Feb. 23, you can provide blood assurance for yourself and family or friends and at the same time help patients whose condition requires that they receive other's blood.

For your contribution of only one unit of blood they will supply you, your spouse and income-tax dependents any amount of blood required for up to one year almost anywhere in the United States, or a donor may choose to cover himself plus two others under his donation.

When you donate blood you help to make it available for community use-strangers, your friends, perhaps even yourself. So won't you join them.

Contact Karen Atkinson and sign up for the College of the Mainland blood drive Monday, February 23, 1976.

## TEACHER PROFILE



**Carol Latta**

By CAROL SMITH  
News Editor

College of the Mainland has a dynamic new language instructor, Ms. Carol Latta who is now teaching beginning German her first semester at COM. Ms. Latta has taught at Texas Tech for two years and has also taught at Fredricksburg High School. She earned her BA degree at Texas Lutheran College and her MA at Texas Tech.

Carol works part time during the day translating for AMF Tuboscope in Houston. Her hobbies and interests are in the arts. She likes to paint African

wildlife and Texas wildlife and Texas wildlife.

Carol likes the friendly relaxed atmosphere here at COM. Her goals are to help build up the language department. She explained that she and other members of language department are working on new ways to make learning a language more fun and more comprehensive for students. "We are hopeful that Students will regain an interest in taking foreign language courses," explains Ms. Latta.

## Educators Plan Workshop

GIDGET CAMPBELL  
Comet Staff

An In Service Program for 1500 public school personnel is being planned for February 27th at La Marque High School. Aiding the planning for the workshop are the Hitchcock, Santa Fe, Texas City, Dickinson, and La Marque Independent School Districts and the College of the Mainland.

Dr. Leon Lessinger, Dean of the College of Education, University of South Carolina, will be the featured speaker and will discuss "Personal and Professional Growth." Highly qualified for this workshop Dr. Lessinger was formerly Callaway Professor of Education at Georgia State University and served as Associate U.S. Commissioner of Education from 1968-1970. In addition, the distinguished instructor was Superintendent of the San Mateo High School District in California, and served as chief consultant for

the California State Department of Education.

In addition to Dr. Lessinger, Dr. M.L. Brockette, Commissioner of Education, Texas Education Agency will speak. Joe Mares will introduce the speakers, and Dr. Eugene Tenney, Superintendent of La Marque Independent School District will give opening remarks. Paul Manning, Superintendent of Texas City Independent School district will offer the Invocation. Other guests will include Roy Wollam, Superintendent, Santa Fe; Dr. Fred A. Taylor, President, College of the Mainland; J.C. Sheppard, Superintendent, Hitchcock; and Dr. Edgar Wilhelm, Superintendent, Dickinson.

Following the general discussion and lectures, the group will divide into 29 small groups and discuss a variety of topics of interest to public school officials.

## Learning Resources Schedule

Monday & Tuesday	8:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Wednesday & Thursday	8:00 a.m. - 10:30 p.m.
Friday	8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

## Brown Bag Lectures Scheduled

By CAROL SMITH  
News Editor

This year rather than scheduling Great Decisions groups, Bob Handy has developed a Great Decisions "Brown Bag" lecture series. Each Monday at 12:00 noon, there will be a lecture in room CC 120 on an American Foreign Policy Issue.

Students are urged to come and participate in these discussions. Bring your lunch. "If anyone had an interest in forming a discussion group, I have the booklets or you may secure them through the Bookstore.

FEB. 23, Manuel Urbinas, Asia After the Vietnam War: What Role for the U.S.?

MAR. 1, TBA, The American Dream Among Nations: What Impact? What Future?

MAR. 8, U.S. Dept. of State, THE U.S. in the World Economy: Toward Cooperation or Conflict?

MAR 15, U.S. Dept. of State India: Can Poverty Be Overcome and Democracy Revive?

MAR. 22, Rethinking U.S. Foreign Policy: How Should Our Power Be Used?

MAR. 29, U.S. Dept. of State.

## Tech. Voc. Paces Trend

By LOCHIE FOWLER  
Comet Co-Editor

TEXAS CITY.....College of the Mainland's Technical-Vocational programs have experienced the dramatic growth shown throughout Texas and the nation, according to Jesus "Joe" Rubio, Associate Dean of the Division of Technical-Vocational Programs.

The apprenticeship programs registered the most impressive expansion with an increase of 400 per cent in the number of students. The program now includes 13 craft areas, such as pipefitters, machinists and electricians.

"We now have the largest apprenticeship program in the State," commented William Raley, Director of Non-Credit Vocational Programs, adding

that he expected the programs to double within a year.

"Vocational education in Texas has experienced a profound growth since 1968", commented Rubio. "It has risen from relative obscurity to be recognized as a valuable 'bridge between man and his work' through its emphasis on 'LEARNING BY DOING'. I think the community can take pride in the fact that College of the Mainland has not only kept pace with the trend, but has served as a leader in technical-vocational education."

Detailed information regarding any aspect of COM's Technical-Vocational programs may be obtained by calling 938-1211.

## STAFF AWARDS SLATED

By JEAN BURKHART  
Comet Staff

The College of the Mainland Student Association will present a Staff Appreciation Award to the staff member who best expresses the role of a staff member in regard to the Student Bill of Rights.

Nominations will be open to the student body early in March. Final selection for the award will be handled by the Citizen Advisory Board.

Ancient Egyptians deified the rat, which symbolized wise judgment since rats always chose the best bread to eat!

The basic causes of cancer are still unknown, but there are ways to safeguard yourself from cancer. Post the seven warning signals of cancer in your medicine chest, and even if you have no warning signal—get that annual checkup.

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An interested student takes advantage of the recent College Day to glean some information from Kamel El-Din, representative and Assistant Dean of the University of Texas Medical and Health Services branch in Dallas.

## Egyptian Loves America Impressed With Campus

By LOCHIE FOWLER  
Comet Staff

Those students fortunate enough to have interviewed the gentleman who represented the University of Texas Medical and Health Services at Dallas at COM's annual Spring College Day had a rare treat. Mr. Kamal El-Din, Assistant Dean at that institution, is a native of Cairo, Egypt, and a very interesting individual.

Most refreshing was El-Din's view of America. So often people from other countries find fault with our great nation, and seem to go out of their way to tell Americans how disappointed they are in this country. Not so with this particular Egyptian. He is in love with America. He touts her strong points, her beauty, her opportunities, and her future enthusiastically. "If

someone is not happy here, let him go to another country and see what it is like. He will return and have no further dissent," says El-Din.

About the recently obtained peace between Egypt and Israel, he smiles confidently. "I was there recently (Cairo), and the people are happy. They are building. Not temporary structures, but with permanence. They are looking forward to a future. Peace was in the air. One could feel it. And I understand in Israel it is the same. It is good."

After College Day hours were over, El-Din took a tour of the COM campus. He said, "It is the most beautiful of all the campuses which I have visited. The LRC is very nicely done." He added that he hopes to return to visit COM in the near future.

## Texas Eastern University offers Scholarship

By PAT FARRAR  
Comet Staff

Texas Eastern University, an upper-level university providing junior, senior and graduate work, in Tyler, Texas offers a scholarship each year for one student transferring from each accredited public or private community-junior college in Texas.

The recipient of the scholarship is selected by the community or junior college. Inquiries should be directed to the financial aids officer of the student's campus.

The TEU Scholarship pays the cost of tuition and required fees for four semesters. The approximate value of the scholarship is \$690.

Sixty semester hours of credit are required for admission to Texas Eastern. Scholarships

are good for undergraduate study only and the student must be a resident of Texas. The person selected must meet the admission requirements of TEU.

Texas Eastern opened for classes in January, 1973. Classes have been held in temporary quarters. However, five new buildings on a 200-acre permanent campus will be occupied in the summer.

Bachelor level degrees are offered in 33 disciplines with graduate degrees available in six areas. Additional information about the university may be obtained through the office of Admissions and Records, Texas Eastern, 100 East Berta, Tyler, Texas, 75701.



College Representatives Participate in COM's College Day

## College Day Offers Information

By LOCHIE FOWLER  
Comet Staff

Representatives from more than 50 major colleges converged on COM February 17 to give pertinent information about their institutions to interested students.

College Day is a planned COM event which takes place every Spring in conjunction with efforts of four other area junior colleges to enable out-going students and graduating high school seniors to learn more about the colleges of their choice.

Nearly one-half of the College Center was transformed into a giant information booth, where students could mingle and

discuss their futures with representatives. Approximately 400 area high school students took advantage of the annual Spring event, Dwight Fullingim, Assistant of Veterans' Affairs, and coordinator of College Day, said.

Signs were posted on campus well in advance of the College Day date, but only a small percentage of presently enrolled COM students stopped by the information area. Fullingim stated that the general consensus of the representatives was that it was a successful venture, but he added, "We had hoped for greater participation by COM students who intend to move on to senior institutions."

Personality  
Determines

Presidential  
Performance

GIDGET CAMPBELL  
Comet Staff

To study the correlation between personality and performance in U.S. presidents, a movement is underway to organize a study group at the College of the Mainland. The first organizational meeting will be held Monday, March 1 at 4 p.m. in room 120 in the College Center. Those unable to attend the meeting are urged to contact Larry Smith, 938-1211, ext. 296 or Dr. Alan Ginsberg, ext. 211.

Co-sponsored by the College of the Mainland Division of Continuing Education and Community Services and the Division of Social Sciences, the study will be based on ideas presented in the book, "The Presidential Character", by Dr. James Barber, of Duke University. In his book, Dr. Barber maintains that presidential performance can be anticipated if one studies a person's character, view of the world, style, and personality. Dr. Barber has studied United States presidents from Taft to Nixon, and has determined that they seem to fit into four basic categories, which can be used to predict success or failure in office. The study group plans to use Dr. Barber's premise to study the presidential candidates for 1976.

Larry Smith, Associate Dean of Continuing Education and Community Services said of the study, "We believe it will be a worthwhile learning experience for each participant. In addition, the information and insights we gain might be worth sharing with the general public."

Students in COM's Individual Studies program will be able to receive credit for participation in the program, according to Dr. Alan Ginsberg, Chairman of the Division of Social Sciences. In addition, the college is in the process of deciding whether credit may be earned by other students.

# Historical Sites of Interest

By LOCHIE FOWLER  
Comet Staff

Good weather, a bicentennial year and history at our doorstep can all work together to make any weekend this Spring and summer a time to remember. Within an hour's drive of Houston are two places of interest to the history buff, and for those who are not interested in history, the scenery is worthwhile.

Take a drive to Bay City, where the plantation home of the first Texas-born governor (Varner Hogg) lived. There one can tour the spacious and tastefully-done old house where once slaves worked and lived. After the guided tour which takes one through the kitchens and main rooms of the house, one can bask on the bank of the lazy creek which ripples though the grounds. For the hungry set, there are picnic grounds nearby. The entire trip is pleasant, interesting, and best of all, inexpensive.

Take a camera along, and enjoy the view. For those who like to see good antiques, the plantation home of Varner Hogg is tailor-made. And, for the outdoors type, the scenery is almost guaranteed to please. Just go to Alvin, and follow Highway 35 to Bay City. Be alert to signs directing the traveler to the plantation.

On the way back toward Angleton, watch for a roadside park to the right, shortly after passing the Bar-X ranch. There is a historical marker at the park which tells of the ghost of Bailey's Prairie, and also serves as the tombstone of a most interesting grave. Bailey is said to roam the prairie quite often.

Moving on in the direction of Angleton, look to the left, and not far from Bailey's grave, there appears to be the foundation of a long-lost house surrounded by giant oak trees. Get a camera out again, and wheel in for a few minutes, for

inside the green 'cyclone' fence, and within those concrete borders lies a cemetery.

The Peach Point Cemetery is a private burial ground which is used exclusively by the Munson family, and markers date back to the Civil War. Even if one isn't interested in old cemeteries, the ancient oak trees and the historical marker located on this spot are worth a stop.

A ghost (Bailey?) is said to frequent the cemetery, at about six p.m. each evening. Whether it does or not, it is good local color and history.

Take a trip to a historical place nearby this weekend. Look around, and enjoy a Spring day with a day in the Past. You might even like it.

## Bazaar Space

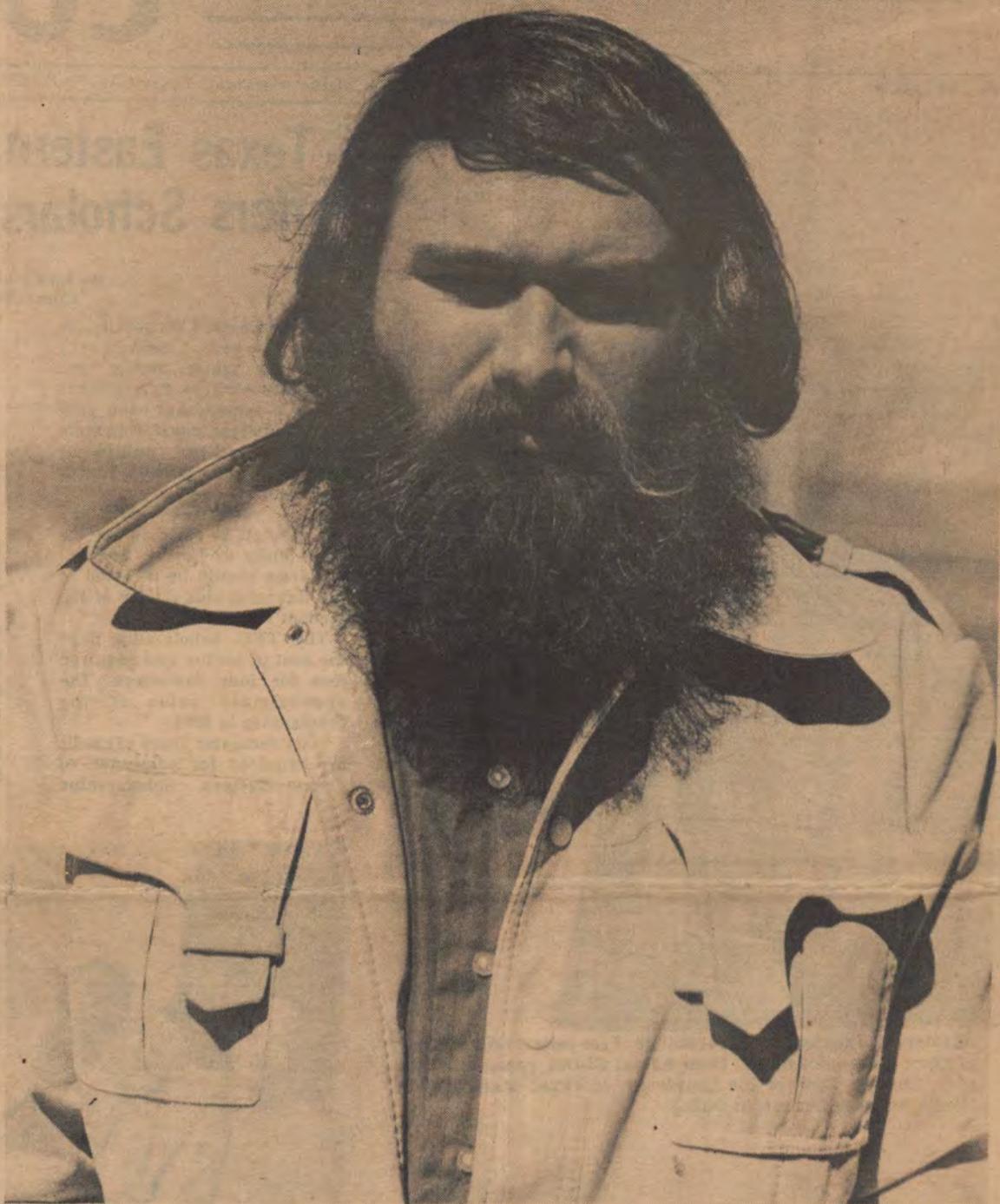
### Open

**TEXAS CITY**—Reservations for table or booth space in the Western Week Bazaar & Flea Market are now being accepted, according to Lynette Martin who is coordinating the popular event.

The bazaar will be held on opening day of the Third Annual Texas City Western Week Celebration April 17.

Space will be available at no charge to civic and other non-profit organizations. A \$5 fee for other individuals will be charged, according to Martin.

Further information, including the location of the event, will be announced at a later date.



Sam Hill and Friend

## DOUBLE CROSS-UP

No. 7  
By Lora W. Asdorian

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

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

### CLUES

- A. Town in England where people get tennis elbow; mind your backhand! ..... 12 38 44 152 66 73 199 188 173
- B. A sage Ms. gives rubdown ..... 16 42 164 78 94 175 189
- C. Maharajah's better half ..... 189 45 57 74 105 151 10 40
- D. Highway that's rough in the middle ..... 39 55 28 192 3 116 118 178 181 20
- E. I shut a gap ..... 68 71 107 120 128 145
- F. Manage expense of supplies the staff ordered ..... 47 129 146 90 113 4
- G. Misers with inexpensive hockey shoes (2 wds.) ..... 36 125 35 185 161 23 9 59 103 131 127
- H. Premier after Sputnik ..... 96 156 150 24 31 191 41 176 179 180
- I. These rains enhance the quality of soft soil ..... 190 162 132 177 19 114 6 76 110 34
- J. True ion is very ordinary ..... 37 33 48 61 136 134 56
- K. Attacks us last, as might be expected ..... 142 163 182 167 112 153 31 75
- L. Dandy song for colonial soldiers (2 wds.) ..... 160 183 63 92 157 27 48 7 21 169 43 172

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- M. My hon's a lulu! She's got me in a state! ..... 32 43 193 189 29 65
- N. Place tuition in small case ..... 104 170 146 49
- O. Buggy, sandy essence of a matter (hyp. wd.) ..... 30 77 155 177 186 135 181 174 54 67 T
- P. Ruffians row, die subsequently ..... 108 52 75 85 133 154 166
- Q. Cowardly tree ..... 86 50 140 89 77 106 184 2 74 111
- R. Just between us, it's French (2 wds.) ..... 123 44 146 82 126 168 87 17 187
- S. Slide step to the plank and play this game ..... 143 171 27 130 26 46 81 83 81 138 60 158
- T. Doesn't matter that it doesn't shine ..... 122 159 8 64 178
- U. Extemporaneous speech given free of charge (3 wds.) ..... 5 95 162 139 13 58 85 67 53 127
- V. Sounds my nose is making ..... 115 79 99 137 165 72
- W. Discovery of note cited ..... 70 141 124 69 18 100 121 87 98



A Golden Rain tree has been added to the College of the Mainland landscape thanks to the American Business Women's Association, Hub of the Mainland chapter, which contributed the tree as a Bicentennial project. Shown at the dedication ceremony are, left to right: Dr. Fred A. Taylor, COM President; Mrs. Dorothy Carthcart, Mrs. Peggy Silvertooth, Mrs. Virginia Jackson, COM staff members and Alex Pratt, history instructor.



Staff Photo by Pat Farrar



Staff Photo by Pat Farrar

## Learning Resources Schedule

Monday & Tuesday	8:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Wednesday & Thursday	8:00 a.m. - 10:30 p.m.
Friday	8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

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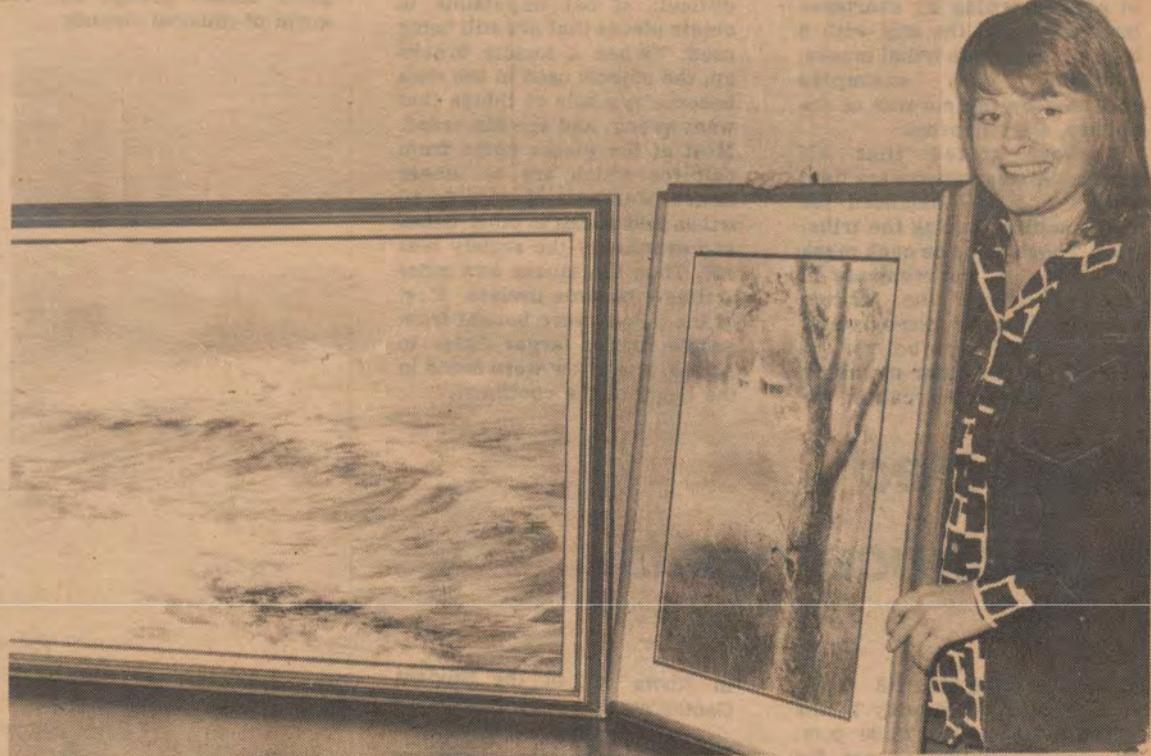
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Mrs. Rebecca Tubbs, a second year student at COM, is shown displaying two of her paintings above. Mrs. Tubbs recently won third place in Clear Creek Art League's Annual Graphics Exhibit with her nautical watercolor. Mrs. Tubbs recently displayed an exhibit of her watercolors in the COM Administration Building.

## Entertainment



Carl Provost gives an introductory lecture to the Humanities 231 class before a tour of his art gallery in Houston.

## Class Tours African Museum

**GIDGET CAMPBELL**  
Comet Staff

The Humanities 231 class began a series of field trips last week with tours of the Carl Provost Gallery. The class left in early morning by chartered bus and began the trip with a lecture on African tribal masks, complete with examples collected by the curator of the gallery, Carl Provost.

Provost stated that all genuine African masks are light weight and well-balanced for easy handling during the tribal rites. The designs on each mask were used to communicate in societies where the written word is virtually non-existent. Each detail symbolized a message to the other members of the tribe which cannot be

read by non-members. The masks are also used as a form of social comment and control.

When asked how he came to own such a collection of art, Provost said that it is very difficult, if not impossible to obtain pieces that are still being used. "When a society breaks up, the objects used in the rites become symbols of things that went wrong, and are discarded. Most of the pieces come from cultures which are no longer intact. Members of very small tribes find mates in other tribes and eventually the society dies out. Then the masks and other artifacts become useless. Most of the pieces were bought from people in the larger cities in Africa, and a few were found in the heart of the continent."

## Assorted Announcements

By PAT FARRAR  
Co-Managing Editor

PHI THETA KAPPA meets every other Wednesday in the Student Center at 12:30 p.m. The next meeting is set for March 10.

BROWN BAG LECTURES are set for March 8, 15, 22, and 29 at 12 noon in Room 120 of the Student Center.

THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT meets every Wednesday

in Room 221 of the Student Center at 1:00 p.m.

THE STUDENT CENTER will be the showplace for a Handicrafts Show from March 1-12. The show is sponsored by the Student Life Department.

PRESIDENT PERSONALITY DISCUSSIONS will be held each Monday at 4 p.m. in the Student Center in Room 120.

## American Theatre Exhibition Displayed in LRC

**CINDY ROOK**  
Comet Staff

A bicentennial exhibition entitled "Theatre in America" is to be on display in the LRC through the months of March and April. This display is one of the twelve traveling exhibitions in a series that is being made possible by a grant from the Moody Foundation of Galveston to the Humanities Research Center of the University of Texas at Austin.

The exhibition was created from books, manuscripts and art work from extensive collections of the Humanities Research Center. The exhibition will tour Texas in observance of the Bicentennial. The display shows the many different influences which have helped to develop American theatre. The exhibit pays special tribute to European heritage and the energetic American thespians of the 19th century and the style of opera in the early 1900's. American authors who formed the distinctive American style of the legitimate stage in the early half of this century are featured. Costume and stage designs by Claud Lovat Fraser, Edward Gordon Craig, and Leon Bakst bring color to the panels as well as the nostalgic glimpses of the silent stars, the silver screen greats, and the world of musical comedy.

Dr. Robert P. Green and his wife congratulate Artist-in residence, Susan Smeltzer at the reception following her piano concert in the Arena Theatre on George Washington's birthday.



## Lowell Collins Hosts

### Humanities Class

**GIDGET CAMPBELL**  
Comet Staff

After resting in a small Hungarian restaurant, Anne Sherrill's Humanities class paid a visit to Lowell Collins Art Gallery. The trip was the second in a series of field trips undertaken by the class, and followed an early morning visit to another gallery.

Lowell Collins, an instructor at College of the Mainland, specializes in pre-Columbian art. The term deals with antiquity, and includes art of all cultures, not simply those of South America.

The class first examined some Japanese statues from the Tong Dynesty (600 AD.) and some Japanese paintings. Collins then gave an informal discussion on some of the pieces that are usually considered "pre-Columbian" art.

Most of the pre-Columbian artifacts that are still intact were those that were buried with the dead of the cultures,

according to Collins. "The people of pre-Columbian societies often buried effigies of the deceased and precious stones with the dead," he said.

When asked how to wisely purchase pre-Columbian artifacts, Collins said, "I have four rules I never break when buying pieces."

"Don't buy at night. I also never buy anything quickly. Don't ever let anyone pressure you into buying immediately."

"Also, never buy a filthy piece. A lot of times, someone will put the top half of a piece with the bottom of another, and dirty it up. After you clean it up, you find that you have spent a fortune on a worthless piece of junk."

"Lastly, and most importantly, is to know who you buy from. A reputable dealer is the best bet always. Everytime I broke one of these rules, I got a raw deal."



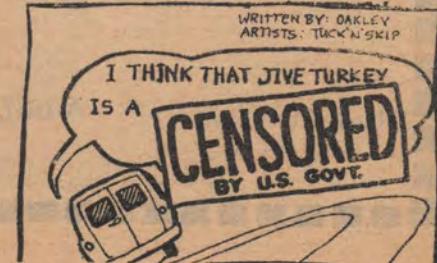
## Community Theatre Solicits Scripts

By GIDGET CAMPBELL  
Comet Staff

The College of the Mainland Community Theatre is accepting play scripts for the 1976-77 season. The Theatre is also soliciting applications for persons interested in directing productions in the up-coming season. Persons wishing to direct plays are asked to submit resumes of their theatrical backgrounds to Jack Westin,

Theatre Coordinator.

Proposed plays are to be submitted by April 1st. Deadline for those wishing to direct plays is also April 1st, and resumes should be sent to Jack Westin, College of the Mainland, 8001 Palmer Highway, Texas City, Texas 77590. Additional information may be obtained by calling Jack Westin at 938-1211, ext 221.



Mainland Comet  
Editorial Page

## Voter's Apathy Increased

By CAROL SMITH  
News Editor

Well, as most of you know by now, 1976 is an election year. And whether you know it or not eighteen-year-olds were granted the right to vote, as well as, drink, stay out late, be your own man, and etc. Most of the eighteen-year-olds that I have talked to haven't seemed the least bit interested in "the right to vote".

As politics effect everyone in every aspect of life I should think that they—the eighteen-year-olds, as well as, all other American citizens—would be a bit more serious about who will be running our country.

It is said that ignorance on the part of the constituency is what causes a low turn out at the polls. Now, while it is still early in the game, is the time to get to know the candidates, study their background, choose the one you think can best run our country, then above all get out there and vote for him.

One way a person can study the candidates is by attending discussion sessions starting March 1st. These sessions will be lead by Dr. Alan Ginsberg and Larry Smith. You have no doubt seen the black posters with beautiful gold lettering which states "President Tick" around campus, well that's what it's all about folks. Plus, you may even get extra credit for participating in these discussions. If you don't have time to attend these discussions Time Magazine covers the candidates and what they are up to, as well as, many other good news magazines. If you don't have time for reading, of course, there's always the tube. This past week they covered the first of the Presidential Primaries. The New Hampshire primaries with Ford winning 51 per cent over Reagan's 49 per cent in the Republican party and Jimmy Carter leading with 33 per cent over Morris Udall's 24 per cent in the Democratic party. Next week the Massachusetts primary will be in running, then the following week the Florida primaries which should send the election year off to an exciting start.

Studying the candidates, finding the one you think is the best to run our country, voting for him (or her), then waiting on the returns is a most exciting and rewarding part of belonging to America. You have the right, use it this election year!

Dear Editors:

I would like to bring to your attention, as well as the attention of the administration, that those nice new signs pose a very dangerous problem. I am speaking of the signs which are located on FM 1764 and the street that runs in front of the school. The sign on 1764 presents no problems but the other sign blocks the view of drivers who are leaving the campus on the street which runs to the drivers left of the sign. The sign also obstructs the view of drivers who are heading for FM 1764.

I realize that this sign may have been of great expense to the school, but I'm afraid it may cost them some lives if something is not done to alleviate the danger that is present at this site.

Alice Gutenberg

**Editor's Note:** We would welcome any comments from other students as to whether or not they feel the signs present any danger. We haven't noticed difficulty in traffic flow or visibility.

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Damon L. Engle, Plant Manager at Union Carbide, (Center) presents Dr. Fred Taylor with a \$1000 donation. Jack Linsey, Shift Coordinator, (left) looks on.

Beard Contest  
Late Entries  
Accepted

TEXAS CITY—The existing beard division of the Western Week Beard Contest has been cancelled. Late entries in the scratch division, however, will be accepted at Nessler Center until Friday at 5 p.m.

Attention  
Students!  
Make Your  
Voice Heard.  
Come To The  
Town  
Meeting  
On  
Tuesday,  
March 23  
12:20 P.M.  
College  
Center

## Scholarship Contribution Presented To COM

By Gidget Campbell  
Comet Staff

The College of the Mainland endowment fund received a shot in the arm this week in the form of the presentation of a check from Union Carbide. Damon L. Engle, Plant Manager, and Jack Linsey, Shift Coordinator, visited Dr. Fred Taylor, President of the college, and presented College of the Mainland with a donation of \$1000. This sum is in addition to Union Carbide's annual Scholarship contribution.

The endowment fund is open to industrial, business, civic, and fraternal organizations, as well as individual contributors. The interest earned from the fund are used to support progressive new programs and special projects ordinarily beyond the scope of COM's budget. Organizations and private parties donating may have their names engraved on a plaque in the Administration Building.

Anyone interested in contributing to the endowment fund or those requiring further information regarding the fund and its goals are urged to contact Dr. Fred Taylor. Write Dr. Taylor at College of the Mainland, 8001 Palmer Highway, Texas City, Texas 77590 or call at 938-1211, Ext. 271.



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# Sports

## Comets Play Stephen F. Austin

JERRY GUYTON  
Comet Staff

It was a hearty group of individuals who braved a cold north wind, when the Comets took on the Stephen F. Austin Jacks. The Comets lost the first game 13-10 after leading 10-7 through five innings.

Radic Perry started on the mound for the Comets and pitched a solid game before getting a bit wild and was replaced by Mike Stewart in the sixth inning, with the bases loaded and one out. The sixth inning proved to be the deciding inning with the "Jacks" collecting six runs to make the score 13-10 which they held on to, to win.

In the second game Mike Stewart started at pitcher but was pulled in the first inning and replaced by Doug McKee. SFA jumped out to an early lead 4 to 3 in the first inning and tallied one run in the second inning to round out their scoring.

In the fourth inning Magruder hit a triple to right center field and scored few minutes later on a base hit by Mike Stewart. Batting fourth, Doug McKee hit safe and came in to score on a base hit by Simpson. The two squads played scoreless ball in the fifth inning and the game was called because of darkness with the score 5 to 5.

**Lineups and Box Score**  
**FIRST GAME**  
1 PERRY, Pitcher  
19 MCKEE, Catcher  
5 SIMPSON, 1st  
3 LOCKHART, SS  
9 DAVIDSON, 2nd  
2 MAGRUDER, 3rd  
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**SECOND GAME**  
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5 SIMPSON, 1st  
3 LOCKHART, SS  
9 DAVIDSON, 2nd  
2 MAGRUDER, 3rd  
19 MCKEE, Pitcher  
16 MEYERS, CF  
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### FRANKLY SPEAKING

by Phil Frank



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## Gymnastic Club Raises Funds

BRIAN SMITH

College of the Mainland's Gymnastic Club is presently raising funds to attend the '76 Summer Olympics in Montreal.

Marion King, instructor of the gymnastics class, said that the club plans to open the concession stand at baseball games and presently opens the concession stand in the COM gym on week nights. The club is also making preparations to sponsor a fund-raising dance.

After attending the Olympic gymnastic competition in July, the club will journey through Washington D.C. and New York, added Ms. King. They hope to visit the United Nations building and the Smithsonian Institute.

Molly Pitcher took the place of her wounded husband on a cannon crew during the battle of Monmouth in 1778.



COM's Baseball team, the Comets, prepare for the upcoming season. The team is under the direction of Joe Baroso.

### Heads Up For Bat Girls

The Comet baseball team introduced another "first" in the Athletic Program by selecting Julie Dues and Dollie Cain as team bat girls.

"The girls help the guys perform better. Instead of getting a down attitude after a bad play a player will become more optimistic with the bat girls in the dugout. They are similar to a cheerleader in a football game and they encourage spirit in a game," said Doug McGruder, one of the team captains. Another team member, Mike Stewart, stated, "I like the idea cause they're nice looking and they help to enjoy the game and ease tensions. They also make me more courteous and thoughtful during the game."

Sportstalk

## Track Club Formed

JERRY GUYTON  
Comet Staff

There is a new club on the sports scene at the College of the Mainland in the form of the "College of the Mainland Track and Field Club."

The club is operating as an independent club, as it is not financially supported by the COM. It is however open to any COM student who wishes to participate in track and field.

The team so far is made up of David Kautz "captain" Clem Prevost, Don Johnson, Grayling Walker, Ken Walton, Don Woodard, and John Irving.

"The guys have organized the club on their own and are working hard" commented Dan Travaille advisor for the club.

Anyone interested in joining the track club can contact either Dan Travaille or David Kautz. The team works out at 4:30 each day on the COM track.

Other activities on campus include intramural volleyball and basketball which are presently being played nightly from 7:30 to 9:30 in the COM gym. The tournaments are about finished but there are still the championship games left to be played.

Intramural sports starting in the next few weeks will include tennis and raquetball. These games are open to the community and anyone interested in entering are asked to contact coach Bill Montague at the COM gym.



Support  
Comets  
Win Conference  
Go Team!

# **COM Students Compete in ACUI**

**BRIAN SMITH**  
Twelve COM students  
recently matched skills in the  
Annual ACUI Games Tour-  
nament at Texas A&M  
University.

Moses Brown, Richard Watts, Ed Tucker, Henry Westmorland, and Cosme Tijerina composed the COM Mens Bowling team while Eileen Tepera, Debra Eaton, Diane Guyton and Darlene LaBry made up the Womens Bowling team. Mary McCowen, Noe Sanchez, and Richard Tow composed COM's Billiard team.

These contestants, who were selected winners from campus tournaments, competed against 47 other schools including contestants from Jr. and Sr. colleges in Arkansas and Louisiana.

Mary McCowen took top honors for COM, capturing second place in Women's Pocket Billiards. McCowen played five matches of straight pool losing only to University of Texas' Lucy Sauer. This was Sauer's third consecutive regional win.

The ACUI or the Association of College Union International Games also includes chess, table tennis, air-hockey, and pinball.



Mary McCown Took Second at the ACUI Game at Texas A&M

# Tow Captures Pool Tourney

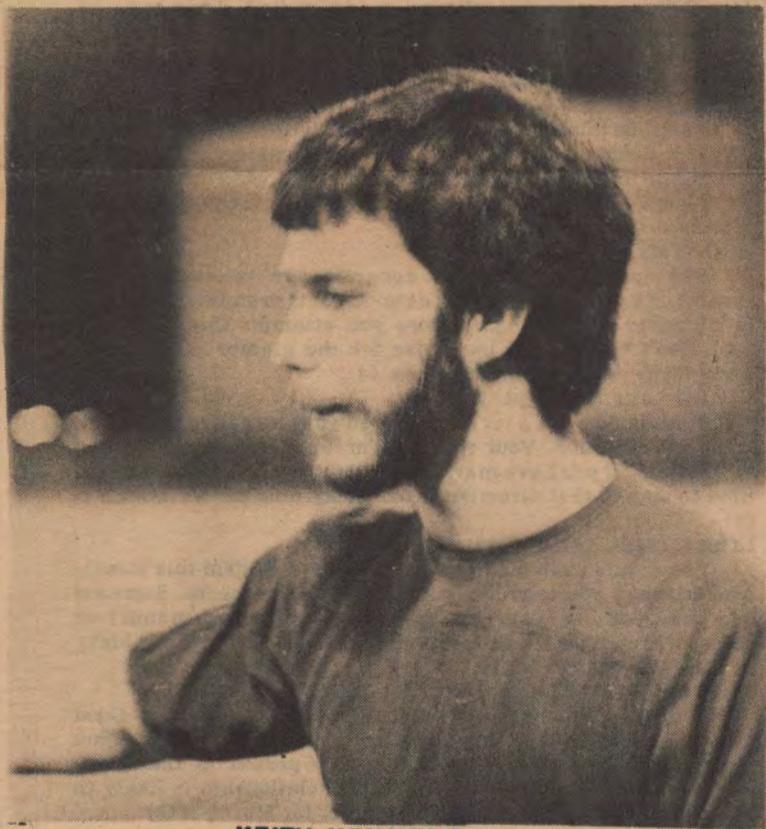
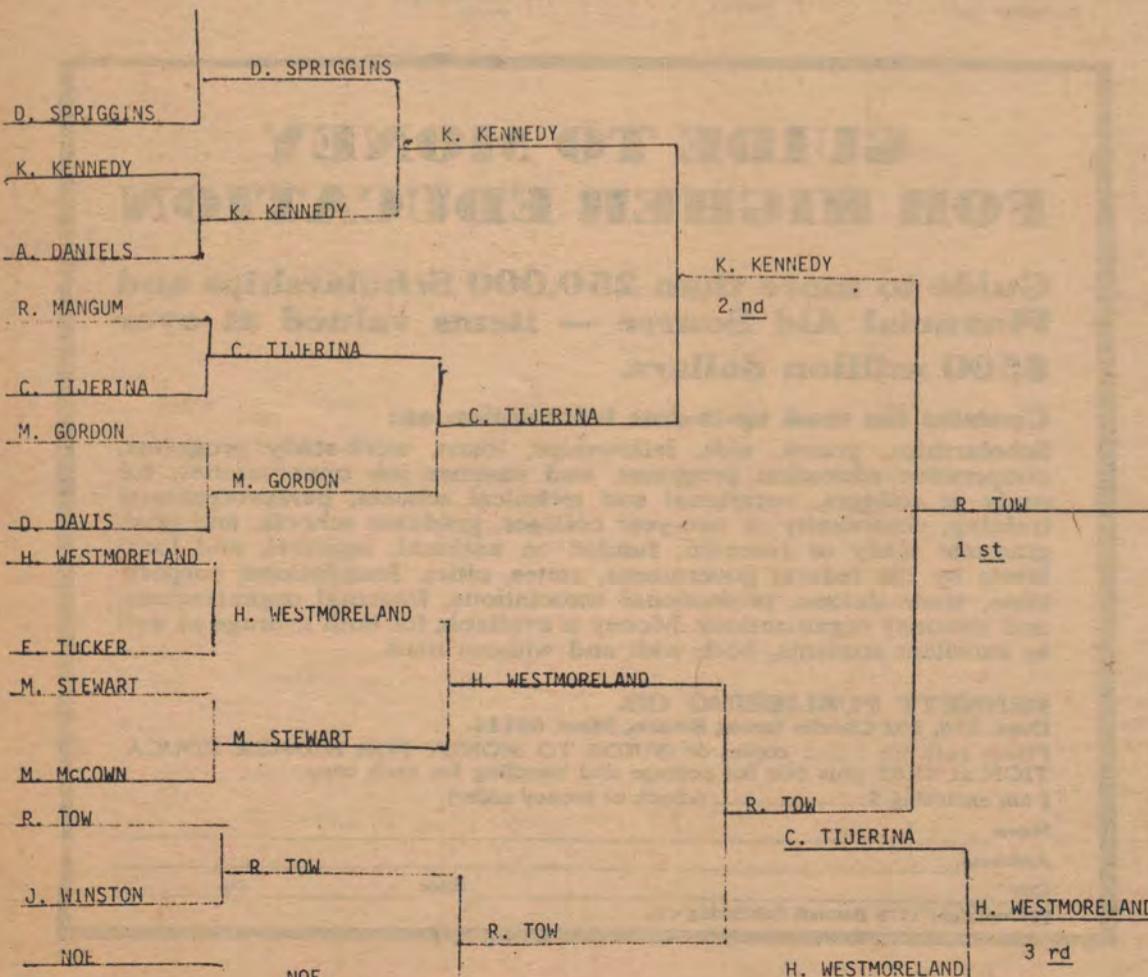
**JERRY GUYTON**  
**Comet Staff**

In the midst of clacking cue balls, strategically placed shots, sweaty brows and a cloud of chalk dust, the COM pool tournament got under way.

R. Tow, the two finalist were chosen by single game elimination.

of chalk dust, the COM pool tournament got under way. Out of a field of fourteen entrants, the contest was narrowed down to four players going into the semi-finals. From the group of semi-finalist, composed of K. Kennedy, C. Tijerina, H. Westmoreland and

The championship game between K. Kennedy, and R. Tow was a classic game of skill and strategy, with R. Tow coming out victorious. Third place was won by H. Westmoreland by defeating C. Tijerina.



**KEITH KENNEDY**

Staff Photo by Pat Farrar

# **Students play Softball Game**

By PAT FARRAR

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**Co-Managing Editor**

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COM students invaded Goddard Park last February 25 under the guise of gathering for an impromtu softball game. Keith Kennedy and Al Gonzales, well-known COM athletic buffs, organized the game in the interest of rousing students from their usual apathy. Students showed great enthusiasm and a crowd of twenty or more met at the Texas City Ball park.

The male members of each team showed typical chauvinism by having the outfielders move forward to

first, second and third every time a female team member got up to bat. In most cases, their action was justified as many of the women's hits were within the diamond. The exception to the rule was Carol Boggs who demonstrated her ability to match the men's best.

match the men's best 11-12. After leading the game for five innings, the team headed by Al Gonzales lost to a score of 11 to 12. The deciding home run was hit by Don . The umpire was slightly under the influence of LSD (LONE STAR DRAFT) thus the final score can be viewed with trepidation.

# How's Your Love Life?

By CAROL SMITH  
News Editor

This month spotlights Pisces' love life. Emotionally you are romantic, imaginative, impressionable, sensitive, and loyal. Loyalty is a fetish with you, and your affections once given are never withdrawn. You are very needful of affection, sympathy, love, and understanding and will be the devoted servant to anyone who gives them to you.

## ARIES (March 21—April 20)

Your love life can be at its best one day and at its worst the next leaving you a little confused this month. You could be starting a whole new relationship this month. Try to be a little less domineering and have a little more tenderness in romantic relationships. Your lucky number for March is (3).

## TAURUS (April 21—May 21)

Romantically speaking, you should have an active month Taurus. You should attend various social activities which bring you in contact with many new romantic prospects. This could be your month for meeting someone of a long lasting relationship. Your lucky Number for March is (8).

## GEMINI (May 22—June 21)

Social popularity should be on the rise this month, with plenty of opportunities for romance. Those who are working, or in academic environment may suddenly find a romantic attraction in the midst of the working day. Your lucky number for March is (5).

## CANCER (June 22—July 23)

You may be at a period this month where you will be doing some serious thinking about your love relationship. You may be trying to decide whether to resolve a now existing relationship, or become involved with someone from the past. This should all work itself out by the end of the month. Your lucky number for March is (9).

## LEO (July 24—Aug. 23)

You could be meeting a dynamic new relationship this month; or setting the wedding date. Aspects promises happiness in whatever romantic adventure you attempt. However, stay cool, don't become too impulsive for the glamor of romance. Your lucky number for March is (4).

## VIRGO (Aug. 24—Sept. 23)

You should have a turning point in your love life this month, in a good direction. Your romantic dreams should be reaching fulfillment. If you have marriage on your mind this could be the time to step in that direction. Your lucky number for March is (7).

## LIBRA (Sept. 24—Oct. 23)

You should have plenty of romantic magnetism this month, which brings you together with romantic prospects. Someone new may pop into your life in a very unexpected manner or environment. You should be having a super month. Your lucky number for March is (1).

## SCORPIO (Oct. 24—Nov. 22)

Your love life has been a little uncertain recently. Good aspects should change this direction somewhat, and bring you the opportunity to meet a dynamic new person. If there is a relationship already in existence, this relationship is likely to become more serene. Your lucky number for March is (3).

## SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23—Dec. 21)

This should be a pleasantly active month on the social front, which could lead to romantic prospects. You may find yourself at odds with your love partner over a matter that's been grossly exaggerated, however, this can be worked out through discussion. Your lucky number for March is (1).

## CAPRICORN (Dec. 22—Jan. 20)

You should find happiness in romance this month. The aspects that follow should put you in the mood for permanence and security in a relationship. There should also be stability in your love partnership, however, be diplomatic with the other person. Your lucky number for March is (8).

## AQUARIUS (Jan. 21—Feb. 19)

This is a romantically magnetic month for you Aquarius. You should have no problem attracting many admirers. Aspects are also good for an already started relationship, or bringing a former relationship back into the picture. Your lucky number for March is (2).

## PISCES (Feb. 20—Mar. 20)

Your love life should be at an all time high this month Pisces. Favorable aspects point to meeting exciting new people, becoming engaged, or getting married. There should be no reason why you can't attain your romantic objectives. Your lucky number for March is (9).



Shown during a set design conference for COM's upcoming production "... A Time To Die" are, left to right: Edmond Stephenson, designer of the costumes and play logo; Jack Westin, playwright and director of the drama about the Alamo; Don Thornton, designer of the stage set; Paul Shuttleworth, English instructor and poet, who will contribute original poetry and Larry Stanley (seated), composer of the musical score and background sound effects.

## Crossword Puzzle Solution

AUTHOR: Wm. M. Thackeray  
TITLE: (The History of) Henry Esmond  
QUOTATION:

You do not know how much you suffer in those critical maladies of the heart until the disease is over and you look back on it afterwards. During the time, the suffering is at least sufferable. The day passes ..... and the night wears away somehow.

A. Wimbledon  
B. Massage  
C. Maharani  
D. Throughway  
E. Hiatus  
F. Afford  
G. Cheap skates  
H. Khrushchev

I. Earthiness  
J. Routine  
K. Assaults  
L. Yankee Doodle

M. Hawaii  
N. Etui  
O. Nitty-gritty  
P. Rowdies

Q. Yellowwood  
R. Entre nous  
S. Shuffleboard  
T. Matte

U. Off the cuff  
V. Noises  
W. Detection

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Everett accepts \$100 check for  
Science Incorporated's new logo  
Staff Photo by Kevin Kemp

## Everett Designs winner

BY CAROL SMITH  
News Editor

Charles T. Everett, a biology teacher at Texas City High School and a student at College of the Mainland recently won \$100.00 in a logo contest held by Dr. John Hubisz of COM. The logo was to depict the various aspects of science for Science Inc.

When asked how he felt about winning he said, "I am

delighted." Charles says his hobbies pertain mostly to becoming self-sufficient, which includes raising his own vegetables, meat, and poultry. "The closest I've come to art is some pottery classes I have taken at COM," he said.

This is Charles' first credit semester at COM where he is taking astronomy to add to his career as a biology teacher.

## Instructors Wanted

BY GIDGET CAMPBELL  
Comet Staff

Due to expanding programs, the Division of Health, Physical Education, and Recreation at College of the Mainland is currently seeking persons interested in serving part time as instructors for Physical education and Recreational courses. Further information and applications may be obtained by contacting Dan Travaille, College of the Mainland, 8001 Palmer Highway, Texas City, Texas 77590. Information may also be obtained by calling 938-1211, ext. 418.

No specific educational backgrounds are required for most courses, and the primary qualifications are that a person be skilled in the sport or activity and preferably have some previous experience in teaching that activity.

Scheduling of the classes is flexible, and most meet once or twice a week for six or eight weeks.

Some of the activities presently being taught include men's and women's fitness, all levels of swimming, ballroom dance, yoga, ballet, racquetball, canoeing, belly dancing, tennis, and judo.

Travaille said, "There are also some new areas such as sailing, scuba diving, and camping that we'd like to explore, providing we can find

qualified instructors. We're open to ideas from the community. If there is an interest, we'll do what we can to accommodate it."

## Undergraduate assistantships offered

BY GIDGET CAMPBELL  
Comet Staff

Dan Doyle, Director of Financial Aids announced that College of the Mainland will offer Undergraduate Assistantships for qualified full-time students. Deadline for application is April 15, and candidates will be interviewed during May, with selections to be made in June. Interested persons are urged to call Dan Doyle, Financial Aids Office, Administration Building College of the Mainland at 938-1211, ext. 275.

Students who qualify will receive around \$1000 for 15 hours assisting instructors and councilors from August 16 to May 20, 1977. There are currently openings in fields of business occupations, mathematics, art, library services, biology, audio-visual services, chemistry and physics.

## Sorority expands

BY CAROL SMITH  
News Editor

Phi Theta Kappa will be having their spring initiation ceremony at 7:00 p.m. April 6 in the L R C Auditorium. Dr. Fred Taylor, president of COM and Dr. John Hubisz, Sponsor of Phi Theta Kappa will be present along with the officers which include Martha Boswell-president, Dan Clark-V-president, Shelly Freeman secretary, Eileen Tepera treasurer and Abner Freer historian reporter.

Those who are to be initiated at this date are as follows: Jack E. Theall, Jr., Michael P. Richardson, J.W. Moseley, Beverly Pruitt, Patti Wulf, Monette Turner, Elena Ann Fuente, Sandra Louise McGaskill, Billie Ruth Hathorn, Weberlin, I. Donald, Nicole Magee, George R. Raven, Mattie M. Kenney, Shelley Freeman, Mary Jane Johnson, David, W. Mongan, Arlis St. Ama, Nolton Paul Sensat, Radie Floyd Perry, Jr., David Kautz, Jeff Kaiser, Steve Adams, Walter Kittel, Sandra Hengst, Burnella Witherpoon, Mary Selzer, Brenda Joyce Anderson, Carol Smith, Lochie Fowler.

Refreshments will be served after the ceremony. All faculty and staff are cordially invited to attend.

## New rules for veterans educational benefits

By JERRY GUYTON  
Comet Staff

The office of Veterans' Affairs are in the process of informing veterans, who are taking advantage of their educational benefits, about the changes in the procedures to govern the reporting of veteran enrollments.

Some of the new rules that could affect the status of your certification for veterans benefits are: You must pass at least one half of all hours attempted, and the semester in which you are enrolled would constitute your probationary period. There will be only one probationary period instead of two as in the past. You will have to be able to show satisfactory educational progress and transcripts will be checked for changes in a program of study.

Electives will be more closely supervised to insure conformity to the general major program of study.

The following is from the Office of Veterans' Affairs procedure to govern the reporting of veteran enrollments:

The following items form the rationale upon which this Policy to Govern the Reporting of Veteran Enrollments is based:

1. Veterans' Administration Regulations mandate the reporting of the last date of attendance for a veteran who withdraws from a course or is interrupted in his pursuit of a course by his instructor or the institution.

2. Students who are not or have not been present for classes cannot be compelled to

appear and furnish last date of attendance information.

3. Instructors may not have accurate attendance records due to personal teaching style, use of individualized teaching methods, or other reasons.

4. Veterans' Administration Regulations prohibit the awarding of educational assistance benefits for a course or courses for which credit has been granted.

The following Procedure to Govern the Reporting of Veteran Enrollments is established:

1. Withdrawals or interruptions completed through the 12th class day, the reduction will be made effective as of the 1st day of classes, unless another class is substituted during that period, or unless the

student certifies otherwise in writing.

2. Withdrawals or interruptions completed after the 12th class day through the date of mid-term, the reduction will be made effective as of the 12th class day if reported on 12th day rolls, or as of the first day of classes if not reported on 12th class day rolls, or unless student certifies otherwise in writing.

3. Withdrawals or interruptions completed after the date of mid-term, the reduction will be made effective as of the date of the transaction if student's mid-term report shows performance according to schedule for the course, or as of the date of mid-term if student is behind schedule for the course on the mid-term report, or unless student certifies otherwise in writing.

### Farm Population

Over 40 per cent of the U.S. population is employed but only 3 per cent now work on farms. The Conference Board observes. Back in the early 1800s only 30 per cent of the population was employed — but 75 per cent of those tilled the land.

# Enforcement of parking regulations discussed

BY JEAN BURKHART

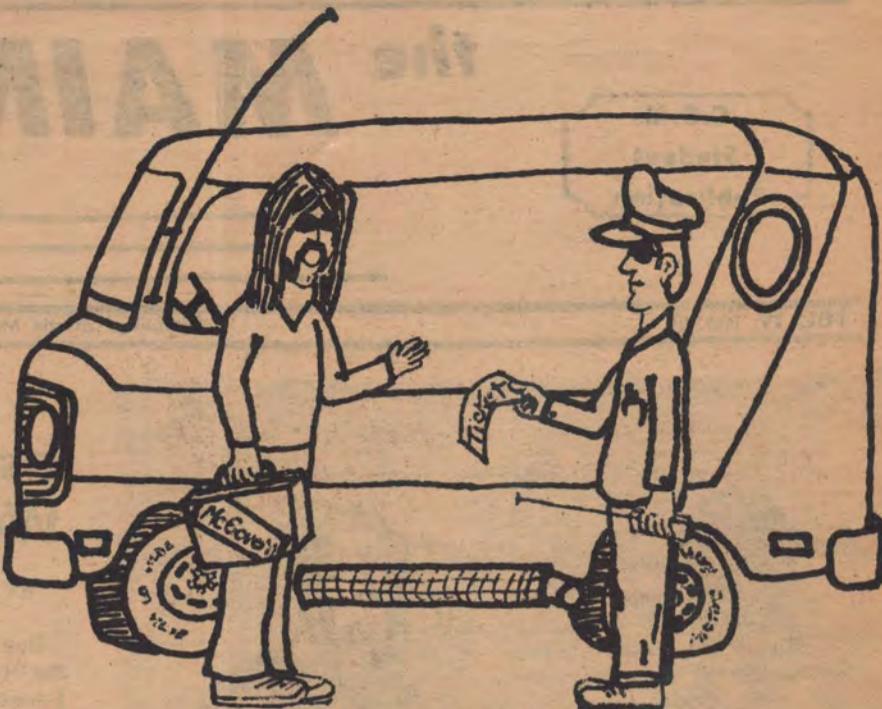
Comet Staff

At the Town Meeting of March 23, students received a chance to voice their opinions about the enforcement of the parking regulations on campus to President Fred Taylor himself. Students were concerned most about the lack of lines in some of the parking lots. Ed Brown, Dean of Administration assured the group that lines will be placed on the parking lots.

One student asked how could one be placed on the agenda of the Board Meetings which meet once a month. Dr. Taylor

replied that anyone may be placed on the agenda if they write a letter stating the nature of their business to the board at least a week before the meeting. This allows time to make up the Agenda and make sure that each member receives a copy well before the meeting.

Robert Pryor, President of the Student Association, announced that there will be another town meeting late in April. Town Meetings give students the opportunity to ask questions or make suggestions about COM.



But I am a "Faculty" member

CLUES

WORDS

A. Make quick work of little consideration (2 wds.) .....	171 9 6 24 81 94 144 90 107 186 179
B. Canine conversation .....	19 23 38 48 113 116
C. Thus her intention to inaugurate the New Year (2 wds.) .....	104 129 149 154 165 155 56
D. Decorated tree at midterm .....	178 84 33 88 125 111 115
E. Wash halter in soapy foam .....	176 194 110 32 67 118
F. Eva vies for elusive answers .....	124 172 20 16 29 2 71
G. Recalled club's member hiding in the reed .....	4 59 108 128 153 66 73 131 80 57
H. Those who <del>lunch</del> chly don't eat pig's feet! (4 wds.) .....	180 175 132 140 1 4 177 976
I. Rub out Jeff, ace racketeer .....	134 18 53 55 160 169
K. Fervor after a color that's more than red-hot (2 wds.) .....	31 36 39 60 87 158 166 192 82
L. Sarge gives assertive commands .....	75 148 98 127 164 11 15 26 44 168

M. The lad behind the yoke is my partner .....	175 183 51 83 54 91 195 180 187 157
N. Person who's O.K. in a wan Ryukyu Island .....	69 119 135 97 10 22 109 102
O. Tell a lie about a fake head covering .....	65 14 105 103 185 189 17 49 77
P. One nation mum about gun powder .....	43 30 100 130 156 159 162 152 78 27
Q. Casanova with a lot o' hair .....	196 47 95 163 12 188 62 138
R. The clock Edward sees behind bolted door .....	92 64 74 25 1 63
S. True drafts thwarted architect .....	68 50 147 141 137 61 99 193 3 21
T. "Come! us have some !"	41 181 85 170 96 70 22 72
U. The ambassador's be a messy office .....	45 191 79 101 142 121 5
V. Italian dish (2 wds.) .....	136 52 184 42 120 93 40 89 145 8 76
W. He practices medicine in home with nothing but a path behind .....	28 114 13 173 126 139 150 151 35

First Passport

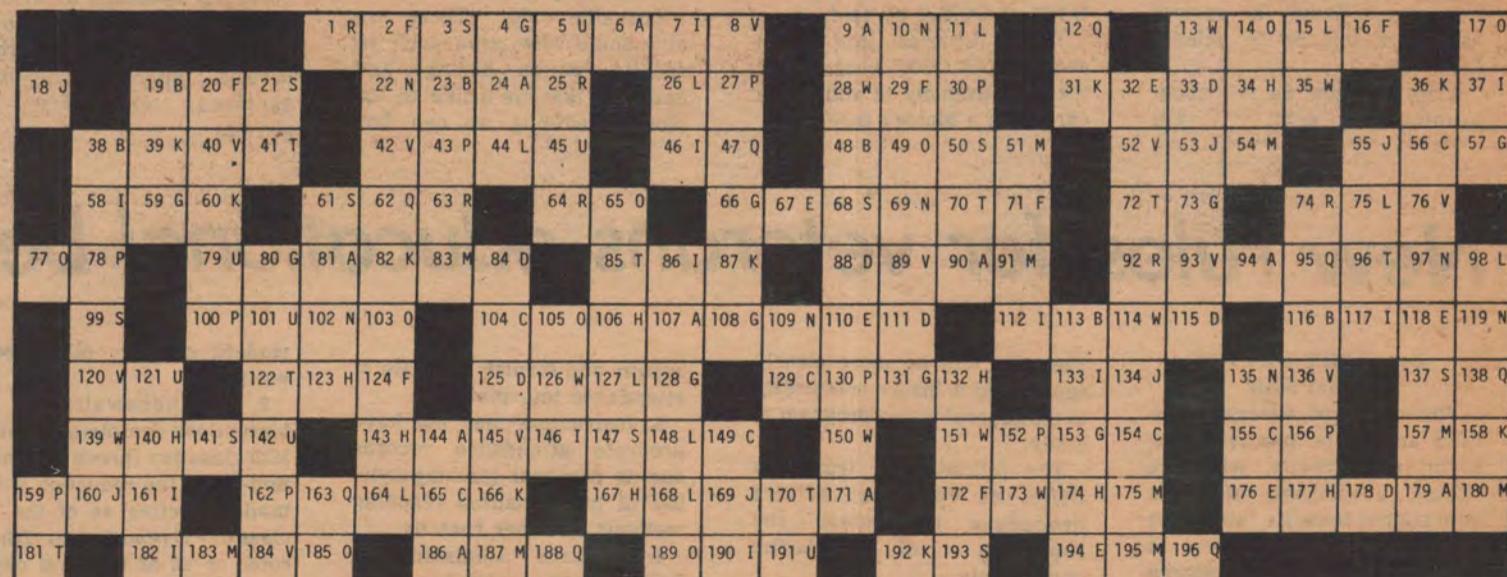
Passports originally were official letters. The first United States passports bound by hard covers were folded, single-page letters issued in 1918. U.S. passports first assumed booklet form in 1926, and beginning in 1941 were issued bound in flexible, green covers. Blue plastic-covered passports were introduced in 1961.

Youngest Elected

While Theodore Roosevelt, at 42 was the youngest man to take the oath of office as president of the United States, John F. Kennedy, at 43, was the youngest man to be elected. Roosevelt originally succeeded to the presidency upon the death of William McKinley.

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## DOUBLE CROSS-UP

No. 8

By Lora W. Asdorian

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



two parts, e.g., a clue for FORESTER is "ranger in favor of organic compound" (FOR ESTER).

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

# Spring Opera Festival

## Productions Announced

The Spring Opera Festival will present two opera theater productions for the 1976 season. Sousa's "El Capitan" will be presented on May 21, 22, 23, 25, 27, 28, 29, 31. Floyd's "Susannah" will be presented on June 4, 5, 7, 9, 11, 12. The show will be presented at the Miller Theater in Herman Park.

The shows are produced by Houston Grand Opera, the free

out door festival is the only one of its kind in the U.S. and is supported by Armco Steel, the National Endowment for the Arts, the Music Performance Trust Fund and the city of Houston through the Miller Theater Advisory Jouncil.

Both productions will be sung in English and curtain time for all performances is 8:30.

## COM Exhibits

### Da Vinci

BY GIDGET CAMPBELL  
Comet Staff

Beginning April 29, the College of the Mainland Art Gallery will exhibit the works of Leonardo Da Vinci. The exhibition is on loan from the IBM Corporation, and includes 22 models built from Da Vinci's scientific and technical drawings. IBM acquired the models in 1951, and they were incorporated in the company's touring exhibition shortly thereafter. The models are accompanied by explanations and sketches reproduced from Da Vinci's notebooks.

Included are both practical and theoretical devices and among the models is a paddle wheel ship, which was not successfully developed until steam power became practical in the 19th century. Also included is a theoretical gear system that produced three speeds of rotation similar to the modern auto transmissions, and a device used to determine the tensile strength of wire.

Leonardo da Vinci was almost spellbound by the possibility of human flight, and developed many schemes for flying. A model of an ornithopter (propulsion and support provided by flapping wings) includes two movable wings, a lattice-like frame work, and a system of pulleys and ropes. It was to be operated by the flyer-operator by lying prone to the framework.

One of the leading military engineers of his time, da Vinci made countless sketches for weapons and fortifications. An armored tank of a type not used until World War I is included in the IBM collection, along with a scaling ladder used to climb the walls of enemy fortresses.

Concerned with accuracy and measurement, da Vinci has designs for a hygrometer for measuring humidity, an inclinometer for determining the degree of slope, and an anemeter for measuring wind velocity, all of which are part of the exhibition.

### Thomas Installed President

George Thomas, Associate Dean for Academic Programs, was installed as President of the Texas Association of Junior College Instructional Administrators during the annual business meeting in Dallas.

Thomas also served as moderator of a panel of junior college deans probing "Management of Off-Campus Classes" at the meeting of the Texas Junior College Teachers Association and the TAJCIA. During the program, Thomas presented Dr. Stanton C. Calvert, the newly-appointed Director of Community College Programs, Coordinating Board, Texas Colleges and University Systems. Dr. Calvert was Dean of Student Personnel Services at COM.

Other COM faculty members participating in the conference included Jerry Preas, who served on the TJCTA nominating committee and secretary for the Tech-Voc sectional meeting; Emmeline Dodd, serving as secretary of the Legislative Committee as well as a member of the State Committee; and Alex Pratt, Vice Chairman of the Social Science section.

#### Naturalization

A person wishing to become a naturalized citizen of the United States must be at least 18 years old and a lawful resident of the country continuously for five years. However, for husbands and wives of U.S. citizens the period is three years in most instances. Special provisions apply to Armed Forces veterans. The applicant must have been physically present in the United States for at least half the residence period.

### BARBS

By PHIL PASTORET

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

### Mabry to Address Kappa Mu Chapter

The Texas City Kappa Mu Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi sorority will present their annual spring style show and salute the Bicentennial Year with "Fashions for the Woman of Today" on April 5th at 8:00 p.m. at the Nessler Civic Center in Texas City. Guest commentator will be Mrs. Meriwether Mabry. Fashions from local merchants will be shown. A main door prize of \$200.00 worth of clothes and shoes will be given away. Net proceeds are pledged to the Texas City Heritage Association for restoration of the Frank B. Davison Home in Texas City. Tickets are \$1.50 and may be purchased at the door.

We appreciate your concern for this worthy cause and your co-operation.

Sincerely,  
Linda Campbell



Staff Photo by Gidget Campbell

Shown above are examples of the Humanities class 231 first project of the semester. The class is under the direction of Ann Sherrill.

### Letters to the Editor

## Sidewalk Sacrilege

Dear Editor:

I am extremely annoyed at the way the sidewalks at COM are being turned into a passage for all the little motorscooters and tractors used by maintenance. I have seen these vehicles being used to carry small items like mail and toasters when a they could easily be carried by a man (thereby saving expense on gasoline).

Not only does this prove their inefficiency, it ruins the sidewalks because of the oil and grease spillage from the engine. The noise and distraction to the students is another factor to be considered.

As an alternative, the roads surrounding the campus could be used for the light transport of goods with the sidewalks only being used in the case of moving heavier items.

Barry Midkiff

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** I agree that something should be done. Maintenance makes the policy on sidewalk usage. I suggest that you contact Bill Whitener, Vice-President of Administrative Services.

### Committee Conducts

## Bilingual Analysis

By CINDY ROOK  
Comet Staff

Members of four Mexican-American groups in COM's college district assisted Jesus "Joe" Rubio, Associate Dean for Technical-vocational Programs in needs analysis and design of Project ADVOCATE, a proposal requested by the U.S. Office of Education under the Bilingual Vocational Training Section of the Vocational Education Act.

The Advisory Committee conducted a needs analysis of college-age bilingual persons in the district and assisted in designing the Project ADVOCATE program to accomplish the following goals: (1) search out bilingual persons who would benefit from a technical-vocational education at COM; (2) provide the

The number of young adults — those between 25 and 34 — is growing rapidly, The Conference Board finds. This age group grew five times

financial and social aids needed to complete a course of study and (3) form a culture-sensitive network of community resources in order to continue the program after the proposed federal grant expires!

The Advisory Group consisted of the following members: Pat Padilla, Arnold Ybarra, LULAC; Sally Davila, Juan de la Cruz, Club Latino; Felix D Zengotita and Catarino Rodriguez, Familias Unidas; Antonio Rodriguez and Ernestine Moreno, COM amigos. Technical assistance was contributed by Ricardo R. Vera, SER-CETA Program; Manuel Urbina, COM history instructor and Sal Hurtado, a recent University of Houston graduate.

faster than the total population during the last five years and will continue to expand rapidly during the next five years.

### American Theatre

### Exhibit

## Displayed

BY LOCHIE FOWLER  
Comet Staff

The Hoblitzelle Theatre Arts Collection, a display of photographs, etchings and watercolors which portrays the history of American Theatre, will be on display through the month of April in COM's LRC building.

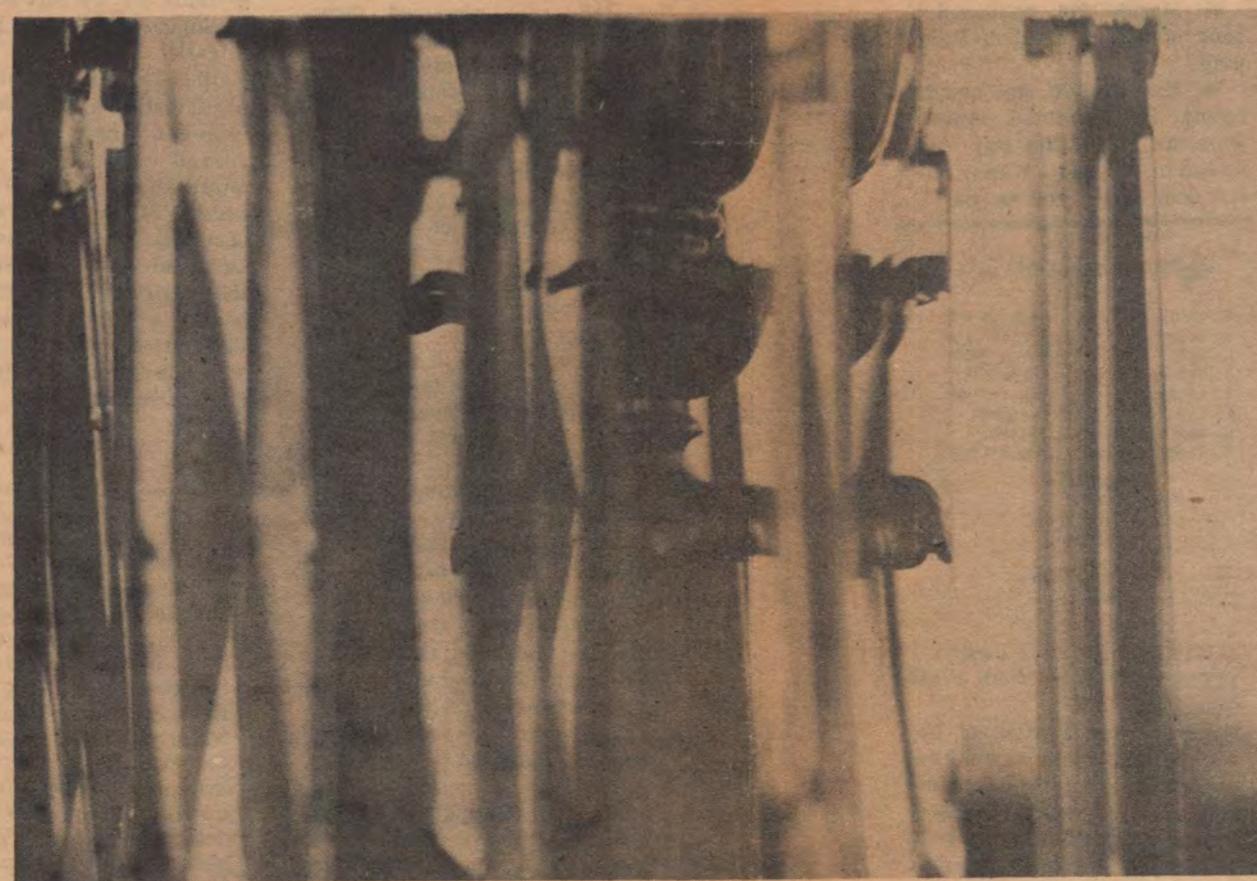
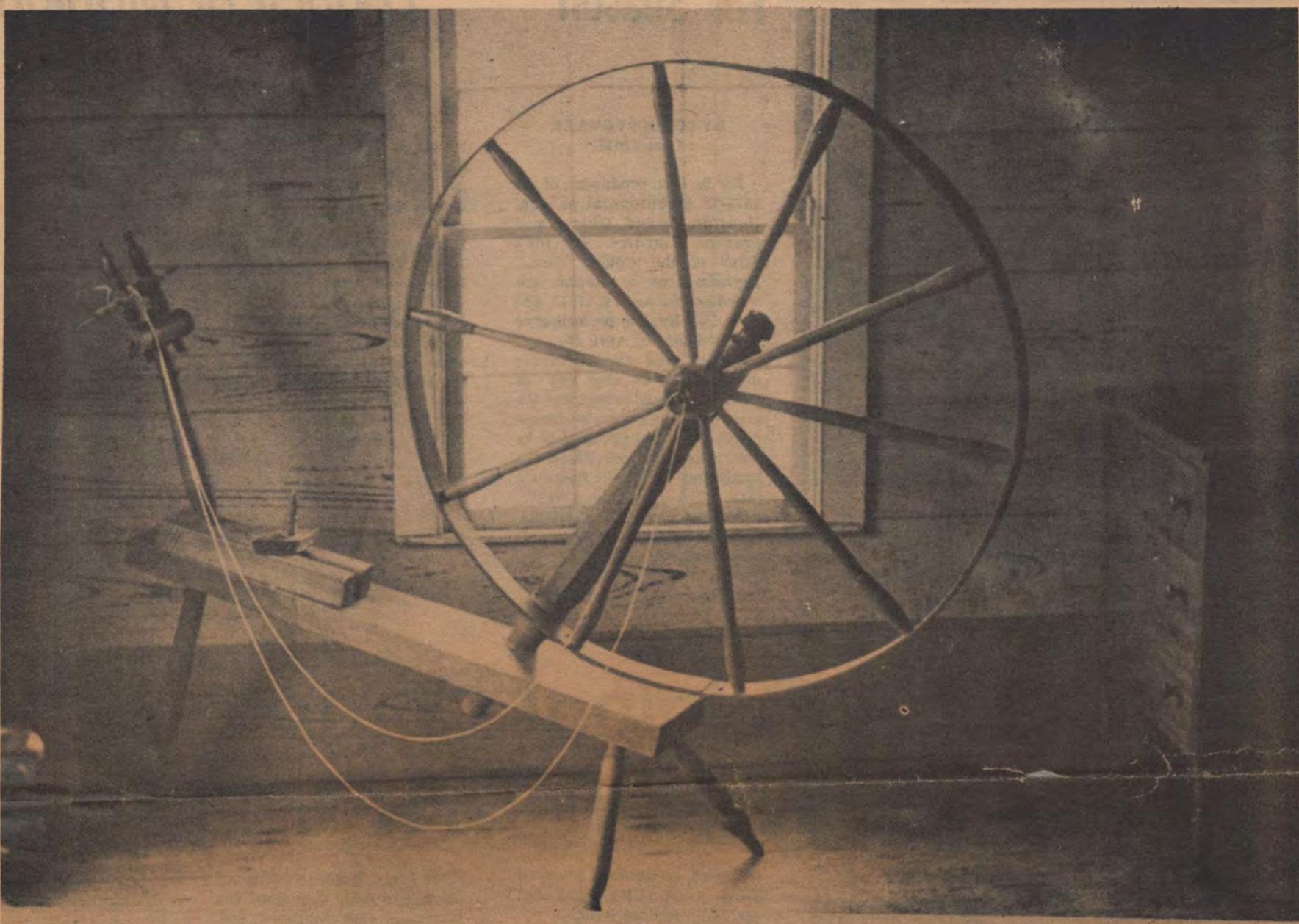
The exhibit is offered for public viewing under a grant from the Mary Moody Foundation of Galveston.

Material for the exhibit was taken from permanent collections belonging to the University of Texas and among items shown are a photograph of Jean Harlow (1936) and a theatre program for "The Rivals" (1888).

# Alex Pratt's History Class takes A Field Trip To Yesterday



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Photographs  
by  
Kevin  
Kemp  
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# Entertainment



TEXAS CITY—Don Thornton, College of the Mainland's artist-in-residence, arranges a few of the approximately 200 pieces on view in his one-man exhibit now at COM's Gallery.

## Unique Exhibit Shown

BY GIDGET CAMPBELL  
Comet Staff

The Fine Arts Gallery at College of the Mainland is currently displaying the works of Don Thornton, artist-in-residence. The exhibition is free and open to the general public. The gallery is open on Mondays and Thursdays from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The gallery will also be open on April 23 from 6:00 to 9:30 p.m., and April 24 from 7:00 to 9:30 p.m.

In this unique collection Thornton pays tribute to the Gulf Coast in the use of driftwood, shells, and aquatic animals arranged in boxes to make an aesthetic statement. He uses the new "art in a box" form format offers the artist an opportunity to journey between painting and sculpture," Thornton noted, adding that the box medium was effective in this country because of the American preoccupation with packaging.

According to Thornton, "The Texas Gulf Coast is not Dallas or New York, but a very unique place. I want people in this area to share the joy I feel in living here and being able to draw my inspiration from the ocean."

## Story of My Life

# An Original Composition by Don Thornton

### Don Thornton

1. Born white, December 15, 1936 in a share cropper's shack in Winnboro, Louisiana.

2. Attended Columbia Grade School and High School; played fullback, broke left talus, graduated 1956.

3. Worked as field hand and construction worker, 1952-1956; fell off a roof 1955, was not badly hurt.

4. Bar room fight 1956, did not go to jail; hurt right hand.

5. Matriculated Louisiana Polytechnic Institute 1956. Played football one year, only got bruised.

6. Worked summers as roughneck 1958-1960. Was knocked off a rig 50 miles out in the Gulf; not killed.

7. Worked summers as sailor 1956-1957. Nothing much happened; saved enough money to go back to college.

8. Graduated, Louisiana Polytechnic Institute 1960. Got drunk night of graduation and could not find right place in graduation procession; got the diploma.

9. Taught high school 1960-1964 in Vivian, Louisiana, mostly fished for large mouth bass in Black Bayou; caught a few.

## Opera Closes

## For Season

## Prose and Poetry

## Legacy of Mankind

BY LOCHIE FOWLER  
Comet Staff

For its final production of the 1975-76 Bicentennial season, Houston Grand Opera will present Giacomo Puccini's "Girl of the Golden West." Performances in Italian are scheduled for April 9, 11, 13, and 16 and an English performance is scheduled for April 10.

Setting for the romantic melodrama is the era of California's gold miner, and the idea for the opera's theme originated with Puccini while he was viewing a 1907 Broadway production of David Belasco's play, "Girl of the Golden West".

Tickets are still available. For more information call 227-5277, Houston.

I walk along a timeless road.  
That neither ends or begins;  
yet begins and never ends.  
A road as long and winding  
as life itself  
Since the beginning of my journey  
I have seen many things.  
I have been through every war and sorrow.  
And I walk on.  
I have seen hopes and dreams.  
And I walk on.  
I have seen life and death,  
the beginning and yet I fear the end.  
But I walk on.  
For I am Man.  
Julie Betancourt

1970

exhibitions in museums, and galleries; John Canaday never critiqued any of them in the New York Times.

35. 1960-1976, Shown in over 100 local, regional, and national group exhibitions.

36. April 1976, did set for Jack Westin's play, "A Time To Die".

37. March 1976, published a book of poetry entitled, Sounding.

38. May 6, 1976, got caught eating live polluted oysters from the Texas City Bay, now locked in a World War II pillbox door closed and locked.

### SOLUTION TO DOUBLE CROSS-UP No. 8

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|-----------------|--------------------|
| A. Short shrift | I. High on the hog |
| B. Bowwow       | J. Efface          |
| C. Usher in     | K. White heat      |
| D. Trimmed      | L. Aggressive      |
| E. Lather       | M. Yokefellow      |
| F. Evasive      | N. Okinawan        |
| G. Remembered   | O. Falsehood       |
| H. Theatrics    | P. Ammunition      |
| Q. Lothario     |                    |
| R. Locked       |                    |
| S. Frustrated   |                    |
| T. Let mirth    |                    |
| U. Embassy      |                    |
| V. Sophia Loren |                    |
| W. Homeopath    |                    |

AUTHOR: (Samuel) Butler  
TITLE: The Way of All Flesh  
Quotation:

Everyone has a mass of bad work in him which he will have to work off and get rid of before he can do better....the more lasting a man's ultimate good work is, the more sure he is to pass through a time....in which there seems very little hope for him at all.

# SSSSnakes

BY LOCHIE FOWLER  
Comet Staff

COM will host a sidewalk display of snakes Thursday, April 8, from 9:00 to 4:00 p.m. The exhibit, which includes rattlesnakes, cobras, pythons, copperheads and boas will be shown in a walk-through van, and will be accompanied by

snake authority Steve Burns, of Gulf Coast Reptile Park.

Admission to the exhibit, sponsored by the Student Center Programs Council, is free and the general public is invited to view the display.

# Sports

## Tournament to be held

BY JERRY GUYTON

Comet Staff

There will be a Racquetball Tournament held at the COM gymnasium. Entries will be due April 1st and play will begin on April 5th. The divisions will be, Open Singles, (Open to men and women), "B" Singles (Open to men and women), and Women's Singles.

You will arrange your own matches. Failure to compete matches by due date may result in a forfeit for one or both

players. Matches will be decided by best 2 of 3 games to 21 points, in a consolation type tournament. The ball used will be any ball agreed upon by both players.

So all you racquetball guffs get out there and show your stuff.

Entry blanks may be picked up at the physical education office or call: Bill Montague, 938-1211 EXT. 420.



Gymnastic class in session

## COM Sponsors clinic

BY BRIAN SMITH  
Comet Staff

College of the Mainland and the Texas City Parks Department will sponsor a Racquetball Clinic on campus April 9 through 11.

Interested players should enter before the April 2 deadline. For further information, call 938-1211, ext. 418.)

The clinic will begin on Friday, April 9 at 5:30 and will continue til 9:30 on Saturday the program will last from 9:00 to 9:00 and resume Sunday from 10:00 to 3:00.

Featuring the State's Top Player, Jim Austin, the clinic will cost each entrant twenty dollars. This cost includes a racquetball book, Saturday dinner, and a special t-shirt marking the occasion.



John Triplett on the rings.



### Sportstalk

## Students speak out

JERRY GUYTON

Sports Editor

The comment in regard to the article published in the last issue of the COMET entitled, "COM sports future dim", was so diversified that I thought it warranted a forum. I asked students; What would you like to see at COM, a larger Intramural program or more support for the Intercollegiate sports? The opinion went as such.

Nenita Cario-I think that a sports program should be initiated that would make the college competitive against other colleges. A winning team is good publicity.

Daniel Darnell-I think its a good idea to have a strong intercollegiate program because it makes the school look good when the teams win. Personally I prefer soccer.

David Kautz-I think you develop a good intramural program by having a strong intercollegiate program.

Lilo Camp-I think that the intramural program should be expanded to make it possible for more people to participate in competitive sports. If a person becomes interested in a sport by playing rather than watching it would benefit them not only from the health point of view but could possibly develop into an enjoyable hobby.

David Mongan-The general support should be on the intercollegiate level. The school would get publicity and recognition in the newspapers. Which would result in more potential students choosing the COM.

BRIAN SMITH  
Comet Staff

Chuck Tietz-They should definitely put more emphasis on the collegiate program. I think athletes are better representatives of the school than those representatives who got to conventions and get plastered.

Scott Sokol-If they put more emphasis on intramurals, they would need more participation. But if they put more emphasis on collegiate sports, they would also need more participation. There is a lack of participation in the whole program.

James Gray-I think we need more school spirit. And I don't think there's enough publicity for games. We have an excellent coaching staff but COM doesn't offer much to its athletes.

Ken Wegner-I think the collegiate program is worthwhile. It's too bad they can't offer more scholarships to attract good athletes.

Kenneth Walton-I think they should put more emphasis on Collegiate sports. The president and the board are the cause of the lack of participation. This is an old folks college.

I would like to thank the people that I spoke with and take this opportunity to invite more comment from the student body.

You can give your comments to any member of the COMET staff or write it down and bring it to the COMET office located in the student center room 218.

## COM Enters AJC sports day

By JERRY GUYTON  
Comet Staff

The Alvin JR. College will hold its annual "Sports Day" on April 7, in Alvin.

In the tennis doubles competition for the College of the Mainland will be Hudson Cario, Jonas Gibson, and Alfredo Gonzales. Alfredo Gonzales will be going as an alternate.

A mini-tournament was held at the COM tennis courts on Friday March 19, between Cario, Gibson, and Gonzales. Gibson drew a bye and the match between Cario and Gonzales was won by Hudson Cario, 6-2, 6-2.



## Science Incorporated

# A new look at science

By CAROL SMITH  
News Editor

In January of 1976, a group of people got together and set forth a goal to advance science in the Galveston County area. Science Inc. was born. "Our long range goal," says Dr. John Hubisz of College of the Mainland, "is to set up a 'hands-on' type of science museum somewhere in the Galveston County area. What we mean by a 'hands-on' museum is that when people come to visit the museum they will be actively involved in the demonstrations that are set up. Children will not be made to be quiet or told not to touch objects on display. If something is broken it will be repaired right before the public."

Science Inc. has no members but a board of directors who are as follows: Mrs. John R. Calverley - Chairperson, Mr. D. B. Whittington - V-Chairperson, Dr. John Hubisz - Secretary, Dr. Michael M. Warren - Treasurer, Dr. Joseph W. Angelovic, Mr. Roland L. Bassett, Dr. F. Hermann Rudenberg, Capt. Robert Ewing, Mrs. E. B. Vogelpohl, Mr. Robert Holcomb, Dr. Stewart Wolf, Capt. Samuel R. Early, USCG (Ret.), Dr. Phillip Rayford, Mrs. Jan Coggshall, Mrs. Glendon Johnson, Mr. Latane Temple, Mr. E. A. Johnson, Mr. Frank Vollert, Dr. Noel McCoy, Mr. H. L. Kempner, Dr. Jim McCloy.

The purpose of Science Inc. as it reads in their constitution is "to increase the public understanding and enjoyment of science by operating institutions and programs of learning, museums or museum schools, public academies of facilities designed to promote educational development of the public in the general field of science..." Science Inc., a non-profit organization with tax exempt status pending, is actually seeking local funds,

rather than governmental funds, to get Science Inc. going. They want to build experiments, demonstrations, models, or displays of any type to be set up in bank lobbies, schools, grocery and department stores. "These demonstrations will be such that the public will be invited to participate in the demonstrations," says Dr. Hubisz. Science Inc. is currently co-sponsoring a lecture series on scientific topics for the public at the Burns Shriners Institute Auditorium. They are also co-sponsoring a lecture-film series at the Rosenberg library which will last approximately six weeks. They have plans to set up experimental learning sessions this summer for approximately sixty eligible children ranging in ages of 7 to 9-year-old group and a 9 to 13 year-old group. Just a few of the things that they have planned for the children to learn about are the weather, solar energy, seining, windmill energy. They plan fishing trips, canoe trips, camp outs, trips to the industries and more. The children will also be working in the labs at COM, Moody College at Fort Crockett, M.S.I. Geophysics lab, M.B.I., Galveston College, and various other places.

The Science Inc. board of directors are inviting the public to make contributions to this organization. "Your help to advance science in Galveston County will benefit us all not only culturally but economically. A well-defined and coordinated science program will attract others to our area," says the board of directors. Anyone who would like to make a contribution should make checks payable to Science Inc. and send to: Michael M. Warren, M.D. 21 Cedar Lawn North - Galveston, Texas 77590.

## Bulletin Board

Early Registration for Summer I, Summer II and Fall, 1976, will be held during the following dates: April 21-23 and April 26-30. Current and Re-Entering Students will be eligible for early registration.

Trinity University has announced a new honor scholarship program for Transfer Students. These scholarships are ranging from \$300-\$750 based on the number of semester hours transferred and your GPA. The number of scholarships is unlimited.

For more information contact Bob Smith's office in College Center of phone Extension 410.

**PRESIDENT PERSONALITY DISCUSSIONS** will be held each Monday at 4 p.m. in the Student Center in Room 120.

**THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT** meets every Wednesday in Room 221 of the Student Center at 1:00 p.m.

A career education bulletin board is being posted in the College Center; although for the present time the glass windows of Room 20 is being utilized. The bulletin board will have information concerning college transfer (dates to have applications, housing information, etc., in), job trend information, etc.

## CARNIVAL



"You're deliberately going out for baseball knowing you have to be in by 10 o'clock . . . even on weekends?"

## Who's Who nominees at COM

MARY DANACZKO  
College of the Mainland

Twelve College of the Mainland students have been nominated and approved to be listed in the new edition of Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges.

The following students have achieved the distinction: Lochie Fowler, Jeffrey Kaiser, David Kautz, Joan Lackey, John McClain, Karen Pevoto, Marilyn Proctor, Beverly Pruitt, Tony Rodriguez, Noe Sanchez, Carol Smith, and Harrison Wilson.

## How's Your Love Life?

By CAROL SMITH  
New Editor

This month spotlights ARIES (Mar. 21-April 20). Aries you are a leader in your own right. You are romantic and adventurous which makes for a very interesting life. You love people as a whole, and people flock around you and fill your life with the pleasant contacts of friendship.

### ARIES (Mar. 21-April 20)

This could be your lucky month as far as your love life is concerned Aries. This being your birthday month you're sure to be as dynamic as ever in the romantic field. If you're in the matrimonial mood now's the time to take a stance. Your lucky number for April is (5).

### TAURUS (April 21-May 21)

Your month should go harmoniously in the romantic field. You should have plenty of worthwhile opportunities for love or marriage prospects. If you have a relationship already in existence this is a favorable time for understanding your mate's desires and motives. Your lucky number for April is (2).

### GEMINI (May 22-June 21)

April could see many Geminis' altar-bound if you are marriage minded. All aspects are favorable for bringing you together with the right partner. You should be having some serious and meaningful relationships in your love life now. Your lucky number for April is (9).

### CANCER (June 22-July 23)

This month aspects are significant for new meetings. However, it may be wise to avoid any impulsive commitment to a new relationship. Perhaps it would be better to enjoy lighthearted romance at this time. Your lucky number for April is (3).

### LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)

Use your common sense this month Leo. Tone down impulses toward overindependence and/or emotional extravagance, as either could backfire. This month could be very rewarding. Many of you may find a lifetime dream come to reality. Your lucky number for April is (6).

### VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)

This month highlights romance in your job environment. Favorable aspects could bring an unexpected encounter. There could be some misunderstandings which can be ironed out with no problem. The road ahead appears to be paved with romantic joys. Your lucky number for April is (1).

### LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)

This month promises to be a good month in your love life. However, don't believe all that you hear in the way of romantic promises. If you have a good relationship going, then don't endanger it by pursuing a glamourous, but unreliable new attraction. Your lucky number for April is (7).

### SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)

Are you ready for marriage Scorpio? For April developments in that direction are likely. If you are not marriage minded at this time you should have many social and romantic pleasures this month. There may be a time when a misunderstanding could upset your plans, but the alterations of plans could be even more enjoyable. Your lucky number for April is (8).

### SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)

This month indicates new conditions in your love life which would stem from a relationship already in existence. You may find yourself at the altar—although you are reluctant to make total commitment—this could be the love of your life. Your lucky number for April is (4).

### CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 20)

You have favorable aspects in the romance department this month. You are likely to attract many admirers. However, aspects warn you not to endanger a partnership by superficial flirtation. You have to many good things coming up in your love life to jeopardize a sound relationship now. Your lucky number for April is (6).

### AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)

You should come in contact with a dynamic new attraction this month. However, aspects accentuates the unpredictability and instability of a relationship. Thus, don't become too involved at this time. If you have been harboring sentimental, but unrealistic, memories about a former romance. His or her reappearance might bring you back to reality. Your lucky number for April is (5).

### PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)

Fortunate aspects from last month are still working in your favor Pisces. There could be some trifle disagreement between you and your partner. However, if you both avoid getting too emotional over the issue, it can be worked out through communication. Otherwise it should be a happy month for you. Your lucky number for April is (3).

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College of the Mainland winners in the recent Office Education Association State Leadership Conference are, left to right: front row—Medena Smith Thomas, Schinneatha Griffin, Marilyn French, Cheryl Devona. Back row—Sandy Compian, Nancy Riccar, Wynetta Foster, Sandra Hengst.

## Blood sought for Robert Smith

By LOCHIE FOWLER  
Comet Staff

COM will sponsor a special blood drive for four-year-old Robert Brian Smith of Henderson, Texas, a terminal cancer patient presently at Texas Childrens Hospital in Houston, Monday, April 26, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the College Center.

Robert's medical costs during the past few years have been

staggering to his family, due to excessive and frequent hemorrhages which result in emergency trips to Houston for blood transfusions.

Donating is easy and takes approximately 20 to 30 minutes. Donors must be 18 through 65, weigh at least 110 pounds and must not have ever had viral hepatitis, jaundice, syphilis, or

internal cancer requiring surgery. A staff of well-trained technicians will be on hand April 26 to screen donors before acceptance.

Donors may choose to donate their blood to Robert Brian Smith, or designate it for themselves or members of their family.

## Credit by examination

By GIDGET CAMPBELL  
Comet Staff

frustration of marking time in courses for which they have already acquired sufficient skills for credit.'

College of the Mainland currently offers 68 courses in which credit may be obtained by examination. A student may earn up to 24 hours of credit with a limit of 5 courses within any one division. Credit is recorded as "CR" with no grade points attached, and only former and current COM students are eligible. A transcript will not be created solely for this purpose.

Walker feels that COM is a leader in the field of Credit by Examination, and observes, "I've been delighted with the growth of the Credit by Examination program, and especially in our role in developing our program when many other institutions were saying it would never be accepted."

The COM Testing Centers responsible for administering most Credit by Examination tests, and also administers CLEP Subject and General Examinations that are sent to other schools for credit.

Roy Walker, Chief Examiner of the Testing Center, recently announced an expansion of the Credit by Examination Program. The program's designed to enable students to achieve academic goals more rapidly.

According to Walker, "Credit by Examination is intended to provide opportunities for students who can demonstrate learning, either formal or informal, the move ahead in their academic pursuits. These students can save time, & money, as well as avoiding the

## COM is tops!

By LOCHIE FOWLER  
Comet Staff

Of twelve community colleges participating in a three-year study, COM is doing a better job motivating students to achieve their goals according to Dr. Oscar Mink, professor at the University of Texas, who presented his findings at the COM Board Meeting.

Dr. Mink emphasized that at each of the colleges participating in the study, the study involved those students classified as having the highest risk of success. Some of the areas explored included mental health, thinking capabilities, work adjustment, problem-solving ability, absence of delinquency, and, the most important area of all these: the ability of the individuals to take charge of their lives.

It was found that the study

proves that the taxpayers can see that the results of their tax dollars in education are netting in terms of output, or in the students' intelligent choices regarding their lives.

In response to the question: "What are the factors that have produced the gratifying study results," Dr. Mink answered that it was a matter of creating an environment in which board members, administrators, faculty and staff members are committed to the notion that community colleges exist to facilitate learning.

"In terms of quality of instruction, quality of counselors and a general 'caring' climate, College of the Mainland is the best I can find in my state. There's no other Board that I can say that to," he concluded.



Harrison J. Wilson, an art student at College of the Mainland, is shown with one of his paintings selected for the annual exhibit of the Galveston Art League, to be held at the Rosenberg Library, Galveston, through April 30. The painting, "Caught Up in the Blues", was one of 60 chosen from a group of 300 paintings submitted.

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Editorial Page



Ms. O'Hair, Dr. Taylor, and Dr. Hubisz in a discussion prior to the American Issues Forum.

By CAROL SMITH  
News Editor

The four month old battle between the issues of Madalyn Murray O'Hairs' right to speak on the issues of the "separation of church and state" and some community members protesting against Ms. O'Hairs' appearance at College of the Mainland ended last Monday evening when Madalyn O'Hair did appear at COM before an auditorium filled to standing room only and a crowd of people outside the auditorium watching the forum on closed circuit television.

While policemen and plain closemen stood at the doors in and around the auditorium there were no apparent protestors present at the scene.

The issues remained strictly to the separation of church and state rather than to any particular religion or anti-religion. In Ms. O'Hairs' talk, which lasted approximately forty-five minutes, she pointed out many ways in which the churches were abusing the rights given to them by the states. One such right as the tax exemption law for churches. O'Hair stated, "Tax exemptions are granted to the churches, their cemeteries, the parking lot, parsonages, buildings, land and to their business." According to Ms. O'Hair, the churches own stock in large corporations, such as Shell Oil, General Electric, General Motors, IBM, DuPont, and the Ford Co. to name a few. O'Hair said that, "more money was given to the churches by federal, state and local governments than is budgeted for the Pentagon." O'Hair quoted the IRS as saying that the wealth of the churches would double every twenty years if they were never given another penny.

All other members of the panel. Rev. Allan C. Anderson of the First Presbyterian Church of Texas City; Rev. John L. Hubisz, of the Queen of Peace Church of LaMarque; Rev. Monsignor Frank A. Lagana, of Queen of Peace La Marque and Rabbi Samuel M. Stahl of Temple B'nai Israel, Galveston, agreed with Ms. O'Hair that the separation of church and state was the principle of the founding fathers and that some reform was needed to preserve the principle. No one disagreed with O'Hair that the churches were abusing the tax exemption laws. However, several members stated that they did pay taxes on their own personal properties. Rev. Msgr. Lagana said, "It is the right of the individuals and churches to take anything given to them by the laws or the constitution."

After the initial talks Ms. O'Hair was given ten minutes to rebuttal which she did not use but said that "if one wished to invest in stocks, bonds, or property and that if everyone was suppose to pay taxes on investments in stocks, bonds, or properties then everyone should be notified of these taxes to be paid and face the peril of paying these taxes."

The three hour long forum ended with Bob Handy expressing his gratitude for those who came to the forum and the participation in the question and answer session.

# COM Forum

By CAROL SMITH

News Editor

In regards to College of the Mainland, what would you like to see changed or added?



A—I like COM the way it is.  
Carrie Britton



A—I would like to see the second year of German offered.  
Imogene Christian



A—I think the parking situation in the evening could be improved. Otherwise, COM is just fine the way it is.  
Kathy Hurst



A—I would like to request a classroom for the present German class! In general I think the curriculum and document method used at COM is very successful and enjoyable.  
Gale Frost.



A—I've really enjoyed attending COM and I feel it is a great help and credit to our community. I hope however, academic standards will be raised in the future, while maintaining teacher-student relations as they are.  
Larry Grimes



A—I would like to see the movies brought back, that were presented in the student center also more activities for the students in the student center. Plus student participation.  
Billy Thornton

COM Developmental Psychology Instructor.

Dear Editor,

It makes me so mad when the administrators decide to abolish the athletic teams because nobody attends, when they don't even go themselves. I have never seen Dr. Taylor or any other administrator at the games. Only a few of our faculty show up. I'm not picking on Dr. Taylor; I'm just trying to make a point. Maybe if they would come to a few games, they would see how hard the men work, the fun we have watching them, and why we are so upset.

Respectfully,  
Arlis St. Ama

**Editor's Note:** Perhaps you should also ask the question "Why doesn't the student body show up at these sports events?" Rhetorical, maybe, but it is something to think about.

## Letter to Campus Cops

Dear Editor:

I would like to address this to all the little copies who are running around the COM parking lot.

Please do not put a ticket on a

navy blue '65 Valiant, as my file cabinet for parking tickets is currently filled to capacity.

Sincerely,  
"Ticketed Off" Theresa

## SSS Snakes

By BRIAN SMITH  
Comet Staff

"Know your snakes and know what you can do with them, most people are bitten because they don't know what their doing" says Steve Burns, owner of the Gulf Coast Reptile Park on wheels.

Burns and his wife, Susan, have been opening their show to many of the surrounding schools in this area. They hope to educate people about snakes and answer any questions regarding reptiles. Burns, who has been working with snakes for 23 years, says he has never been bitten by a poisonous snake, but could not count the times he has been bitten by non-poisonous snakes. While holding a 5 foot rattler, Burns said. "I don't hassle the snake, I just hold him and he knows it," Incidentally, Burns caught his first rattler at the age of seven.

The exhibit, which was constructed by Burns from a burned out trailer, features Texas reptiles and includes cobras and several other exotic reptiles. Susan Burns said "We would like to obtain a King Cobra, get rid of some of the rattlers, and show more exotic snakes."

The largest snake in the show is Ricky, a python that stretches 8½ feet long. Burns said that the snake could eventually grow the length of the trailer and that they would soon have to enlarge his cage.

Mark Gillentine, one of Burns' helpers, said that all of their exotic snakes were bought and imported except the Black Forest Cobra. It was given to them because its owner could not longer handle it. "We catch most of our snakes in this area. In February, we came across a den of snakes near the Tin Smelter that housed four rattlers which were all about five feet long. It really gets your adrenalin flowing," revealed Gillentine. The Burns' added that they had just returned from the Freer Rattlesnake Roundup and will soon travel to the Potete Strawberry Festival and Roundup.

Susan Burns laughingly said that many people are afraid of their snakes and get quite upset with their trailer. "If this trailer were to wreck, the snakes couldn't escape unless their cages were crushed and if their cages were crushed, the snakes would probably be crushed," replied Susan. While holding her five year old daughter's three foot boa constrictor, Burns said that people should be afraid of snakes but they should know how to react when they come across one. "A snake bites because he is threatened or wants food and most bites are just accidents," states Burns.

Gillentine said that feeding the snakes sometimes presents a problem and that occasionally Steve and himself will have to force feed the snakes until they get used for their new surroundings. Burns added that the larger snakes can go several months without food.



Mrs. David H. Glenn presents a check on behalf of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Galveston County Medical Society to Dr. Fred A. Taylor, President of College of the Mainland.

## Poetry To Mrs. Brown

For giving this gift  
in your own special way  
I've written this poem  
to thank you today.  
For without the wisdom  
you willingly bring  
My mind would be  
a wondering thing.  
The sharing of knowledge  
is a wonderful thing  
It is as refreshing as flowers  
as flowers in spring.  
Without it we're lost  
there is nothing to gain  
Like seeds on a rock  
deprived of the rain

March 1976  
Roger DeWeese

## A Day in the Life of a COM Student

By JERRY GUYTON  
Comet Staff

"This story of a day in the life of an over worked COM student is sorta-kinda semi-true. Only the places and names have been changed to protect the innocent."

It was in January when the final touches was put on my new home. Through months of planning and actual construction the moment had finally come when, with great ceremony, my wife and I could place the "Home Sweet Home" plaque, that aunt Gladys had given us on our wedding day, upon our freshly painted wall.

We had established our homestead for about two months, when one of those blustery wet northerns, that Southeast Texas is famous for, blew in with winds that would make any New England Fisherman homesick, and leaving behind it three inches of fresh March rain, most of it in my back yard.

I surveyed the situation and decided that, to make sure I didn't end up with my own private lake, I would need about three truck loads of Galveston County fill sand, which I had read on a billboard, was the best in the state.

I thumbed through the Yellow Pages until I found a likely number under "Sandpits". The phone rang for what seemed an unusually long time before it was answered with, "Kildee Sand Co. If the weathers got'cha down we'll raise your standard." I said "I beg your pardon?" and the man on the other end, who sounded like a cross between Gomer Pyle and Gravel Gertie said "Kildee Sand Co. what can I do for you good buddy?" I explained my

situation and told him that I would need approximately three truckloads of fill. Then, as if the situation wasn't bad enough, he asked, "Yes sir, would that be sand, gravel sand, shell, shells and, Gumbo, or top soil?" I told him I would be right down to the sand pit to talk to him.

After an hour of searching I finally found what looked to be a small shanty town. There were several run down tin sheads, and a cavernous hole in the ground, with a dragline sitting in the middle of it. I was looking around for sign of life, when a man came walking out from behind one of the sheds, looking like a character out of "The Grapes of Wrath". I yelled to him "Who do you see around here to get some fill sand?" Without a word he pointed to a tin barn-like structure painted green with a large sign scrawled on the roof, "Kildee Sand Co. Weather Got-cha Down We'll Raise Your Standard". I knew I had to have the place.

Upon entering the main office I was greeted by the sight of a man that must have stood six foot five, if he was an inch. He was wearing engineers coveralls, a teeshirt with a straw cowboy hat sitting on his sandy blonde hair and wearing a pair of cowboy boots, that reminded me of the genuine cowhid, Roy Rogers autographed, cowboy boots that I got for my ninth birthday. You know the kind with red and blue flowers and silver capped toe.

I introduced myself, and was half way through making up my mind as to what type of material I needed, when I was interrupted by a scratchy,

rasping noise and a voice that was calling for the "Kildee Kid". Elroy, which he had told me was his name, walked over to a cabinet that housed, what I was to find out later, was a C.B. radio. Elroy said "You got the Kid, come on." The caller identified herself as the "Yellow Thistled Sapsucker" and asked the "Kid" when would he be home for lunch, with which the "Kid" replied "As soon as I feed some sand to a turkey I've found, come on." Then she was 10-4 and the "Kid" was 10-7, and the whole thing was over as fast as it had begun.

Elroy looked at me and said "I tell you what I'll do good buddy. You buy three truck loads of sand and I'll throw in a Kildee calender absolutely free of charge." I naturally agreed to the terms and asked him when could I expect delivery. He told me "I'll fill the starvation boxes right now and put the hammer to the jammer and roll 'em on down the big cement strip before you can say "Kitten Chow, Kitten Chow, Grow twelve times." "I beg your pardon?" I replied. And suddenly, from the silence of the place, I felt terribly inadequate. Sort of like speaking before the "Daughters of the American Revolution" and discovering that your fly is open. Elroy then explained "This afternoon."

It's now been three months since I had my yard elevation raised, and when I'm alone in my yard I can still hear, as if some voice is calling from beyond, "Kildee Sand Co. Weather got-cha down, we'll raise your standard."

Ah. Such are the "Rites of Spring".

EARN \$190.00 weekly—and up. APPLY: College Center Room 120, May 3rd

10:30 or 12:30 or 2:30 WEAR-EVER (Cuteo)—Division of Alcoa

## Instructors Wanted

BY GIDGET CAMPBELL

Comet Staff

Scheduling of the classes is flexible, and most meet once or twice a week for six or eight weeks.

Some of the activities presently being taught include men's and women's fitness, all levels of swimming, ballroom dance, yoga, ballet, racquetball, canoeing, belly dancing, tennis, and judo.

Travaille said, "There are also some new area such as sailing, scuba diving, and camping that we'd like to explore, providing we can find

## Bulletin Board

BY PAT FARRAR  
Co-Managing Editor

Early Registration for Summer I, Summer II and Fall, 1976, will be held from April 26 to 30. Current and re-entering students will be eligible for early registration.

The next Phi Theta Kappa meeting will be held on May 5, in the Learning Resources Center at 12:30. Phi Theta Kappa assembles every other Wednesday.

The College Bookstore will initiate its Buy-Backs policy on used books from May 10 thru 28.

Phi Theta Kappa is sponsoring a Fishing Rodeo to be held at the COM lake on April 27. The time is from eight in the morn until sundown. Trophies will be awarded and price of admission is seventy-five cents.

## Assistantships Open at COM

BY GIDGET CAMPBELL  
Comet Staff

Dan Doyle, Director of Financial Aids announced that College of the Mainland will offer Undergraduate Assistantships for qualified full-time students. Deadline for application is April 15, and candidates will be interviewed during May, with selections to be announced by May 15. Interested persons are urged to call Dan Doyle, Financial Aids

Office, Administration Building  
College of the Mainland at  
938-1211, ext. 275.

Students who qualify will receive around \$1000 for 15 hours assisting instructors and councilors from August 16 to May 20, 1977. There are currently openings in fields of business occupations, mathematics, art, library services, biology, audio-visual services, chemistry and physics.

## Students

Come to the Town Meeting

And make your voice heard.

April 27 Student Center Room 120

12:20



Staff Photo by Pat Farrar

Dr. Taylor addresses Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society initiates.

## PTK honors initiates

By CAROL SMITH  
News Editor

Phi Theta Kappa had its spring initiation ceremony at 7 p.m. April 6 in the LRC Auditorium. Dr. Fred Taylor, president of COM and Dr. John Hubisz, Sponsor of Phi Theta Kappa was present along with the officers which include Martha Boswell-president, Dan Clark-V-president, Shelly Freeman-secretary, Eileen Tepera-treasurer and Abner Freer-historian reporter.

Those who were initiated were as follows: Jack E. Theall, Jr., Michael P. Richardson, J. W. Moseley, Beverly Pruitt,

Patti Wulf, Monette Turner, Elena Ann Fuente, Sandra Louise McGaskey, Betty Hathorn, Billie Ruth Isaac, Mary Ellen Weberlin, Leslie June Pollard, Nicole Magee, George R. Raven, Mattie M. Kenney, Shelley Freeman, Mary Jane Johnson, David W. Mongan, Arlis St. Ama, Nolton Paul Sensat, Radie Floyd Perry, Jr., David Kautz, Jeff Kaiser, Steve Adams, Walter Kittel, Sandra Hengst, Burnella Witherpoon, Mary Selzer, Brenda Joyce Anderson, Carol Smith, and Lochie Fowler.



Staff Photo by Pat Farrar

Paul Shuttleworth, poet-in-residence relaxes in his office.

## COM In Focus



COM student, Dan Clark going to Physics.



Rhonda Madden and Harrison Wilson, art students at College of the Mainland, prepare their work for the annual Student Art Exhibition, to be held May 3 through 14 in the College Center and Administration Building. The exhibit will include a wide range of media and diversity of talent, according to Don Thornton, art instructor who noted that the exhibit will showcase the very impressive capabilities of COM students.



Staff Photo by Pat Farrar

Managing Editors' son, Chris Farrar studies flora in random search for bluebonnets?



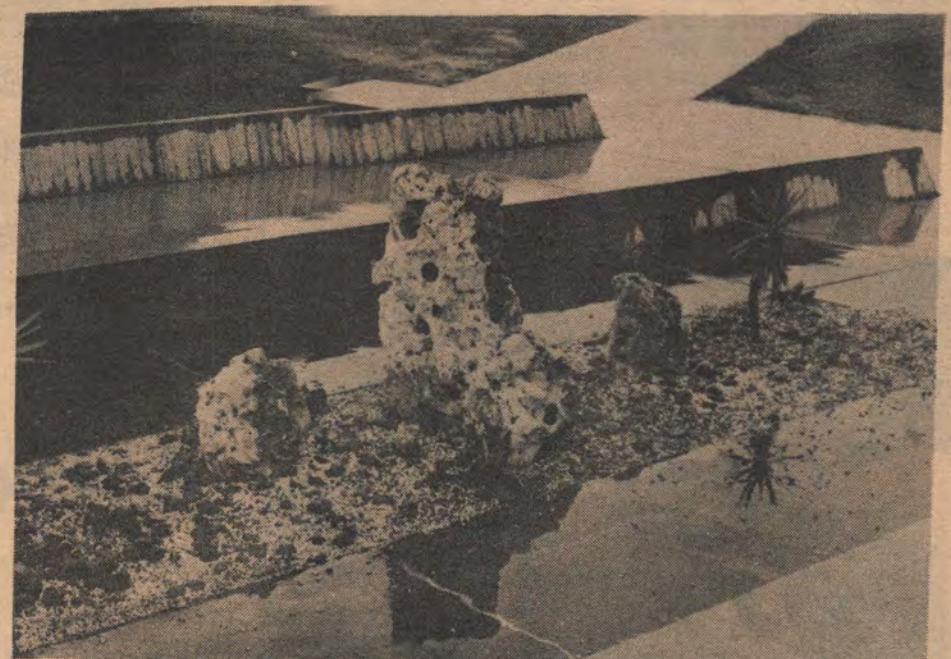
Help!

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LCR's Jerry Anderson taping O'Hair discussion.

Staff Photo by Kevin Kemp



April rain washes down campus.

Staff Photo by CAROL SMITH

## Westin Stages

"...a time to die"



Staff Photo by Pat Farrar

Behind the scenes with make-up people Jean Smith and Becky Green.

By GIDGET CAMPBELL  
Comet Staff

Performance dates for the prize-winning play, "A Time to Die" have been set for weekends beginning April 22 through May 15. The historical re-enactment of the Battle of the Alamo was the winner of the COM Bicentennial Playwriting contest, and was written by Jack Westin. It is partly on the basis of this contest that Westin is currently artist-in-residence at College of the Mainland.

Westin is also directing the play, a relatively new experience for him, and he is being assisted in his endeavor by several of his co-workers. Don Thornton has been busy these days designing and constructing the set for the play,

and Paul Shuttleworth has contributed some original poetry. Larry Stanley composed music as a theme and also the music for a dance sequence in the play. Edmond Stephenson designed the costumes and a logo for the work, and Jerry Anderson will handle the sound system.

According to Flo Slaney, producer of the play, the production "is supported by a cast and technical crew of over 80 Southwest area residents" she added, "We are going to a great deal of effort to either borrow or make costumes and props that are historically accurate to the last detail."



Cast members Jerry Young and Paul Williamson finish touch-ups of props.

Staff Photo by Pat Farrar

## Persian Student Finds American Women Carefree

By CAROL SMITH

News Editor

Farough Ashna, age 29, is just one of the many Persian students attending College of the Mainland. Ashna is from Abadan, Iran and has been in the United States for about two years and seven months. He has attended Galveston College before coming to COM. His plans are to major in computer science at University of Houston at Clearlake City.

When asked how he feels the U.S. differs from Iran he said, "Studies in math seem to be more advanced in Iran than in the U.S. The American women are more carefree than Iranian women. I also find American women very beautiful."

Ashna is the oldest of five children in his family. Prior to coming to the U.S. he worked in a bank. He also spent time in the



Farough Ashna

Staff Photo by CAROL SMITH

military service there.

Ashna explained, "My main goal right now is to further my education and return to Iran to assist the people of my country." He said, "I also enjoy the

American way of life and studying at College of the Mainland. Most of my time is devoted to my studies at this time so I don't have any hobbies to speak of right now."



Staff Photo by Pat Farrar

## Art Documentary Produced

By PAT FARRAR  
Co-Managing Editor

Don Wiseman's movie making class has almost completed production of a documentary film on the College of the Mainland's art department. The film highlights Don Thornton's work but encompasses all aspects of the department. Thornton acted as technical advisor on the art content of the film.

The production crew includes: David Weekley as director, Kevin Kemp as cinematographer, Tom Wilks as editor, and David Cameron as writer.

The class has finished the filming of an original feature film production written by another member of the group,

Barry Midkiff. Midkiff is the producer-director of that film, with Pat Farrar as cinematographer, Kevin Kemp as sound person and Tom Wilks as assistant director.

Wiseman's class utilizes eight millimeter cameras and sound synchronization equipment in their projects.

# Sports

## Prevost Takes Second at Meet

During the last weeks of March, College of the Mainland was represented in intercollegiate track and field for the first time since 1972. A squad of four runners and one high-jumper was the school's delegation to two different meets in Brenham and Beaumont. The Blinn Relays was a junior college-high school affair featuring some of the top teams in the state junior college division such as Southwest Christian College and Ranger Jr. College. Southwest Christian won the meet but COM finished a surprising 7th out of a 11 team field. The flying Comets were led by quarter-miler Clem Prevost whose 49.6 placed him second only to a runner from SW Christian. Look for the soph. sensation from Texas City to do even greater things in the May 13th State Meet. COM got some additional points from half-miler Don Johnson who placed fifth. At Beaumont, in Lamar's Ty Terrell Relays, three other Comets had outstanding performances. John Irving jumped 6 feet 4 inches to rank him up with Lynn Byrd as contenders for the state jr. college high jump crown. Freshman Don Woodard, coming off a leg injury, ran a respectable 220 and shows promise for future meets. Soph. Doc Kautz ran the mile in 4 minutes and 40.5 seconds in the Beaumont meet but is setting his sights on longer distances in the future.

**Track schedule for 1976:**  
 March 26 Blinn Relays  
 March 31 Ty Terrell  
 April 2-3 Texas Relays  
 April 14 SJC practice meet  
 April 17 Shrimp Festival Runs  
 April 25 Santa Fe Heritage Run  
 May 1 Texas Open  
 May 8 Gulf AAU Championships  
 May 13 State Jr. College Meet  
 May 15 Meet of Champions  
**Coach-Advisor:** Dan Travaille ext. 418  
**Captain:** Doc Kautz 945-6535

## Comets lose to Galveston

By JERRY GUYTON  
 Sports Editor

The Comets dropped a double header to Galveston College, in the Gulf Coast Junior College Intercollegiate Conference baseball race Wednesday.

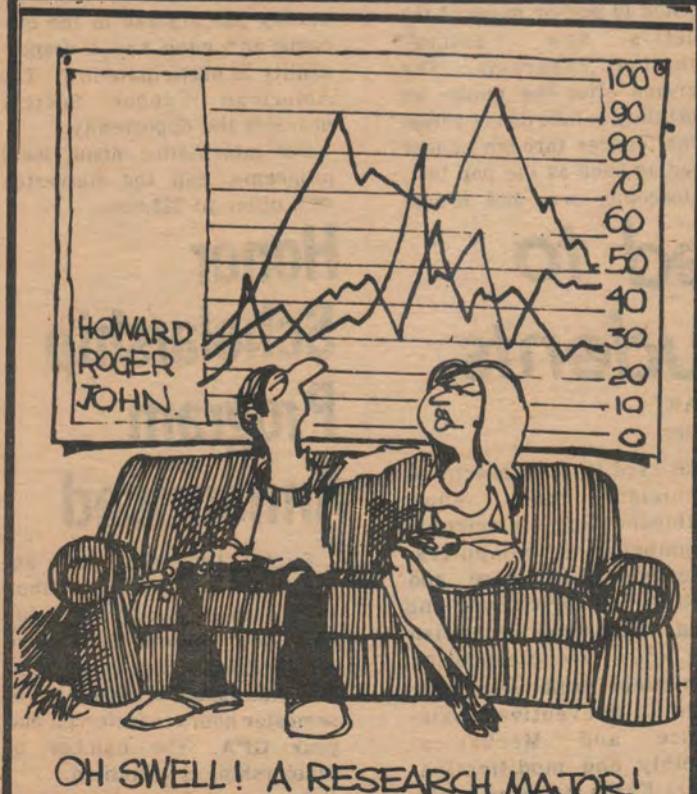
Galveston College beat the Comets 3-0 in the first game. Ronnie Nottebart was the winning pitcher for Galveston.

The Comets gave up eight hits, including four doubles and a home run hit with two runners on, and lost the second game 11-2.

The game was stopped after five innings because of the conference's eight run rule.

## FRANKLY SPEAKING

by Phil Frank



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Practice makes perfect in gymnastics

Staff Photo by Pat Farrar

## Regional Racquetball Tournament Scheduled

By BRIAN SMITH  
 Comet Staff

The Racquetball and Handball Club of San Antonio will host the U. S. Racquetball Southwest Regional Tournament from April 30 to May 2.

Any resident of Texas, New Mexico, Arizona, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, or Tennessee is eligible to enter. Each entrant will be required to pay an entry fee of fifteen dollars for the first event entered and ten dollars for the second. This fee, which includes a souvenir T-shirt, must be in by noon on April 28.

The first three places in each division, including the Consolation champions, will receive awards. The winners of the Men's and Women's Open Singles will be awarded round trip airfare to San Diego for the National Championships.

There are thirteen categories to enter, from beginners to masters and from under 18 to over 45.

For further information, contact Bill Montague in the COM Gym.

## Solomon, Belisle Win Tennis Doubles

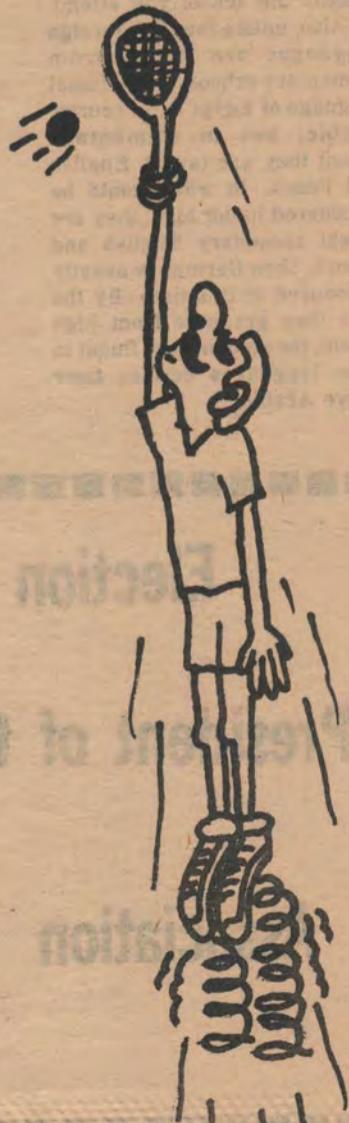
By JERRY GUYTON  
 Comet Staff

The good news in sports this week is the first place win in the tennis, women's doubles, division of the Alvin Jr. College "Sports Day".

Glenda Solomon and Becky Belisle battled their way through the competition, before downing the team from Brazosport College in the finals, for the championship.

They will receive first place certificates for their win and the congratulations from the students from COM.

There was to have been a volleyball team entered in the volleyball section of the "Sports Day" But the COM team had to forfeit because not enough players showed up.



## An afternoon with Nadia Helmi

By GIDGET CAMPBELL  
Comet Staff

Nadia Helmi is an unusual lady, not only because of her strange name, but because she was born and raised in Egypt. Egypt being frequently in the news, combined with special assignments in both humanities and journalism classes kindled an interest to learn more about the customs and people of Egypt.

The door of a spacious home in Houston opened, and a petite, strikingly pretty woman smiled warmly. After brief, only slightly strained hellos, we sat in her living room, drank cokes, and chatted.

Nadia Helmi is thirtyish, well educated, and married to an architect. Both she and her husband are employed by Brown and Root in Houston. They were married in 1962 and moved to the United States in 1968.

When asked about her name, Nadia said, "In Arabic, it translates to let me see if I can explain—it means something fresh—like the early morning dew. Most Egyptian names translate—much like the names of your American Indians."

**COMET:** How does the educational system in Egypt differ from that of the United States?

**NADIA:** I suppose the most basic difference is that college is free in Egypt. Therefore, one's grades must be very high in order to be accepted in any of the universities. Every year, everyone is tested at the same time, and the government assigns the school you attend.

"Also, unlike the U.S. foreign languages are taught from elementary school. The national language of Egypt is, of course, Arabic, but in elementary school they are taught English and French. In what would be considered junior high, they are taught secondary English and French, then German is usually introduced at this time. By the time they graduate from high school, the students are fluent in three languages besides their native Arabic!"

Noticing my interest in a photograph, Nadia said, "That's President Sadat—he's a friend of my father's and visited Houston awhile back. That photograph was taken at a party given by Douglas Marshall."

**COMET:** While we're on the subject of politicians and politics, what is your feeling on the Egyptian-Russian situation?"

**NADIA:** I expected the split, and feel that it is a good move. To become Communist would renounce too many things that are dear to the Moslem faith. Faith in God is something within yourself, and it is hard to give up something like that. Also, Egyptians are too family oriented to become Communist.

**COMET:** What about drug problems?

**NADIA:** The drug problem is not as severe as in the United States. The law is the problems here—too many loopholes. In Egypt, there is no bail, and the pusher cannot be left out to do more harm. Some drug dealers are hanged, and you can get up to twenty-five years for possession of marijuana.

"The strong family ties are probably another reason the drug problem is not as severe."

**COMET:** What is family life like in modern Egypt?

**NADIA:** Usually, the parents of a young couple check each other out. The girl's parents find out whether the boy can support her and provide for her adequately. Likewise, the boy's parents check into the girl's reputation and the status of her family.

"It is important to note here that the parents are not needle-some—they help because they love their children. The final decision does lie with the couple involved."

"Women are not allowed to marry until they are 16, at least".

"In Egypt, the man is the head of the house because they have most of the responsibility.

Women do have a voice, and the men generally listen because of respect for others. In the end, however, the male is still the ruler of the house."

"In Islam, a man may have more than one wife, but only conditionally. If the wife is sick and cannot fulfill her 'wifely duty', or cannot bear children, instead of an affair or divorce, he takes another wife. He must be fair to both wives, and must prove that he can support both of them.

## COM to serve as exam center

By GIDGET CAMPBELL  
Comet Staff

College of the Mainland will serve as an examination center for the 1976 Certified Professional Secretary Examination. Roy Walker, Chief Examiner, Testing Center, announced that the examinations will be held Monday and Tuesday, May 3 and 4.

COM is one of more than 200 centers for the six part exam, which will be administered to approximately 4,500 secretaries in the United States, Puerto Rico, and Canada. The six parts of the examination include Economics and Management, Environment Relationships in Business, Communications and Decision Making, Business and Public Policy, Office Procedures, and Financial Analysis and Mathematics of Business.

Any secretary meeting specific educational requirements in combination with specified years of experience is eligible to take the exam, and applications for the 1977 examination may be obtained by writing Institute for Certifying Secretaries, 2440 Pershing Road, Suite g-10, Kansas City, Missouri 64108.

## Texans contribute to Cancer Society

By PAT FARRAR  
Co-Managing Editor

Dr. Ceri Griffith, president of the Galveston County ACS recently announced that Texans gave the American Cancer Society over four and one-half million dollars this past fiscal year.

"This money is one way of showing the emphasis now being placed on cancer control. New action programs are continuously emerging to help save over half the lives we are now losing from cancer."

According to the 1975 Annual Report of the American Cancer Society, Texas Division, now available to the public, the Cancer Society has four main program areas: Professional Education, Public Education, Service-Rehabilitation and Research.

Professional Education provides up-to-date information on cancer diagnosis and treatment to the medical and allied health professions. The past fiscal year, these programs reached over 81,965 physicians, dentists and nurses. Also, 16 clinics and 13 conferences were supported by the American Cancer Society in Texas.

Public Education helps save lives by increasing public awareness and knowledge about cancer, prompting early diagnosis and treatment of the disease. This year over 44,000 programs were presented to an audience of 1,724,337 people. Programs included ACS educational films, physicians and lay speakers, also thousands of exhibits and millions of educational pamphlets.

Over 300,000 Texans participated in one or more of the Society's new "Action" Education Programs. The programs offer the public an opportunity to take direct action against cancer through cancer screening such as the pap test, proctoscopic, oral and breast

exams. Other Action Programs include Stop Smoking Programs, and Breast Self-Examination demonstrations. Dr. E. Archer Dillard Jr. is the education chairman for Galveston County.

The Service-Rehabilitation program seeks to save lives, to ease the pains and lighten the many burdens the disease places on its victims and their families. This year, the total number receiving ACS Service in Texas was 26,687 Texans. For example, the "Reach to Recovery" program for mastectomy patients served 2,230 women. Other examples; 315 laryngectomees were given free esophageal speech lessons and 1,037 ostomy patients were visited by ACS volunteers and given instruction on how to cope with their new body functions.

Research is a crucial phase of the ACS activity which enhances the possibility of finding those answers that will be useful to humanity for control of cancer. During 1975, grants in Texas included: 30 National and Texas Division fellowships and 31 research grants. The total of these grants exceeded \$1,774,244. "One further fact here", stated the local president, "for every dollar raised in the State of Texas, the Cancer Society spent \$1.04. The additional four cents came to Texas from research grants made by the national Society."

Griffiths concluded, "I feel that fighting cancer is a local responsibility and a challenge every concerned individual should meet. Every man, woman and child in our community has a stake in the outcome and each has a responsibility to participate in it. The American Cancer Society provides the opportunity."

For information about local programs, call the Galveston ACS office at 765-9351.

## Honor Scholarship Program Announced

Trinity University has announced a new honor scholarship program for Transfer Students. These scholarships are ranging from \$300-\$750 based on the number of semester hours transferred and your GPA. The number of scholarships is unlimited.

For more information contact Bob Smith's office in College Center of phone Extension 410.

## Election for

## President of the Student

Association

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## Improvement courses set fall '76

Two mini-courses to help students increase their reading speed and comprehension, as well as improve their vocabulary, will be offered this fall by College of the Mainland's Division of Counseling and Human Development Studies.

The five week, concentrated courses will focus on single skills and will offer one unit of credit and 16 hours of class work.

"These mini-courses are ideal for the student who does not need help in all of the skills offered in a traditional three-hour course," explained Mrs. Janith Stephenson, who will teach the courses with Mrs. Bonnie Longnion, both of whom are highly-trained reading specialists.

Mrs. Longnion pointed out that a survey of the students was conducted in January to determine the specific areas they wished to be included in the proposed mini-courses.

The Rate and Flexibility course is open to any student with a 10th grade or better reading level. The goals of the course are to double the reading rate without loss of com-

prehension and to acquire flexible reading skills for varying reading tasks.

The Vocabulary Improvement course is open to anyone who feels a need to improve his vocabulary. The goals are to develop on-going techniques for personal vocabulary development to improve both general and specific vocabularies.

The courses will begin and end at five-week intervals throughout the fall semester on the following schedule:

Rate and Flexibility, Sept. 1-Oct. 1, 11:00, MTh

Vocabulary Improvement, Oct. 4-Nov. 8, 12:30, MTh

Rate and Flexibility, Nov. 15-Dec. 17, 11:00, MTh

Rate and Flexibility, Sept. 1-Oct. 1, 8:45, MW

Vocabulary Improvement, Oct. 4-Nov. 8, 8:45, MW

Rate and Flexibility, Nov. 15-Dec. 17, 8:45, MW

Interested persons may register for the course on April 21 through 30, as well as August 24.

More detailed information may be obtained by calling 938-1211, Ext. 264.



The Juventud Familias Unidas, a folkloric dance troupe in the Texas City-La Marque area, is shown rehearsing its part in the Cinco De Mayo Festival to be held at College of the Mainland on May 2. The group's presentation is being choreographed by Mrs. Gina Uribe, a professional dancer from San Antonio who now lives in Dickinson. Mrs. Uribe has performed for the San Antonio Symphony.

## Childbirth classes to begin May 31

There are to be four Education for Childbirth classes taught at COM this summer. The first class will begin May 31. Classes will meet for six weeks and are open to women in the last trimester of pregnancy who have the permission of their physician. Husbands are encouraged to attend classes with their wives in order to be prepared of offer encouragement and support before and during childbirth.

Class sessions will cover: (1) Orientation to physical conditioning and changes in the body due to pregnancy, (2) Anatomy and physiology of pregnancy, (3) Labor, (4)

Delivery, (5) Post partum, and (6) Infant care and feeding.

Eaching session has an exercise period which includes training in relaxation, breathing techniques, and physical conditioning for both delivery and the post partum period.

Classes will also begin on June 3, August 2 and August 4. Interested persons may register beginning May 10 in the Records Office, Administration Building.

Enrollment in each class is limited and interested persons are urged to enroll as soon as possible. Further information may be obtained by calling 938-1211, Ext. 264.



Cinco de Mayo crowd

Folkloric dancing, vibrant music and Mexican food were some of the highlights of the third annual Cinco de Mayo festival, held on the College of the Mainland campus on Sunday, May 2.

The celebration was sponsored by College of the Mainland and the following Mexican-American civic groups in the college district: LULAC Council No. 255, Familias Unidas and COM Amigos.

Teachers' Auditorium. Trinidad Garcia, who now resides in Texas City was interviewed by Dr. Manuel Urbina, Instructor of Latin American History. Dr. Urbina's Interview contained information about Senor Garcia's experiences as a soldier of Pancho Villa.

The festival was held to bring together all segments of the community in observance of the Mexican-American heritage.

The learning Resources Center served as the focal point of the Festival, with some events scattered to other areas of the campus. Folkloric dancing by the Chicano children of the community was offered in the Gymnasium, an exhibit of art and culture was held in the Learning Resources Center and a special video-tape presentation, the personal account by a veteran of the Mexican Revolution, was shown in the

## Mainland Comet Editorial Page

Dear Editor:

This month brings us to the end of our spring semester and for many of us to the end of our academic studies at College of the Mainland.

When I began to further my education at COM two years ago, I had butterflies just thinking of starting back to school. There were so many questions running through my mind such as; Will I be able to go to school and keep my family in order? Will I be able to keep up with the study load? Will the students accept me as a student? (after all I had been out of school for some time). These are just a few of the questions running through my mind as I started out to pursue my new learning adventure.

Now, here I am with all those questions far behind me, about to be granted my AA degree after two beautiful years at COM. I also have the confidence to pursue my education further at U of H at CLC. I hope that I find UHCLC as gratifying as COM has been for me. Truthfully, if it had not been for my advisor, George Thomas, and all of my instructors building the confidence that I have in myself now, I don't believe that I could have made it this far.

I feel that some students will think of this as a little too sentimental. However, for those of us who "begin life over" it really means something to know that there are people who do care about our goals. It means something that these people are here to help us in every way to obtain those goals. For this reason, I will always hold a place in my heart and mind for COM, the members of its faculty and staff and my friends of the student body.

Carol Smith.

### Mahaney joins COM police force

By JERRY GUYTON  
Comet Staff

Charles C. Mahaney has been appointed Chairman of the Department of Law Enforcement at COM. He expresses his views of law enforcement with a low-key assurance of someone who has been on the line.

He spent six years as a patrol officer with the Houston Police Department (1959-1965) and seven years in the training of law enforcement personnel.

In 1965 to 1967, he served as a background investigator and instructor with the Houston Police Academy, going from there to Texas A&M Police Training Division. In 1969, he joined the staff of Southwestern State University to design and implement a four-year program in law enforcement, the second in the state at that time. Two years later, he moved to the Governor's Office as Program Coordinator of Police Services for all training educational programs in the state.

Elaborating on his views, Mahaney declares that he would like to see a great deal of communication between law enforcement agencies, the citizenry and industry.

Mahaney is typical of the new breed of articulate, well-educated career men in the field of law enforcement. He earned his B. S. degree in Criminal Justice from San Houston State University in 1971. He has taken 12 additional hours in Traffic Safety at Texas A&M, and has attended numerous seminars in Crime Prevention Management and other related topics at Texas A&M and Southwest Texas State University.



As a native Houstonian, Mahaney is glad to have been able to make the journey home, together with his wife, Geneva and his two teen-age children. He's looking forward to doing some fishing, and to renewing old friendships in the area.

Mahaney looks ahead to establishing contact with law enforcement people in the 13-county area which COM serves.

"I want to let them know about our outstanding programs and facilities," he declared. "In fact, our Law Enforcement Department is open to visitors at any time and I would be happy to talk with anyone about what we have to offer here," Mahaney added.

As Mahaney said, early in the interview, it's all a matter of communication. Apparently, he practices what he preaches.

# COM graduates 127 May 18

College of the Mainland will graduate 127 students in Commencement Exercises to be held Tuesday, May 18 in the Physical Education Building at 7:30 p.m. The public is cordially invited to attend the College's eighth graduation ceremony.

The program will begin with a Blessing of the Occasion by Father Jim Olsovsky, Queen of Peace Catholic Church in La Marque, followed by a medley of choral selections by the COM Singers. Dr. Fred A. Taylor, COM President, will offer the official welcome and Charles T. Doyle, President of the COM Foundation, will introduce the platform guests.

Bill W. Flaniken, Vice President of the Board of Trustees, will introduce the keynote speaker, Dr. Kenneth Ashworth, Commission of the Coordinating Board, Texas College and University System.

Following the address, Dr. Donald F. Mortvedt, Dean of Instruction, will certify candidates for graduation and Dr. Taylor will present the diplomas to the graduates.

Dan Doyle, Acting Dean of Student and College Services, will present the student awards and Robert Pryor, President of the COM Student Association, will name the recipient of a newly-established Student Association Award.

L. T. Gordon, President of the Citizens Advisory Council, will present the H. K. "Griz" Eckert Award to the student and faculty or staff member who best exemplify the ideals of "Humanhood through Brotherhood." The Rev. Norman E. Diehl, First Baptist Church of Dickinson, will offer the Benediction.

#### 1976 Graduates

The 1976 graduating class is composed of 54 students who have earned an Associate in Arts Degree; 57 who will be awarded an Associate in Applied Science Degree and 16 who have earned a Diploma.

The graduates are listed alphabetically under their respective communities, with their degrees and fields of specialization in parentheses:

**ALTA LOMA:** Devona, Cheryl Ann (AAS-Technical Secretary); Ford, David A. (AA); French, Marilyn K. (AAS+Technical Secretary); Henson, Maureen M. (AA); Rotramel, Joe R., Jr. (AAS-Law Enforcement); Smith, Jena (Diploma-General Secretarial Program); **ALVIN:** Ayers, Zachary L. (AAS-

Automotive Technology); Raygor, W. E. (AAS-Air Conditioning and Refrigeration Technology); **ARCADIA:** Brister, Melissa C. (AA); Coutorie, Kathleen V. (AA); **BEAUMONT:** Johnson, Sarah R. (Diploma Offset Printing); **BACLIFF:** Bulot, Timothy D. (AAS-Drafting and Design Technology); Smith, David G. (AA); **DICKINSON:** Elliott, Gene D. (AA); Farrar, Gregory P. (AA); Frankovich, Rosaland (AA); Lankford, Debra K. (AA); Miller, Edward E. (AA); Musick, James E. (AAS-Electronic Technology); Neshyba, Mary C. (AA); Piazza, Susan K. (AA); Pondas, Mary C. (AAS-Law Enforcement); Smiley, Eileen J. (AAS-Nursing); Swift, Clifford J. (AA); Thomas, Madena S. (AAS-Legal Secretary); Thompson, Annette L. (AA); Williams, Alsace L. (AA); Wilson, Jodie D. (AAS-Computer Science); **FRIENDSWOOD:** Frost, Gale S. (AA); **GALVESTON:** Boone, Nathaniel (Diploma-Offset Printing); Navalta, Maximino (AAS-Nursing); Okhovat, Nasser (AA); Connor, Renard N. Jr. (AAS-Management Program); Dorsey, Dennis M. (Diploma-Welding Technology); Eaton, Deborah L. (AA); Forster, Clifford L., Sr. (AA); Guerra, Mark K. (AAS-Legal Secretary); Riccar, Nancy F. (AAS-Legal Secretary); **HOUSTON:** Clark, Daniel L. (AA); Otti, Dorothy K. (AAS-Nursing); Shoup, Sandra (AA); Spears, Edgar R. (AAS-Automotive Technology); **KEMAH:** McGuire, Mark V. (AAS-Automotive Technology); **LA MARQUE:** Alexander, Norma Lee (AAS-Nursing); Botting, Donna M. (AAS-Legal Secretary); Burns, Patrick B. (AA); Complain, Sandy (AAS-Legal Secretary); Feder, Jane (Diploma-General Secretarial Program); Fonteno, Edith M. (Diploma-Offset Printing); Fonteno, Rita (AA); Foster, Wynetta (AAS-Automotive Technology); Gatson, Leah M. (AAS-Nursing); Hathorn, Betty J. (AA); Henderson, Sandra R. (AA); Hughes, Dale G. (AA); Johnson, Leslie S. (AA); Karr, David M. ((AAS-Electronic Technology); Kimble, Laban J. (AAS-Drafting and Design Technology); Millstid, Karen D. (AAS-Nursing); Murphy, Ralph E. (AA); Osborne, Inez Sue (AAS-Legal Secretary); Overton, Richard L. (AAS-Automotive Technology); Plasek, Susan G. (AA); Reed, Augustine H. (AA); Ruiz,



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*A complete schedule for Summer II may be obtained by contacting the Admissions Office. Registration for Summer II is set for July 7. Classes begin July 8.*

Apply now. Register on May 31. Begin classes on June 1.

For further information, please call the Admissions Office, 938-1211, Ext. 264, between the hours of 8:00 am to 8:00 pm on Monday through Thursday and 8:00 am to 5:00 pm on Friday.

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# Entertainment

## American compositions performed

BY GIDGET CAMPBELL  
Comet Staff

Students of Voice and Piano recently held a recital of the words of American Composers.

The students were under the direction of Ms. Susan Smeltzer, pianist, and Ms. Lora Allison, voice instructor. Those who sang included James Curry, Susan Higgins, Richard Watts, Jo Anne Miller, Suzanne Gardner, and Steven Thorne.

Pianists who participated in the recital were Laura Pickering, Phillip Riffe, Susan Higgins, April Jackson, Suzanne Gardner, Jo Ann Miller, Molly Anderson, Judy Kennedy, Karlene Neal, Anne Sheppard, Ms. Smeltzer, and Lora Allison.

## COM play's special effects draw praise

By CINDY ROOK  
Comet Staff

"...a time to die" was a technical masterpiece. Richard Hoag and Jerry Anderson came through in the lighting and sound design. Both were very realistic. My only complaint is that during the second act, the mixture of cigar smoke and the smoke from the guns and cannons got to be a bit much.

I felt that the 57 actors and actresses did a good job, with what they had to work with. Outstanding performances were given by Chris Rodriguez, Paul Lombard, Marg Otto (who deserves a gold star as the old woman), Paul Williamson, Melody Stanford, Don Bass and Juanita Denson.

The play was well directed, but there were some things that I have to question. For example,

in the hair cutting scene, I would not expect to see a white-coated barber who was equipped with a plastic comb and mirror and a red and white striped cloth at Alamo. Another thing that disturbed me was when Gregorio Esparza entered and spoke while smacking gum like a cow. I can not begin to believe that Santa Anna and his officers would drink wine from plastic glasses.

The battles were handled well and came off looking believable. The play contained some love scenes that were very effective in showing the two different sides. It is an enjoyable play if you do not mind a little blood. The two boys getting shot in the face disturbed me. I left with the same feeling I had after I had seen "Jaws". It is not something I would want to see twice.

## Sickness and Klutzism in the home

By GIDGET CAMPBELL  
Comet Staff

"The Liberty Brothers" is a three piece band from Houston (which will, by the way, be entertaining nightly at the Seville Club on Nasa Rd. 1 in Webster the first two weeks in May.) Not only do the band members work together, but they lived together for about four years, and in the process, formed a very tight family unit, as well as an original, refreshing, musical sound. The facts about to be read are true, and the names have been withheld to protect the guilty.

Keeping the boys on the road and in good spirits requires the active participation of all family members. Being the spouse of a musician is not the easiest avocation in the world, but the "Liberty Family" is aided by two characteristic, namely, "Klutzism" and "Sickness."

"Klutzism" and "Sickness" are two highly contagious social diseases, but true family members are infected at birth. Few people die because of it, but it has been known to happen in extreme cases.

"Klutzism" and "Sickness" keep the "Liberty Family" intact because birds of a feather stick together. "Klutzism" is the easier of the two to become contaminated with, and some friends catch it after only a few parties. An evening of fun with the family is filled with spilled drinks, bowls full of potato salad, and accidentally broken

windows, china and/or antiques. Symptoms of "Klutzism" include; inability to smoke cigarettes without burning hole in carpet, clothes or self, difficulty in eating meals without spilling liquids or missing mouths, and bumping into garbage cans while backing out of driveways in broad daylight. Other symptoms include general clumsiness (i.e. falling, banging shins, putting one's feet in one's mouth, and inability to do anything the easy and logical way).

"Sickness" is harder to come down with than "Klutzism," and much harder to truly define, because it involves the mind and sense of humor. Consequently, it may be confused with many other nervous disorders, psychoses, or neuroses. "Sickness" involves humor of the Gahan Wilson variety. "The Libery Family" has been known to find humor in three hours of Kathryn Kulman sessions, UHF channel commercials, really lousy old movies, and dead animals in the middle of the road (Sick, right? Well, you get the general idea.) If you cannot see the humor in hospitals, funerals or mating lizards, a "Liberty Family" member you are not.

Only "Sickees" and "Klutzes" can relate to other "Sickees" and "Klutzes," so few people feel comfortable around the Liberty Bunch, but that's ok. As long as there is music, "Klutzism," and "Sickness," the "Liberty

Brothers" et al will be happy and content in the Land of Rodan. But that's another story...

## Exhibit honors Thornton

By BRIAN SMITH  
Comet Staff

The Student Art Exhibition will be on display in the COM Student Center through May 16.

The art students have dedicated the exhibit to Don Thornton, artist-in-residence, for inspiration, direction and environment he has provided. It consists of hard and soft sculpture, drawings in various mediums, and collage.

Several students in the COM exhibit are also showing their work in other locations. Harrison Wilson will open a one-man show in the Batt's Gallery in Galveston on May 22. Dianne Hannisch is currently showing in a three person exhibit in the Friendswood Development Company Building in Clear Lake City.

The Salt Grass Trail Potters are also holding an exhibit in the Administration Building of their pottery work.

## Prose and Poetry

### Tapestry of Love

## A Light in the Dark

A part of me will always  
Wait for you  
And waiting, I remember  
And I cry.

How many days will pass  
Before I can  
Live one full happy day  
Without one thought of you?

To eternity, then—

I accept I must live each  
And every day  
In monument to your memory  
And ache for you.

I live because of you  
OIn spite of you  
For you for hope of you  
Hope, hope.

"Hope" is a word of tense emotion  
Hanging suspended  
Offering solace just beyond reach  
A light in the dark.

## New courses

### begin

### this summer

Three classes this summer have just been announced at College of the Mainland.

Paul Shuttleworth, a published poet and writer, will teach an eight-week poetry and Fiction Workshop at College of the Mainland, on Saturdays, 9:30 a.m. to Noon, beginning June 12. Tuition is \$12.

The non-credit course will focus on short stories, poetry and novels, with emphasis on meeting individual needs.

Two pottery courses with a specialized slant will be offered in May for persons with previous ceramics experience.

Pots for Plants, to begin May 10, is a five-part course featuring the design and construction of specific pots for specific plants. The class will on Monday and Wednesday, 9:30 a.m. to noon. Tuition is \$10. and the cost of materials, \$5.

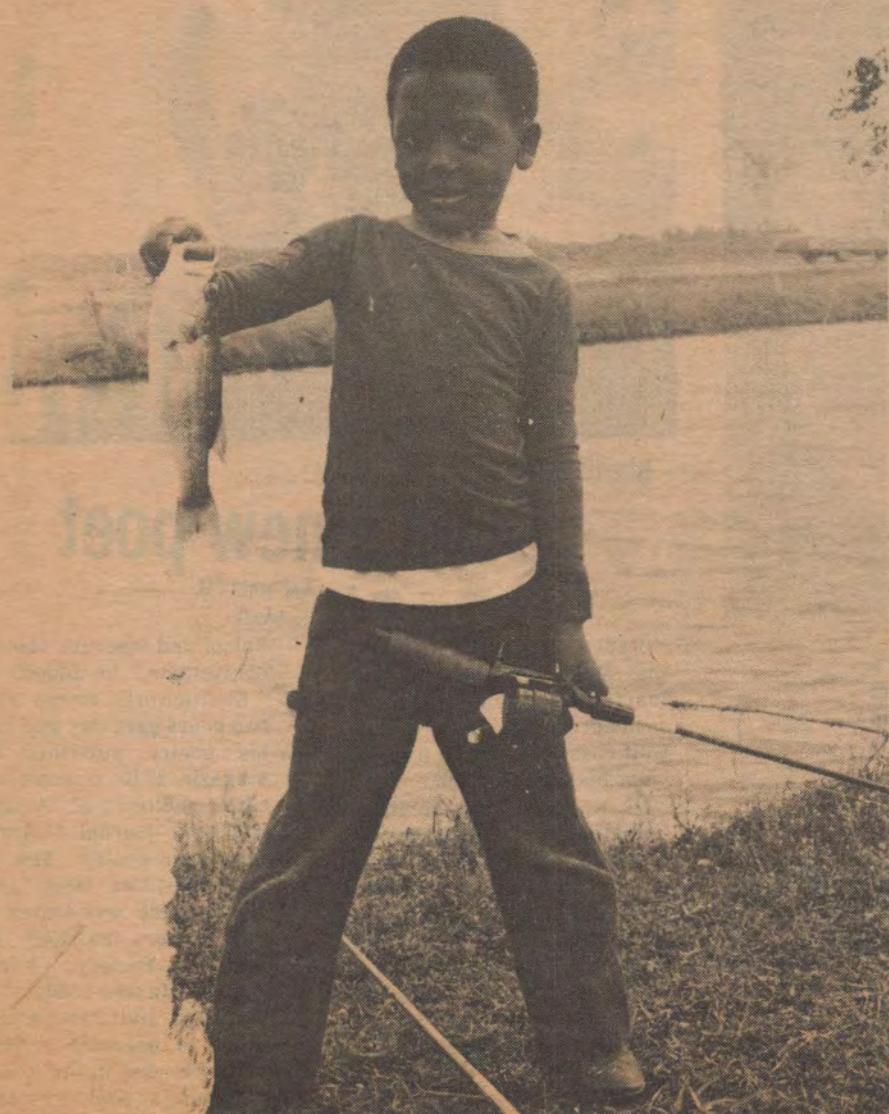
A Raku workshop, to begin on Tuesday, May 11, will emphasize the special firing techniques in Raku kiln. The five-session course will meet on Tuesday and Thursday, 7 to 9 p.m. Tuition is \$10 and the cost of materials, \$5.

Registration is now underway in the Records Office, Administration Building, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday; 8:00 a.m. and 5 p.m. Friday.

## Winning play continues

By GIDGET CAMPBELL  
Comet Staff

The award-winning play, "A Time to Die..." will run through May 15 in College of the Mainland's Arena Theatre. The original drama, written by COM instructor Jack Westin will be performed Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays. Admission is \$2 for adults, \$1 for senior citizens, COM Foundation Patrons, and students, and may be purchased at the theatre office from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Reservations are available by calling 938-1211, ext. 227.



## *Photos by Pat Farrar*





**COOKBOOK WINNER:** Mrs. Louise Sutton, a participant in College of the Mainland's Senior Citizens Program, receives a prize for selling the greatest number of cookbooks from Mrs. Sadie Poole, Coordinator of the Program. Mrs. Sutton's prize was four tickets to COM's current production of "...a time to die". The Cookbook was compiled by COM's Senior Citizens as a fund-raising project.

## COM contest winners

By MARY V. DANACZKO  
Public Information Officer

College of the Mainland's delegation to the recent Office Education Association State Leadership Conference walked away with a clean sweep of awards, with each of the eight students placing in at least one contest.

The COM contest winners at the Corpus Christi Conference are: Wynette Foster, first place in the Data Processing-Programmer II Contest; Sandra Hengst, first place in the Legal Secretary contest and fifth in Job Application; Madena Thomas, first place, the Job Application; Marilyn French, first place in the Receptionist; Sandy Complain, second place in the Secretary I; Schineatha Griffin, second place, Extemporaneous Verbal Communication and fifth place, Secretary II; Nancy Ricicar, third place, Office Clerk II; Cheryl Devona, fifth place, Secretary I.

"Our students did exceptionally well at the Conference and we are indeed proud of them," commented Carolyn Wiley and Cheryl Willis, sponsors of the COM Chapter of OEA.

Ms. Carolyn Wiley, also pointed out that the COM instructors did not "prep" the students for their contests.

"Our students earned their awards based on the knowledge, skills and attitudes they had acquired from their course work here at College of the Mainland," they observed. "Their showing in the State Conference is solid evidence of the outstanding education they receive at COM."

The OEA group at COM is now planning to send seven winners to the National Conference to be held in Topeka, Kansas on May 1, where they

will be eligible to compete in the national contests.

In addition to the contest for office skills, a "fun" contest was held on the Corpus Christi beach to determine which group could build the most creative sand castle. COM won third place in the Sand Castle Contest.

Celebrating the Bicentennial, and May as National Senior Citizens Month, the Senior Adults "Painting For Fun" classes of College of the Mainland will exhibit their oil paintings for three weeks beginning May 5th through May 26th. The exhibit will be the College Administration Building Reception Area and the public is invited to view these paintings during regular college hours. Instructor for the oil classes is Mrs. Willie D. Criss.

Students displaying their work are: Lula Adamson, Ola Archer, Helen Bailey, Inez Baker, Ruby Berry, Jadie Branstetter, Ina Bridge, Fran Carr, Madaline Dickey, Grace Eades, Maple Freeman, Mary Getters, Hazel Gates, Mildred Goodwin, Charles Gordy, Novella Green, Margaret Hager, Selma Hoff, Gladys Johnson, Anna Belle Kline, Julia Lawrence, Mildred Lewis, Eva Mar Loomis, Orpha Morgan, Maxine MacDoanld, Jackie Morris, Iyone Plummer, Sue Preston, Louise Primm, Edith Ray, Amy Roberts, Ruth Robison, Mildren Sanders, Sue Schmitt, Rosa Lee Schofield, Margaret Spears, Mary Steward, Thelma Tax, Fern Todd, Lynette Triplett, Beryl Wages, Isabelle Walker, Sherman Warner, Katherine Watford, Jane White, Blance Wells, and Hazel Williams.

## BICENTENNIAL BRIEFS



**BALEM POOR,** A BLACK SOLDIER, FOUGHT SO VALIANTLY AT BUNKER HILL THAT 14 PATRIOT OFFICERS PETITIONED CONTINENTAL CONGRESS TO BESTOW ON HIM "THE REWARD DUE TO SO GREAT AND DISTINGUISHED A CHARACTER."



A plaque honoring donors to the Georgie Que Berry Memorial Fund is displayed by, left to right, Mrs. Sadie Poole, Coordinator of College of the Mainland's Senior Citizens Program; Dr. Fred A. Taylor, President of COM; and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Carroll, who donated the plaque to the COM group to be used as a means of raising funds for a Senior Citizens' Center.



Shuttleworth

## COM's new poet

By BRIAN SMITH  
Comet Staff

Paul Shuttleworth, College of the Mainland's new English instructor and poet-in-residence, finds COM and the Gulf coast to be quite a change from his previous job.

"I was teaching in British Columbia and it was winter," he revealed. "It was so cold that the tires on my car were almost square. I tried to get the car started but couldn't. I stomped back into the house, pulled off my boots with my blue stiff hands, yanked off the mask on my frozen face and said to my wife," Kate, next year, it's Texas.

Shuttleworth said that he had been receiving the Texas Writers' Newsletter and came to realize what a fertile area for young writers Texas had become. His classes here, he said, are more open and informal than those I taught at the College of New Caledonia. "I find the students here are more mature and receptive to classroom discussion. The Canadian students were more

"aloof and insecure about their convictions," he added.

Shuttleworth writes at least two hours each day and has had his poetry published in 75 magazines. He is currently the editor-publisher of "Aisling," a quarterly journal of Irish and American poetry. The young magazine has been able to attract such well-known poets and writers as Kay Boyle, William Dickey, Adrienne Marcus, James Liddy, Colleen McElroy, and Dave Kelly. He hopes to organize a creative writing course in the Academic Program, as well as establish a campus poetry magazine.

Shuttleworth hopes to emerge as a major American poet. His educational background will serve him well. He earned a Master's Degree in Creative Writing and a BA in Speech-Communication from San Francisco State University. He studied his craft under such outstanding writer-teachers as Dickey, Boyle, and Danny Langton.

**Sportstalk**

# Trustees cuss and discuss sports agenda

By JERRY GUYTON  
Sports Editor

On April the 29th, the Board of Trustees of College of The Mainland, had a workshop to discuss problems on the upcoming agenda.

One topic which was of interest to me, and several members of the baseball, track and women's volleyball teams who were in attendance, was a recommendation by Dan Travail to discontinue the present intercollegiate sports program and to reform it into a club type system. Travail said "In an intercollegiate system you have eligibility requirements as to grades and number of hours that are being attempted." Travail then added "In a club type system there would be no eligibility requirements, thus opening up the sports teams to wider participation." "The idea isn't to do away with athletics but to change the concepts." He added.

Dr. Taylor said "A community college is set up to serve 100 per cent of the students. Only 28 percent of the students that attend COM go to Senior colleges. I feel that we can serve more people with less money with this program."

I then asked Travail "Do you feel that the sports club concept is the coming thing for the other community colleges in the area such as Galveston, Alvin and Brazosport?"

He replied "I can't speak for the other schools because I'm not familiar with their programs. The situation here is unique, in that COM serves several high school districts and Alvin and Brazosport serve only one each."

A member of the baseball team stated that if there was a decent scholarship program available, the school would be able to build some winning teams and the attendance at sporting events would increase. To which Travail replied "A few years ago we had a scholarship program and was able to field winning teams two years in a row. The first year we won the conference and attendance averaged about 75 people a game. The second year there were even less."

The general theme of the workshop was to develop a way to offer a recreational program not an athletic program.

I think the decision has been made. What this new concept will mean to the students, as well as the college itself, will remain to be seen. If the college is to be made a YWCA that just happens to give college credit in academics, and if the 28 percent full time Tuition paying students are going to be put in the back seat, just so a bored housewife or flabby businessman can play a little basketball, then I think that the system is going to be in a lot of trouble.

I think the students at COM are tired of halfhearted programs being offered to them.

Whatever decision is made, as to the sports program, I hope everyone will support it, student and administration alike.

I believe that it is better to have no program than one that does a disservice to the spirit and attitude that is, The College of The Mainland.

## Judo Students Dominate Turney

Students enrolled in College of the Mainland's non-credit Judo course walked away with an impressive number of awards at a tournament recently held at the Ed White Memorial Center, Seabrook.

Some of the finest Judo players in the Gulf Area came from Houston, Galveston, Beaumont, Port Arthur, College Station, and Conroe and Baytown to participate in the tournament, which was sponsored by the Gulf AAU.

The COM students achieved the following results:

James Jonte, Men's Open 2nd;  
Mike Franklin, Men's Open, 3rd;  
John Smith, Men's 154 lb., 3rd;  
John Culpepper, Men's 205 lb.  
Barbara Mikulik, Women's 117 lb., 2nd;  
Patricia Grove, Women's 117 lb., 4th;  
Mary Lou Smith, Women's Open, 2nd;  
Alan Pate, Boy's 12 yr.  
Steve Cano, Boy's 10 yr.

Only Jonte and Franklin have more than 10 weeks of class instruction. This was the first tournament for all of the students. Their instructor, Dale E. Moore, stated that he was very impressed with their competitive attitudes and the skills they displayed against more experienced Judo players.



The Galveston College Co-ed Beach Volleyball Consolation Trophy for Spring 1976 is displayed by COM volleyball team winners, shown left to right, Jane Baker, Ali Shahhosseini, Mohamaed Ghoreyski and Rhonna Soderberg (not present is team member Reza Nicknass.)



Staff Photo by Jerry Guyton

Members of The College of The Mainland track team who participated in the Santa Fe Heritage Festival "Greta Race" are from left to right, John Irvin, "Doc" Kautz, Clem Prevost, Don Johnson. Johnson won first place in the 2½ mile run.

## Comets lose double header

By JERRY GUYTON  
Comet Staff

The Comets dropped a double header to Alvin Junior College, 8-0 and 3-0, in conference play Tuesday. Stewart was the losing pitcher in the first game.

The second game was a scoreless match of fielding and pitching, with few long balls hit, until Alvin managed to score one run in the fourth inning then two more in the sixth.

The Comets had numerous scoring opportunities throughout the game, but failed to capitalize on them.

Highlights for the Comets in the second game was a triple hit by Balke in the first inning, and an unassisted double play by Magruder in the third inning.

The losing pitcher was Radie Perry.

## Montague resigns

The Athletic Office has lost the Face of Bill Montague. Montague, who has been on the COM staff for four years, joined the staff in August of '72 as an Instructional Athletic Assistant and has been an assistant coach for the COM basketball team.

Montague left April 27, and said he would be working for New York Life Insurance Company.

Montague received his Bachelor's Degree in Athletics from Oklahoma State in '71 and finished his Masters work shortly after coming to the college.

# How's Your Love Life?

By CAROL SMITH  
News Editor

This month How's Your Love Life spotlights Taurus. Taurus, if with your grandeur of thought and plan, you can keep your feet on the ground, you will have remarkable material success, for you have good shrew business judgement which, hitched to the high star of your aspirations, will take you far.

## ARIES (March 21-April 20)

Aries, you are ardent and passionate in love this month, but not an easy person to be in love with. There are significant aspects for a decision you make regarding your basic motives in starting or finishing a romance. Your lucky number for May is (3).

## TAURUS (April 21-May 21)

This month looks pretty lively for you Taurus. You have increased magnetism and popularity which should bring you much social and romantic attention. Stay close to lighthearted romance rather than serious commitments in love. Your lucky number for May is (2).

## GEMINI (May 22-June 21)

Your impressive personality and flair for people makes you quite popular this month. You seem to be keeping your love life rather confidential which is not one of your characteristics. You may find that there has to be a temporary break in romance due to a trip or job involvement. Your lucky number for May is (6).

## CANCER (June 22-July 23)

This month finds you a magnetic individual Cancer, with a tremendous amount of self-confidence. These aspects are helpful in attracting new romantic relationships or for the progress of an existing relationship. Avoid overemotionalism which can be a disadvantage to you. Your lucky number for May is (5).

## LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)

May is a stimulating month for new love attractions Leo. You may find new romantic prospects in your job or social area. Don't let the stress and strain of job or domestic problems affect romance adversely. Your lucky number for May is (4).

## VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)

You should not have any trouble attracting a new romance or sustaining an existing relationship this month. You may find that a long time platonic relationship is turning into a romantic adventure. There are exceedingly fine vibrations for romance and love. Your lucky number for May is (1).

## LIBRA (Sep. 24-Oct. 23)

You may find yourself in a stay-at-home mood this month Libra. However, you should keep on the social front as romantic opportunities are present. If you have an existing relationship you may find yourself giving a little extra understanding if harmony is to be maintained. Your lucky number for May is (9).

## SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)

Your creative force is terrific this month Scorpio, and whether it expresses itself in romantic emotions, career or art depends on how you utilize the enormous energy and magnetism that are yours. Your lucky number for May is (2).

## SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)

This month should find you attracted to a fascinating newcomer in the romantic department for you Sagittarius. You will probably be ending a relationship that is a little too superficial and replacing it with a dynamic new one. Your lucky number for May is (8).

## CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 20)

May should find you marriage minded and very much alter-bound. If you have had obstacles to that goal in the past, the way should be paved for happy wedlock now. Don't allow well-meaning friends to meddle in your love-life. Your lucky number for May is (7).

## AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)

You may find that the channels between you and your love partner are not on the same frequency this month. If you value this relationship, control your emotions and try to be a little understanding. Make sure the communication field is wide open for talking things over. Your lucky number for May is (3).

## PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)

A long time relationship could be turning your dreams into reality this month Pisces. You should find romance in some travel plans you might have. You may be making a decision about a friend versus love relationship. Perhaps a friend wants a closer relationship with you. You are the controlling factor in this relationship. Your lucky number for May is (9).

# Bulletin Board

By GIDGET CAMPBELL  
Comet Staff

Don't forget about the Leonardo da Vinci exhibit currently on display at the College of the Mainland Art Gallery. Models built from scientific and technical drawings and reproductions of explanations and sketches are included in the exhibit. The IBM collection will be on display until May 18.

Ms. Anne Bennick, instructor in the Division of Business, was recently invited to attend a Forms Design and Management course at the Shell Oil Company in Houston. The three day course dealt with forms analysis design and management.

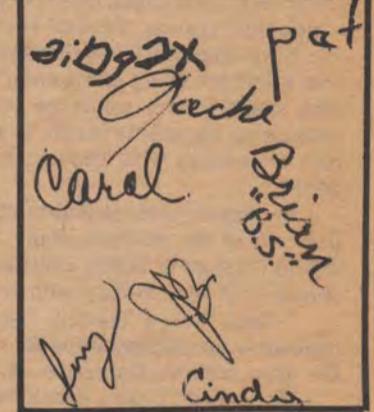
Ms. Bennick also attended the Association of Records Management and Administrators Seminar in Houston. The all day work shop covered use and preparation of computer output microfilm, the concepts of records protection, and tax and other reporting agency requirements for record systems.

Larry Stanley, Chairman of the Division of Humanities announced that COM is offering music assistantships and scholarships they are available to both music majors and non-majors, and applications, audition schedules, and additional information maybe obtained by writing or calling Larry Stanley, College of the Mainland, 8000 Palmer Highway, Texas City, Texas 77590. The number to call is 938-1211, ext. 2145.

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## A lesson in diplomacy

By PAT FARRAR  
Co-Managing Editor

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The morning passed rapidly Johnson speaking before a group of history classes at COM. Attention readily picked up when two Spanish speaking students began conversing with him in their native language. I am sure a number of students wondered at this blue-eyed, blond haired diplomat's fluency in Spanish; he had been assigned to such countries as Spain, Brazil, the Dominican Republic and Costa Rica during his thirteen years with the Department, and was required to learn the languages.

After his 12:30 "Brown Bag" lecture at COM, Johnson had a short respite at Bob Handy's home before he had to prepare for yet another lecture-discussion at a Unitarian Church in Houston.

This lecture went on until near-midnight; many of the people present had heard Peter's discussion on KTRH's "Talk of Houston" and were hesitant to let him go. The reason for this was probably that he had a natural ability to talk instead of speak at the audience. He emphasized that he wanted their reactions, and their opinions on foreign policy, rather than simply delivering Kissinger's. The Panama Canal problem was the predominant subject of discussion.

Tuesday morning saw us going to Brazosport for another lecture-discussion. Our guest commented positively on the seemingly endless trail of wildflowers along the highways and fields.

We left Brazosport in time to arrive in Galveston for a press interview-luncheon with Brad Messar, Managing Editor for the Galveston Daily News. The

interview was especially interesting for me as I watched Johnson give Mr. Messar a good deal of background information on the Panama Canal issue and subsequently read Mr. Messar's article the following day. It was "news in the making" so to speak.

There was just enough time to get to Clear Lake City and prepare our diplomat for another talk at UH-CLC. This lecture went much the same as the previous ones with the same rapid fire answers to pertinent questions.

The three-day-three-county tour ended with a dinner at one of Clear Lake City's finer restaurants. I listened as Bob Handy and Johnson reminisced about some of the places each had visited in Europe. The latter told of his son recently winning the Dominican Republic Swimming Championship.

I believe this experience had to have been one of the most enlightening in my recent memory. I feel I gained greater insight into the problems of other countries but more, it gave me the opportunity to meet a fine person, Peter Johnson.

A few days after he gave his COM lecture, an item appeared in a Mexico City newspaper telling of how Peter Johnson, deputy director of public affairs, Bureau of Latin American Affairs had spoken before a Texas City-La Marque group and indicated that future foreign policy would stress human rights. It was my supreme pleasure to have been a part of international news in the making.