Are Activity Fees Biased?

If you have ever wondered what the activity fees on your tuition receipt were for, I am particularly referring to those students between the twentys and the forties. 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 participation for the in-between group. Of course, we tend to involve in this group, we welcome to join in the activities of other age groups.

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

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 that will be given to the prospective student at the time he applies for financial. 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 Basic Grant Qualifications Set

Robert Pryor, student body president, announced that regular student ID's are no longer valid after 5 p.m. for use of gym facilities.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.

COM Gym Has New Policy

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 vicinity. He is working toward that goal, and hope to see it become reality in the near future.

However, Mr. Urbina feels that since a great number of people in our area are of Mexican descent, a permanent museum would be beneficial and en· tertaing to all residents of our vicinity. He is working toward that goal, and hope to see it become reality in the near future.

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 colored glass, similar to that of the reign of Philip II, during the latter part of the 1500's. These coins were hand made individually by hammering the seal of Philip 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.
Mainland Planning Activities

Are you going to get involved in the Bi-Centenial activities planned this year for the Mainland? The bi-Centennial Celebration Committee has a three-fold program which includes: The Male Choral Ensemble, The Fine Arts Department, and Music for the occasion provided by a group called "Buckshot." The reason students have about the bookstore is that it provides a good first impression. The lack of current material, some very fond memories of the members looked less than glamorous this year. The store itself was provided by a group called "Buckshot." The male Choral Ensemble will be planning a piano recital every other month, beginning February, March, and April. The Fine Arts Department is planning a piano concert. The "The Festival" is a celebration of our heritage through the fine arts and at the Library Center. Music for the occasion will be provided by Buckshot.

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 Cheyenne.

Winterhawk, the young chief, sets out on the advice of his trusted 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 before, the film leaves the story highly predictable. At this point it deviates from the book and progresses to a happy ending, something we see to little 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 partiers 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 different in evidence, and often to metal posts no less. How many "goofs" can you find?

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor

In response to Gidgton'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 thank the band for contributing 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 may be we were out of style. If you leave before, you will be excused. We do not think there are any dress restrictions in the college. We are glad you thought them mediocre, everyone else thought they were great. We love the comment about people sticking their fingers up our noses, you had been coming here ever! The SCPC was pleased with the dance, and the band.

BOOKSTORE PASSES BACK on Increased Prices

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

According to COM Bookstore Manager David Rae, students should not feel bad about the prices of new books. Mr. Rae is limited by an average of 25 to 30 percent on new books, while the retail prices of the new books are set by the publishers. He said that if a book is going to make a 20 percent mark-up it is considered very minimal in most bookstores and most bookstores will laugh at you when you talk about a 20 percent mark-up. Mr. Rae, "and we barely scrape by on it!"

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 pay a little more than they should for a used book. When a student returns a book, it is resold to the next buyer. For example, a book may have been purchased at $10.00 and then resold for $12.00. The student who returns the book pays $10.00 and the person who buys the book pays $12.00. The student who returns the book pays $10.00. The student who pays $12.00 is paying more than the person who pays $10.00. The student who pays $12.00 is paying more than the person who pays $10.00. The student who pays $12.00 is paying more than the person who pays $10.00.

The bookstore's regular hours are as follows:

Monday and Thursdays, 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

The bookstore remains open until registration closes on any registration day. Also, the bookstore extends its hours during the first week of credit classes and the first week of non-credit classes.

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FEB. 7 - APRIL 3

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THEATRE UNDER THE STARS

1999 W. Gray, Houston 77019 522-0705
Coaches Jerry Bryan'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 $5500 to $550, the coaches succeeded in recruiting some impressive players. Byron Thompson and Craig Riggins will be the only returning players this season.

Starting the new squad are Lania Hayes, Floyd Patterson, and Mike Stanton of Kansas in Houston. All three of these recruits played on a Kansas State 4-A Championship team. Alonso Hasley, the biggest man on the team standing 6'11" 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.

**Women's Volleyball Initiated This Year**

COM is enlisting the sports program this year by initiating a Women's Volleyball Team. There was some scepticism about the team at first, but after tryouts there emerged an eight girl team. At 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 lineup will include Julie Dues, Georgia and Cindy Dues, Mary McGown, Lynn Glazner, Joan Oden, Dollie Cain, and Mary Seizler.

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**

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**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 could be run. 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 Spillers 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 students of the college.
OPINIONS

Low Key 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. I hope to seek out among us for some of these more interesting stories. This issue will start with G.H.

G.H. is a story of ex-mine, ex-houseman, floorman, car salesman, insurance agent, bartender, mailboy, printshop helper, stockboy, collector G.P. of gas cook & floor sweeper.

G.H. says "I drank my self 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 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 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 alot 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.

How's your Love Life?

By CAROL SMITH

ARIES (March 21—April 19)
Last-minute decisions could bring a turning point in your love life this month. However, avoid being impulsive or too quick. Gutsiness could cause friction between you and your lover. Keep a tight rein on your urges and adopt a "wait and see" attitude.

TAURUS (April 20—May 20)
You should be very popular on the social front this month. There is a magnetic attraction present now, and both romantic prospects, especially in environments such as education or community involvement. However, you should aim for a lighter and moreritable attitude toward love this month. Your lucky number for October is 3.

GEMINI (May 21—June 20)
You will 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 21—July 22)
You may be a bit self-centered at this time, but you are seeking out new and different relationships. This month brings romance over a serious attraction. Your lucky number for October is 4.

LEO (July 23—Aug. 22)
You may be somewhat aloof during 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 9.

VIRGO (Aug. 23—Sept. 22)
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. 23—Oct. 22)
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 4.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23—Nov. 21)
You 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. 22—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 dominate. Marriage could be in the picture for some of you Sagittarians. Your lucky number for October is 9.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22—Jan. 19)
Activities related to travel or education could be fortunate sources of new romantic attractions now. Avoid misunderstandings with your partner; this could stem from lack of communications between you. Your lucky number for October is 7.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20—Feb. 18)
There should be plenty of flexibility in your love life this month, but be sure not to stay clear of becoming too involved or serious as these romances will be short-lived. Your lucky number for October is 5.

PISCES (Feb. 19—Mar. 20)
This month could produce the action you've been waiting for oninship. 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 traffic; 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 spots that 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-don't. The well rounded characters are Portrayed by J. 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 theirtrials.

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 familiar in the past.

Perhaps that is why I like the show. The part that I like best is at the end when Mr. Queen's is in and we are asked if we know who did it.

I have as yet to get the correct name but I certainly enjoy trying.
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 Mainland's "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 special looking into his past during the McCarthy era. He was Dr. William P. Fleming, Emeritus Professor of English at Sam Houston State University. Also speaking at the conference was Dr. Donald Lee, Emeritus Professor Emeritus of the University of Houston, as well asarea elementary, secondary and college level instructors.

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

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

Survey of Former COM Students

COM Receives $1000 From Elks

PAC FARRAR Staff Writer

COM has just received a contribution for $1000 from the Benevolent Project of Elks, Mainland Lodge No. 2141 in benifit of an endowment fund. The Lodge has an earnest commitment to youth not only as an enlightened 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 Elk Lodge in Texas for their youth program. The Elks first set up an endowment fund as early as 1928 when $1000 was obtained. This has since grown to $50,000.00 with an interest of $100,000.00 per year.

Dr. Taylor commented that the interest from COM's endowment fund was utilized in the development of new programs presently beyond the operational budget. Anyone interested in information concerning the fund and its goals is to call by writing or calling Dr. Taylor, College of the Mainland, 8001 Palmer Highway, Texas City, 77590 (409-1211, Ext. 271).
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 strait-laced blue warm-up jackets which have Student Center 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 its 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 contamination. This may be reinforced through their existence and the media's instantaneous information output. It excites the small minority of potential psychopathic tendencies.

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 touched, medium of communication rather than personal contact.

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

These militant groups still persist in the early 70's have drawn substantial recruitment from the ever-shrinking level and intensity of p-biological alienation found in the larger population. (defines p-biological alienation as a combination of three factors: the group's exposure to government and political manipulation, a sense of the meaningfulness of electoral policies and political choices, and perceived powerlessness to change the course of American p-biological life.) Recent studies of political alienation in this country by Robert Gloum and Robert Lamb (Political Alienation) are contemporaneous and carefully with the dominating strength of our major political parties (check the increasing number of independent voters and the widespread dissatisfaction with parties and party leaders), the increasing dissatisfaction with the political life and thus the resultant des-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 'riped-for-the-plucking' by a demagogue. (Ironically, the old party regulars serve as our most viable check against the 'man on the white horse.')

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By Jim Finley

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Numerous reporters, editors, and behavioral scientists have attempted to explain the recent assassination attempts (or partial attempts) in their efforts to explain the recent assassination attempts against President Ford. Many have expressed surprise that such attacks would strike so soon after our present incumbent. This surprise is based upon a popular belief that only those politicians with sufficient charisma to evoke deep feelings of love and or hate constitute potential targets of assassins. With luck and the rational, cold-blooded mind must muster a rating of .002 on a charisma scale from 1 to 10 (Betty should rank much higher).

Therefore, it seems appropriate to look at an explanation of the threats against this President's life. Of course the 'rightness' (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 behavioral characteristics which seem especially operable to the incidents can be a good place to begin. Let's try to explain an explanation.

The forces (and the inter-action of these factors) 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 particular cultural and time context, is, perhaps, best explained by cultural and time context. It seems that the most visible trait of the particular cultural and time context is the 'seamless' nature of school 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 the "socio-cultural" process (defined as one's peers exerting greater influence than socializing agents such as the family and the church). This dysfunction (negative in the rubbysense) in the cultural transmission process led to an increasing loss of traditional cultural convert. This led to an increasing loss of traditional conflict. As individuals, we are best equipped to deal with the growing number of radical counter-culture (or secular religious) groups during the Bay Area. These were drawn largely because of a sense of the meaninglessness of electoral policies and political choices, and personal powerlessness to change the course of American p-biological life.) Recent studies of political alienation in this country by Robert Gloum and Robert Lamb (Political Alienation) are contemporaneous and carefully with the dominating strength of our major political parties (check the increasing number of independent voters and the widespread dissatisfaction with parties and party leaders), the increasing dissatisfaction with the political life and thus the resultant des-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 'riped-for-the-plucking' by a demagogue. (Ironically, the old party regulars serve as our most viable check against the 'man on the white horse.')

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Letter To The Editor

Evidently many students have not feared their eyelids upon the many carpeted objects in the corners around our school. You still need another one of which you O.K., those things are lined with jolly green giant polyethylene baggles. (Baffles, for all you who know about or are in the garbage.) TRASH CANS, YOU POOLS!!! From our observations we have developed keen knowledge of garbage and due to this we now can communicate with students and any other slabs apparent ignorance of our invaluable ecology. (It seems they are preparing for a big blow cow down the MISSY ass STICKY, and OOOOH ICK!!! described the tables, floors, and corners of the Student Center after munch hour. (Take the elbow test) Various elbow tests around here have registered p-stive for the five Cs. Apparently this blight is spreading like a fire, in Kangaroo. The Five Cs are no secret. They are as follows:
1. Coca Cola spilt, that is
2. Cuffs (paper, that is)
3. Cigarettes (21¾ million to an acre
4. Crumbs
5. Cigaretas (general crap)

While the radical counter-culture has lost strength in numbers, it has a sight to compensate through terminal activities,” Finley states, adding that while these individuals have, in all probability given up their dreams of revolution because they realize 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.

When he feels 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.

Where Are The Silent Voices?

GEORGE BOURNE

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 social problems.) This trend leaves our country vulnerable for a new white knight in shining armor to attain control.

"Tis, while the radical counter-culture has lost strength in numbers, it has a sight to compensate through terminal activities," Finley states, adding that while these individuals have, in all probability given up their dreams of revolution because they realize 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.

When he feels 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.

"Oh", What happened to the voices of youth? The ones that stopped a war, tuned us on to ecology, stopped the draft and other meaningful items that needed our attention. Does this silence mean that the causes of yesterday were more important then the needs of today? If this is so then the "Greening of America" must be complete. I do not think that this is the case however for there is much work left to be done so before we can call our land perfect.

It is to be hoped that the silence from the students of today does not mean that they have become so self-seeking that they have become blinded to the wrongs that are around us. The lack of protests might also mean that we have all become so jaded by the overabundance of wrongs that we no longer care. Maybe it all seems so much that the feeling of hopelessness pervades our campus and destroys that much needed sense of 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 removal 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 taxpayers 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.
COM Taubes Host

Texas Opera Theater

By LOCHIE FOWLER

Theatre

Texas Opera Theater, Houston Grand Opera's touring and bicentennial year of 1976-77 in Houston on Thursday and Saturday, October 23 and 25, with performances of THE BARBER OF SEVILLE, Beethoven'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 (BRABER) 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 College Station-Opera House on November 14.

Texas Opera Theatre specializes in providing high-quality "Entertainments," civic service and educational programs aimed at a non-traditional opera presentation to an individual audience's need and budget. Also, to freeway residences (including seminars, demonstrations, as well as public performances) are available, including TINROCK'S HANDSELL AND GRETEL and the one-hour 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 Theatre later at 210-1217 (Houston).

Season Tickets

Still Available

USA To Be Presentated

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' novel of the same name, U.S.A. traces the United States through World War I and the Great Depression. Celebrations of the times are interwoven with nostalgic melodies, retaining all the color, sentiment, and thinking reality of the era.

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

Phantom Of The Paradise

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

The action centers around a frustrated and unhappy man named Winslow, who is duped by Mr. Swan, a druggist. Swan steals his music, has him bailed up, backed and sent to prison. In jail, Winslow undergoes dental surgery, which ruins his voice and makes him look really funny. (All his teeth are silver-you see.)

After breaking out of prison, Winslow returns to get revenge on Mr. Swan. In the process, poor Winslow gets a record produced and sent to prison. (Always in the wrong places, 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, despite all this, the film is still enjoyable because of the brilliant singing and acting of the cast. The dialogue is a killer if one can think quickly, and the plot is ridiculously corny, it's hilarious.

The acting was passable in most cases—with a few outstanding performances. Mentions go to Beef, the glitter king, keeps the audience in stitches with his lip-overset and sashaying across stage. Mr. Swan comes off as a real villain, the audience is tempted to throw rocks at the screen. (And did easily that at one presentation.) When Winslow was portrayed with gusto, and actually became believable. All in all, "Phantom Of The Paradise" is a good flick. Corny, uproarious, and has quite a bit to say about the music industry and the way it is run. With a buck on Dollar Night at the Cineplex, anyway.

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 Watson must wash through. The point of every episode is a moral for us to learn from and for one find I don't enjoy them. This show is weakened by two factors and the more 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 Leonard to the writing, directing, and producing of other shows. The"Dick Van Dyke" show where he has much success. All in all "Big Eddy," will not be easily missed when it has finished.

By Gidget Campbell

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Pipeline to Knowledge

CHARLES WINGATE
Comet Staff

College of the Mainland has a challenging assignment to provide a community service within the boundaries of the campus. In completing this assignment, the library has supplied a wide range of information and resources.

The library section contains two divisions, print and non-print. The print division provides a supply of wide range of information and resources.

The print section contains books and magazines which provide a significant improvement of learning capabilities at the college. Like most up-to-date college libraries, the books are cataloged under the Library of Congress system. This system was adapted 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 is now cataloged and easily located.

According to Ann Miller, Librarian of the library, "To support the institution, provide services and act as a clearing house of knowledge for the student. If the library cannot provide the service other resources will be checked into the staff.

Bill Slaney has said the library 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 and comment. With the cost of living on the rise, the cost of college tuition has also risen. The reader is referred to this rise. Just where does the tuition fee go here at COM C?

According to Dr. Brown, Dean of Administrative Services, the college library collected $215,000 in tuition fees this year. Of this sum, $27,500 is used for the repayment of a revenue bond debt accrued in 1969. The remaining $187,500 is used 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. The remaining 4 percent finances (in part) the bookstore and refreshment center.

Dr. Brown added that local funds make up 4 percent, tax, 4 percent of COM's expenses. About 30 percent of funds come from the State of Texas, 15 percent by the federal government, and 4 percent from auxiliary sources.

The Japanese who today are large collectors of Korean art.

Laws enacted since Mr. Fullingin, College of the Mainland, has approved the removal of artwork from that country and has raised the issue of where it is to be kept.

Mr. Fullingin stated that there were enough artists around to satisfy the few collectors in this country.
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.
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, 296 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 $30, gloves $55, and $8 for a stick. A player may also wish to purchase shoulder pads, shin pads, elbow pads, and other accessories that may all total about $110.

Because of the lack of ice time, more rinks are being built. The fever is striking everyone, from amateurs to professionals. In Texas, the increase in hockey fans and players is most likely a result of The Houston Aeros, World Hockey League Champions. Hockey heroes like Gordy Howe of the Aeros, prompt youngsters, as well as 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.

Gators Edge Comets

BY BRIAN SMITH

The San Juan Cap 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 Blattas, 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 Glanier, 6, served up 4 points to boost the score to 7-4. 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 3 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.

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.

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, pool, volleyball, table tennis, and a rodeo. These activities are open to anyone who wants to try them.

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 wish to sign up for any of these games, go by Leroy Auger's office, upstairs in the College Center, room 216.
$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 SPCP sponsored programs
SCPC = Student Center Programs Council

Sports Day - At Blossom
12 & 7 FREE MOVIE "Ministry of Fear"
1 - Table Tennis Try.
12:30 - Free, Free "Musical Duo" Folk Singers
9 a.m. & 7 p.m. - Free Movie "Flame of New Orleans"
12:30 - SCPC Meeting
8 p.m. - Arena Thr. Live Musical Review $1 - Students
12:30 - SCPC Meeting
8 - 12 p.m. - RECORD HOP $1.75
1 - Pinball Try. Mixed Dbls.
12:30 - SCPC Meeting
8 p.m. - Arena Thr. Live Musical Review $1 - Students
7:30 - Basketball Pensecola - Here
8 p.m. Arena Theater Live Musical Review $1 Students

7:30 - Basketball Angelina - there
4 - St. Assoc. Mls.
12:00 - Free Movie "Brother John"
12:30 - TRIKE RACE
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8 p.m. Arena Theater Live Musical Review $1 Students

4 - St. Assoc. Mls.
LAST DAY TO DROP CLASSES WITH "W"
4 - St. Assoc. Mls.

Thanksgiving Holidays
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Cheri Joyson, (not visible, Regis Meyers), Don Plake, Sunny Westin, Andrea Miller, Betty Regan, Kenneth Welcher, Myra Schmitt, Cliff Mabry, Ray Schmitt (at piano).

**Boyle Elected President**

By LOCHIE FOWLER

Dan Doyle, College of the Mainland's Director of Financial Aid, was elected President of the College and University Financial Aid Administrators 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 FEW 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 that "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.

**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 8th 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 Welcher, Regis Meyers, Betty Regan, and Sunny Westin.

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

**Problems Discussed**

By CAROL SMITH

"College of the Mainlands' student government had their first "Town Meeting" Thursday. There were 1700 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 any 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 6, 1975. The meeting starts at 12:30 in room 122 of the College Center. Everyone is asked to attend.

**COM Promoter**

By CAROL SMITH

Mary V. Danacekro 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. Danacekro's office one can tell she is thoroughly devoted and enthusiastic 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-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 Danacekro, because she's the gal behind it all.
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 complain and say 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? Have you or I ever been here for two years or maybe less, but that is no reason to not 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 intermenia 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 category of being an everybody, why not try suggesting some activite that you would enjoy?

Letter To The Editor

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 always being fed by the students.

Dear Bill,

I can understand how you feel about the ducks. But 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 here 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.
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.

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Results of Mixed Doubles Bowling Tournament

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High Game

| Richard Watts          | 176 |
| Eileen Tepera          | 144 |

Low Average

| Cynthia Davison        | 32.6 |
| Larry Moreno           | 53.3 |

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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 6:30-7:30 a.m., 7:30-8:30 a.m., and 8:30-9:30 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, 8:30-9:30 a.m., and the other for 7:15-8:15 P.M. also on Tuesday and Thursday. 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 25 and 26 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, Ext. 497, or Non-Credit Registration, Ext. 366.

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Campus Moods
George Val George

ESP Mystifies Audience

By GIDGET CAMPBELL

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 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.
- Patti Hearst will reveal that she was betrayed by a close friend, will spend only 90 days in jail, but will eventuallykill herself.
- There will be an airline crash in the mid-west during an Los Angeles to New York flight, and 128 people. If the crew will be killed.
- Another woman will attempt to kill Gerald Ford, but this time, he will receive a superficial wound to his 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!


Judo, Anyone?

By CAROL SMITH

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 on 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?

Keep the spirit of 1776 ringing.
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Opinion Poll

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

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 in 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.

Any Questions For Bentsen?

By LOCHIE FOWLER
Comet Staff

During the closing days of June, John Hubisz, a physicist 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."

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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 1820 to 1930. The course will cover units on the Aztec, Maya, and Inca Civilizations; Spain and the New World; Conquest; Encomiendas; 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.
IN FOCUS

photographs by Kevin Kemp
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 "The 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 Daltry sauntered 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 Daltry's obvious sex appeal, Keith Moon's incredible rapport with his drums, and John Entwistle's mastery of the bass guitar made the first rock concert at the Summit and 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, "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, brings her container, and the milk is drawn from huge cans. She carries them."

The Darde's, when obtaining their insurance for the trip, were given a log of good roads, hotels, motels, and restaurants drawn up especially for their trip, and not once were they disappointed. "It was wonderful." Pat commented. "We'll remember it forever."
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 contents 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 upheaval. 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 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 look 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 the identified and traced to their causes. It is in 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 AIB. The one thing many students do not expect when they enroll in a course in international relations among them, have come to life.

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On The Road To Detente

American friendship is with us and it appears it is a solid lasting friendship. The Chinese are quick to 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 relationships. The Russians it seems also fear 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 relationships. This one great fear at this time, and that is the protection of the Russian border.

The Russians could be getting themselves 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. If this happens to us again I think I will start looking for gifts in November.

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. We could be getting ourselves into something that might be hard to get out of.

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 was received. The “Sons and Daughters” of Gunlock, are also happy to announce that 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 show 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 Kahili Gibran: “Judgement”.

“The learned man who has not judgement 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 aloe in a pitcher of pure water.”

Denny Wawrals

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.
Sarah Rogers and Debra Ware.

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Hengst, Sandra Hinson, Shirley Peacock, Susan Sauers, Jena Schineatha Griffin, Cerace, Sandy Compian, Rita Cullum, Cheryl Devona, Betty Mary Ann Willis, Lindie Wright, French, Donna Gayton, Compian, Vice-President; organization are: Nancy Parliamentarian; Shirley Mccree, Reporter. Marilyn French, Treasurer; the OEA Emblem and made a

New officers for the Student Officers Elected

By Shirley McCREE

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 Cherylly Williams, 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 Complan, the Vice-President, then stated the purposes of OEA and Nancy Riccar, President, presented the OEA Emblem and made a speech to all the members.

New officers for the Student organization are: Nancy Rielear, President; Sandy Complan, Vice-President; Madena Smith, Secretary; Marilyn French, Treasurer; Betty Jo Bieringer, Historian; Sbineatha Griffen, Parliamentarian; Shirley Mccree, Reporter.

New members are: Jeanette Curlee, Sandy Complan, Rilla Cullum, Cheryl Devona, Betty Jo Dieringer, Wynetta Foster, Shirley L. Freeman, Marilyn French, Denna Gayton, Schineatha Griffin, Sandra Hengst, Sandra Hinson, Shirley Mccree, Susie Osborne, Sandy Preeceok, Susan Sauers, Jena Smith, Madena Smith, Coral Toops, Catherine A. Vaughn, Mary Ann Willis, Lindie Wright, Sarah Rogers and Debra Ware.

OEA Installs Officers

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 thereby 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 Marham, 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.

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."
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.
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 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 withinas 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 the levies.

Decals that are 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 off. of Rotramel's office.

New Vice-President Selected

BY JEAN BURENS
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.

Marnette Schiltzberger, 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 ideas between the students and Administration." Schiltzberger says she is enjoying her first semester at COM. She later plans to go on to UHCL 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'!"
**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.

Reserved seat tickets are recommended for admission by their private piano teachers, band or choir director.

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**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 contest level a Ninolta SR-T 20 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.

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**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  
Till death do me apart.

I am lonely alone  
And often lonely with you  
Waiting for your spontaneous love  
And your eagerness to run from it.

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**DON FORBES**

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**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 will offer the student the opportunity to learn all phases of motion picture making including: script writing, directing, cinematography, sound, editing, and production.
Smoker's Lib?

Dear Comet:

The Student Center should have a non-smoking section and a smoking section. A student is constantly asked not to smoke, although they should be told to go to the non-smoking area, with an oxygen mask available. Am I asking too much?

Sincerely,
The Black 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 their's 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 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 painted 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 huggers out the window and let nature take its course. It was Jackson's performance in the opening two games of the season which snapped a 28 game losing streak back in November. "We're not at all surprised at Jackson's spectacular showing," commented COM head coach Bill Montague, "we still hold the COM record in baseball in basketball."

KEVIN KEMP

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, removed, from outer space. No, it is 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 product 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 college (or big brown thing) currently displayed in the LRC.

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 sap 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: Radio Perry, Doug Meece, Mike Stewart, George Myers and George Bostick. This is quite an improvement over last year's staff of only two pitchers.

It's the two long-necked creatures commonly known as geese. According to "The Farmers Almanac" we're not supposed to have any more hard freezes so it's safe to start planting. This will 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

Hudson and Renita Caro captured first place with 815 points in the COM Bowling tournament held February 12th. Mary McCown and Roger Deweese took second with 789. Mary Ann Starnes and Eileen Tepers captured third. Keith Kennedy and Gayle Fegler followed with fourth. In the faculty and staff division, Walter Kuenzi and Sally Hudnall grabbed first place with 921 points. Barbara Berges and Jerry Anderson took second with a total of 766. Moses Brown and Renita Caro took third place with 747 and 145 consecutively. However, high game honors went to Cosme Tijerina and James Kapp in the men's division. They both attained an average of 115. In the women's division, both Renita Caro and Liz Crom 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. Students for whom no name a vehicle registration is issued will be held responsible for any violations involving the operation and parking of their vehicle.
   D. 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 at owner's expense for:
   A. Parking in no parking zones or adjacent to curbs which are painted red.
   B. Parking without proper permit.
   C. Parking in non-motorized areas with a permit.
   D. Parking other vehicles in motorcycle parking zones.
   E. Parking on sidewalks, 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. Taking into parking spaces.
   I. Failure to register your vehicle and display a permit to park.
   J. Parking in any way which blocks traffic.
   K. Parking without proper permit and 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 Campus 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 with ten (10) days at the fee payment window in the Administration Building.
      First citation $2.00 fee
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      Second citation $4.00 fee
      Discount for initial citation or $5.00 fee and possible disciplinary action.
      b. Registering your vehicle and paying the Campus Parking Office and may have to appear before the Justice of the Peace Court to answer for violations of the State Traffic Code.
      C. Appeals
      A. Appeals will be heard by the Campus Security Officer is you call extension 400 and ask for an appointment.
**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 booklet. You may secure them through the Bookstore.

FEB. 22, Manuel Urbina, Aria After the Vietnam War: What Role for the U.S.


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, R. Phillips, Rethinking U.S. Foreign Policy: How Should Our Power Be Used?

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

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**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. 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.

Carol Latta works part time during the day translating for AME Tuboscope in Houston. Her hobbies and interests are in the arts. She likes to paint African wildlife and Texas wildlife and paints both.

**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 defined the rat, which symbolized wise judgment since rats always chose the best bread to eat!

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By LOCHIE FOWLER

Texas Eastern University offers Scholarship

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 $600.

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.

By PAT FARRAR

Personality Determines Performance

GIDGET CAMPBELL

To study the correlation between personality and presidential 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. 206 or Dr. Alan Ginsberg, ext. 212.

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 LOCKIE 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 through 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 Hogg 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 goes 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

By Loyla W. Adamson

No. 2

1. Teen in England where Julie gets (2 wds.)
2. A type of game (2 wds.)
3. Webster's better half
4. Syrup that's tough in the middle
5. I shot a gat
6. National game of the United States
7. Writer with two famous novels, (2 wds.)
8. Former after Seattle
9. These rains enhance the quality of wine
10. How tall is very ordinary
11. Attacks us fast, as might be expected
12. Song for certain soldiers (2 wds.)
13. My name is a suffix. It’s not yet (2 wds.)
14. Please button in small case
15. Roger - last name of author (2 wds.)
16. Riffman, the subsequently
17. Daily time
18. Just between us, it is French (2 wds.)
19. This view to the plane and sky will small
20. Doesn't bother that it doesn't thing
21. Longtime news clipper from the (2 wds.)
22. Should not waste in thinking
23. Discovery of new cities
24. Bazaar Space
25. Flea Market
26. Sputnik or Eagle (2 wds.)
27. True ion
28. Texas City
29. Get in history, the scenery is worth­while.
30. Ghost (Bailey?)
31. Carols for Thursday (2 wds.)
32. Princess in the Middle
33. Cross (2 wds.)
34. Someone who works for the king
35. Two boys, e.g.
36. Hogg is.
37. Texas City
38. Between us.
39. This does or not, it is good local color and history.
40. Place nearby this weekend.
41. Past. You might even like it.
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.

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.

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

American Theatre
Exhibition Displayed in LRC

CINDY BOOK
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 thesians 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 Lovel Fraser, Edward Gordon Craig, and Leon Bakst bring color to the world of musical comedy.

Lowell Collins Hosts Humanities Class

GIDENT CAMPBELL
Comet Staff

After resting in a small Hungarian restaurant, Anne Sherill'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 Tog Dynasty (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 in the bottom of another, and muddy 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."

Class Tours African Museum

GIDENT 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 16.

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 1-15. 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.

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.

Community Theatre Solicits Scripts

By GIDENT 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, 801 Palomer Highway, Texas City, Texas 77590. Additional information may be obtained by calling Jack Westin at 938-1211 ext 221.
Voter's Apathy Increased

By CAROL SMITH

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 to be too 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 turnout at the polls. Now, while it is still early in the game, it is 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 53 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 am 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 pose any danger. We haven’t noticed difficulty in traffic flow or visibility.

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Sports

Comets Play

Stephen F. Austin

JERRY GUYTON
Comet Staff

It was a beauty 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 three times.

Radie Perry started on the mound for the Comets and pitched a solid game before getting a hit 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 after leading 10-7 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.

FRANKLY SPEAKING

by Phil Frank

"WELL, SPORTSFANS- IT'S GOING TO BE A ROUGH SEASON FOR STATE AFTER ITS ATHLETIC BUDGET CUT!"

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

In the fourth inning Magruder hit a triple to right center field and scored a few minutes later on a base hit by Mike Stewart. Batting fourth, Doug McKee hit 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.

The Club plans to open the gym on week nights. The club is presently making preparations to sponsor a fund-raising dance.

Heads Up

-For

Bat Girls

The Comet baseball team, the Comets, prepare for the upcoming season. The team is under the direction of Joe Baroso.

Support

Comets

Win Conference

Go Team!

Sports talk

Track Club

Formed

JERRY GUYTON
Comet Staff

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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 club has 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 Kauts. 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.

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The Comet baseball team introduced another "first!" in the Athletic Program by selecting Julie Dues and Dolly 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 McRuder, 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 tension. They also make me more courteous and thoughtful during the game."
**Students Compete in ACUI**

**BRIAN SMITH**

Twelve COM students recently matched skills in the Annual ACUI Games Tournament at Texas A&M University. Moses Brown, Richard Watts, Ed Tucker, Henry Westmoreland, and Cosme Tijerina composed the COM Mens Bowling team while Kileen Tepora, Debra Eaton, Diane Guyton and Darlene Labry made up the Womens Bowling team. Mary McCown, 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 McCown took top honors for COM, capturing second place in Women's Pocket Billiards. McCown 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**

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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.

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**By PAT FARRAR**

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**KEITH KENNEDY**

Staff Photo by Pat Farrar

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COM students invaded Goddard Park last February 25 under the guise of gathering for an impromptu softball game. Keith Kennedy and Al Gonzales, well-known COM athletic buffs, organized the game in the interest of raising 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 Boy who demonstrated her ability to match the men's best at bat. 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 empire 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 virtue 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 19)
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 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 (8).

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
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 (1).

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
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 21-July 22)
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 dissolve a new 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 23-Aug. 22)
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.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
You should find happiness in 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. 23-Oct. 22)
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 (8).

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
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. This could be your month for meeting someone of a long lasting relationship. Your lucky number for March is (3).

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-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. 19)
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 relationship; be less critical of the other person. Your lucky number for March is (8).

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
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. 19-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).
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 Trinh, or Color Rest of the Mainland, 8001 Palmer Highway, Texas City, Texas 77590. Information may also be obtained by calling 938-1211, ext. 418.

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

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, basketball, dance, racquetball, canoeing, belly dancing, tennis and jode.

Travallie 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 Assistanship for qualified full-time students. Deadline for application is April 15, and candidates will be interviewed during May, with selection based on academic achievement and financial need. 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 $1000 for 15 hours assisting instructors and counselors 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.

New rules for veterans educational benefits

BY JERRY GUYTON  
Comet Staff

The office of Veterans Affairs is 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 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 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.

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 after the 12th class day through the date of midterm, 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.

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

4. Veteran enrollments will not be granted to the Veterans Administration unless and until the (1) the veteran student affirms in writing that his schedule of classes does not include a course or courses for which credit has been previously granted, (2) records of previous education and training, if any, have been supplied to the Admissions office and been evaluated for credit purposes.

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. Robert Hass, Sponsor of Phi Theta Kappa, will be present along with the officers which include Martha Boswell, president; Clark Yancey, vice-president, Shelly Freeman, secretary, Elieen Tepera treasurer, and Amber Freez historian reporter.

Those who are to be initiated at this date are as follows: Jack E. Theall, Jr., Michael F. Richardson, J.W.Moseley, Beverly Pruitt, Patti Wall, Monica Turner, Elena Espin, Sandra Louise McCarthy, Katharina Weberlin, Linda Adams, Walter Adams, Brenda Joyce Kittel, Steve Hengst, Burnella Witherpoon, Mary Selker, Brenda Joyce Anderson, Carol Smith, Lottie Fowler.

Refreshments will be served after the ceremony. All faculty and staff are cordially invited to attend.
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 about how each member receives a copy once a month. Dr. Taylor announced that their will be more town meetings late in March 23, students received a write a letter stating the nature of their business to the board at least a week before attending.

Robert Pryor, President of the Student Association, announced that there is no mention of parking regulations on the agenda of students the opportunity to ask questions or make suggestions about COM.

But I am a "Faculty" member

M. The lad behind the joker is my partner

N. Person who's O.K. in a man

O. Tell a lie about a fake head covering

P. One nation runs under gun powder

Q. Canoanuw with a lot o' hair

R. The clock Edwars sees behind hatted door

S. True drafts thwarted architect

T. "Core" at have some

U. The ambassador's be a many office

V. Italian dish (2 wds.)

W. He practices medicine in home with nothing but a path behind

First Passport

Passports originally were official letters. The first United States passports bound by hand covers were folded, single-page letters issued in 1918. U.S. passports first assumed booklet form in 1928, and beginning in 1941 were 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 be elected 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

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The Spring Opera Festival will present two opera theater productions for the 1976 season. "Souza's El Cid" and "Carmen" will be presented on May 21, 22, 23, 25, 27, 28, 29, 31. Floyd's "Susana­ nah" 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 will be 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 Armando Steel, the National Endowment for the Arts, the Mu­ sic Performance Trust Fund and the city of Houston through the Miller Theater Advisory Council.

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

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Included are both practical and theoretical devices and among the models is a paddle wheel, 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.

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

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 motor scooters and tractors used by maintenance. I have seen these vehicles being used to carry small items like mail and toasters when 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 Whitten, Vice-President of Administrative Services.

Letters to the Editor

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Committee Conducts Bilingual Analysis

Members of four Mexican-American groups in COM's campus district, the Texas City Kappa Mu Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi sorority, will present their an­ nual spring style show and salute the bicentennial year with "Fashion for the Woman of Today" on April 8th at 7:00 p.m. at the Neissler Civic Center in Texas City. Guest com­ mentator will be Mrs. Merivorth Mabry. Fashions from local merchants will be shown. A main door prize of $20.00 worth of clothes and shoes will be given away. Host performances are being presented by the Texas City Heritage Association for restoration of the Frank B. Davidson Home in Texas City. Tickets are $2.50 and may be purchased at the door.

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

Sincerely,

Linda Campbell

American Theater Exhibit Displayed

BY LOCHIE FOWLER

Comet Staff

The Hoblistettle 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, offered for public viewing under a grant from the Mary Moody Foun­ dation of Galveston, is taken from permanent collections belonging to the University of Texas and among items shown is a photograph of Jean Harlow (1936) and a theatre program for "The Rivals" (1938). This is an advertisement for a Kittanning Police in the city of Kittanning, Pennsylvania, listing the officers, their positions, and contact information. It is an example of retro advertising. An advertisement for the publication "The Rivals" (1938) is also included.
Alex Pratt’s History Class takes A Field Trip To Yesterday

Photographs by
Kevin Kemp
Unique Exhibit

BY GIDGET CAMPBELL
Comet Staff

The Fine Arts Gallery of 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 25 from 9:00 to 9:30 p.m. and April 34 from 9:00 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" format to offer the artist an opportunity to journey between painting and sculpture. Thornton noted, adding that the box medium was effective because the audience would be more active viewers. Thoron pays tribute to the poor folks. (the children taught me a lot.)

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 feeling of being in a place. I have seen many things, I have been through every war and sorrow. 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

Story of My Life

Don Thornton
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 in 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.
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.
10. 1960, co-authored a book of poetry; OUTCRY, did not become a famous writer.
11. Married Susan Smith 1961, had one or two fights a week; learned to love her.
12. Attended Louisiana State University 1962; had one good instructor, he went crazy and they let him up.
13. August 7, 1962, a daughter, Kyla, is born. At age 10 she secured a lawyer, her grandfather, and changed her name to Katherine. Her cat was run over February 25, 1971.
14. 1963, had a two-man art exhibition at the State Museum in Shreveport Louisiana; did not become a famous artist.
15. 1964, became Arts & Crafts Manager and Gallery Manager on the LSU Campus, was driven to insanity; was not committed. Opened the Baton Rouge Gallery, 1964; the gallery became a public institution; no one remembers who started it.
17. Graduated LSU, 1967; MA in Fine Arts. This surprised everyone.
18. Instructor, Art Education, and Drawing, University of Southwestern 1967-1973; got the job, was paid likewise.
21. 1968, co-authored a book of poems; PLURALITY, did not become a famous writer.
22. Art Consultant for Head Start, 1968-1969; done good for poor folks. (the children taught me a lot.)
24. Workshops in Art for Educational Systems in Louisiana and Texas, 1968-1975; helped the crazy folks.
25. Published one poem in Nexus, 1969; lost the last copy.
26. Artist-in-Residence, College of the Mainland, Texas City, Texas, 1973-1976; became a famous artist; worked 18 hours a day for minimum wages.
27. Summer, 1974, designed costumes for "Pudger On The Roof"; the assistant designer stole the Chagall reference books.
28. Created 2 sets for the Houston Ballet 1975; one was junked.
29. Secured Carl Provet, of Houston, Texas, as art dealer 1975; grossed less than a million.
30. Art editor for Texas Portfolio-Spring 1976; the garden did not get planted.
31. Published 6 poems in Cedar Rock, April 1976; the publisher sent the 2 copies as payment for publishing rights.
32. 1973-1976, exhibited in every major regional art exhibition; did not win a prize or sell a work.
36. April 1976, did set for Jack Westin's play, "A Time To Die".
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. 6

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I am Man.

AUTHOR: (Samuel) Butler
TITLE: The Way of All Flesh
Quotation:
"I have seen many things, I have been through every war and sorrow. 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."
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 6th. 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.

Entry blanks may be picked up at the physical education office or call: Bill Montague, 938-1211 EXT. 420.

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 9th through 11th. Interested players should enter before the April 2nd deadline. For further information, call 938-1211, ext. 418.

The clinic will begin on Friday, April 9th at 5:30 and will continue till 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.

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.

Kenneth Walton-I think they should offer more scholarships to good athletes.

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 it’s athletes.

Ken Wegner-I think the collegiate program is worthwhile. It’s too bad they can’t offer more scholarships to attract good athletes.

COM Enters AJC sports day

BY JERRY GUYTON
Comet Staff

The Alvin JR. College will hold its annual “Sports Day” on April 7th, in Alvin. In the tennis doubles competition for the College of the Mainland will be Hudson Cario, Jonas Gibson, and Alfredo Gonzalez. Alfredo Gonzalez will be going as an alternate.
Do not hallucinate.

A new program, Science Inc., has been announced in a goal to advance science in the Galveston County area. Science Inc. was born, "Our long range goal," says Dr. John Hubis 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. Whitington - V-Chairperson, Dr. John Hubis - Secretary, Dr. Michael M. Warren - Treasurer, Dr. Joseph W. Angelovic, Mr. Roland L. Basset, Dr. F. Hermann Rudesden, Capt. Robert Ewing, Mrs. E. B. Vogeljoh, Mr. Robert Holcomb, Dr. Stewart Wolf, Capt. Samuel R. Early, USCG (Ret.), Dr. Philip Reyford, Mrs. Jan Conger Blake, Mrs. Glendon Johnson, Mr. Latane Temple, Mr. R. E. Johnson, Mr. Frank Vollert, Mr. E. H. Kempner, Dr. Jim McCloy.

The purpose of Science Inc. as its constitution claims is "to increase the public understanding and enjoyment of science by operating in- stitutions and programs of learning, museums or museum schools, public and academic facilities designed to promote educational development of the public in the general field of science. 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, demonstration 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. Hubis. 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 Rosenburg library which will last approximately six weeks. They have plant 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, and the individual 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 - Fort Crockett M.S.I. Groves College, Galveston College, and various other places. The Science Inc. board of directors are inviting the public to make contributions to this organization. They hope to make science in Galveston County will benefit us all not only culturally but economically. A well-defined, 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. in and send it to Dr. Michael M. Warren, M.D. 21 Cedar Lawn North - Galveston, Texas 77550.

TRINITY UNIVERSITY has announced a new scholarship program for Transfer Students. These scholarships are ranging from $500-$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 on phone Extension 410.

PRESIDENT PERSONALITY DISCUSSIONS will be held each Monday at 4 p.m. in the Student Center Room 126.

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 206 is being utilized. The bulletin board will have information concerning college transfer (dates to have applications, housing information, etc., in), job trend information, etc.

Who's Who nominees at COM

MARY DANACERO
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, Jean Lackey, John McClain, Karen Pevoto, Marilyn Proctor, Beverly Pruitt, Tony Rodriguez, Noel Sanchez, Carol Smith, and Harrison Wilson.

CARNIVAL

by Dick Turner

"You're deliberately going out for baseball knowing you have to be in by 10 o'clock... even on weekends?"

How's Your Love Life?

By CAROL SMITH

This month spotlights ARIES (Mar 21-April 20). Aries you are a leader in your own right. You are romantic and adventure 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. Your love life is secure; you are being yourself. You are sure to be as dynamic as ever in the romantic field. If you're in the matrimonial mood now the time to take a stance. Your lucky number for April is (8).

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. As you probably have a relationship already in existence this is a favorable time for understanding your mates desires and motives. Your lucky number for April is (2).

CANCER (June 22-July 22)

Your month suggests some major 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 lightly loved romance at this time. Your lucky number for April is (3).

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

Use your common sense this month Leo. Tone down impatient love feelings and your relationships will be as dynamic as ever in the romantic field. However, you should have some serious commitments in your love life now. Your lucky number for April is (9).

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

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. 23-Oct. 22)

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 propaganda. Your love life is a 90% relationship going, then don't endanger it by pursuing a glamorous, but unreliable new attraction. Your lucky number for April is (7).

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

You must watch 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 pursuits. Scorpio this month 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. 19)

You have favorable aspects in the romance department this month. You are likely to attract many admirers. However, aspects warns 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).

AUGUSTE (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 this month. Pisces should be a happy month for 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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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 course content, and a general 'caring' climate, College of the Mainland is the best I can find in my opinion. There's no other Board of Education I can say that," he concluded.

Blood sought for Robert Smith

COM will sponsor a special blood drive for four-year-old Robert Brian Smith of Henderson, Texas, a terminal cancer patient presently at Texas Children's 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 someone else or members of their family.

Credit by examination

By GIDGET CAMPBELL

Roy Walker, Chief Examiner of the Testing Center, recently announced an expansion of the Credit by Examination Program. The program 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 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.

By LOCHIE FOWLER

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.
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'Hair's right to speak on the issues of the "separation of church and state" and some community members protesting against Ms. O'Hair's 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.

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The issues remained strictly to the separation of church and state rather than to any particular religion or anti-religion. In Ms. O'Hair's 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 was the tax exemption law for churches. O'Hair stated, "Tax exemptions are granted to the churches, their cemeteries, 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, 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 disagree dwith Ms. O'Hair's talk, which lasted approximately fourty-five minutes.

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A-I think the parking situation is 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 would like to see the second year of German offered. Imogene Christian

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 Torton

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

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Respectfully,

Arifs St. Ann

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

By BRIAN SMITH
Editorial Staff

"Know your snakes and know what you can do with them, most people are bitten because they don't know what they are doing" says Steve Burns, owner of the Gulf Coast Reptile Park on wheels.

Burns and his wife, Susan, have been opening their show to members 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 25 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 keep him wherever I want."

Incidently, 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 Gillontine, 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 adrenaline flowing," revealed Gillontine. The Burns' added that they had just returned from the Freer Rattlesnake Roundup and will soon travel to the Port Arthur 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 not 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 accidental," states Burns.

Gillontine said that feeding the snakes sometimes presents a problem and that occasionally he has 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.
A Day in the Life of a COM Student

By JERRY GUYTON
Comet Staff

"This story of a day in the life of an overworked 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 were put on my new home. Through months of planning and actual construction the moment had arrived. My wife and I could move into our new home. Given us on our wedding day, to us, was a Kildee Calendar absolutely free.

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

By Roger DeWeese

March 1976

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 Travalle, College of the Mainland, 8001 Palmer Highway, Texas City, Texas 77590. Information may also be obtained by calling 938-1211, ext. 418.

Assistantships Open at COM

BY PAT FAHRR
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 assemblies 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 morning until eleven. Trophies will be awarded and price of admission is seventy-five cents.

Students

Come to the Town Meeting

By GIDGET CAMPBELL
Comet Staff

The College Bookstore will initiate its Buy-Backs policy on used books from May 10 thru 28. Students who qualify will receive around $1000 for 15 hours assisting instructors and counselors 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.

Stick up—APPLY: College Center Room 120, May 3rd

EARN $190.00 weekly—and up. APPLY: College Center Room 120, May 3rd

10:30 or 12:30 or 2:30 WEAR-EVER (Cutco)—Division of Alcoa

Students

Come to the Town Meeting

And make your voice heard.

April 27 Student Center Room 120 12:20
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, were present along with the officers which include Martha Boswell-president, Dan Clark-V.president, Shelly Freman-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 McGahey, Betty Hatbom, 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 Sensai, Radie Floyd Perry, Jr., David Kaatz, Jeff Kaiser, Steve Adams, Walter Kittle, Sandra Hensel, Barrenail Witherpoon, Mary Selzer, Brenda Joyce Anderson, Carol Smith, and Lochie Fowler.

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 Thorson, art instructor who noted that the exhibit will showcase the very impressive capabilities of COM students.
Managing Editors' son, Chris Farrar studies flora in random search for bluebonnets?

LCR's Jerry Anderson taping O'Hair discussion.

April rain washes down campus.
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 Thorton 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 produce 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."

Farough Ashna

Staff Photo by CAROL SMITH

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Wiseman oversees production of original film by Barry Midkiff.

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 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."

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 Weckley 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.
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 Run
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 Nottelbart was the winning pitcher for Galveston. The Comets gave up eight hits, including four doubles and a home run, and lost the second game 11-2. The game was stopped after five innings because of the conference's eight run rule.

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 Bellisle battled their way through the competition, before downing the team from Brazosport College in the finals, for the championship.

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.

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.

FRANKLY SPEAKING
by Phil Frank

CH SWELL! a research major!
Nadia Helmi is an unusual lady, not only because of her strange name, but because she was born and raised in Egypt. Egypt being frequenfly 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, 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 Egyptians 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 graduate 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 in 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!

Women do have a voice, and the men generally listen because of respect for the family. However, the male is still the ruler of the house.

In Islamic Egypt, 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 and must prove that he can support both of them.

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 opportunities. 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.

COMET: Do you think the educational system in Egypt needs improvement?

NADIA: I expect 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 marriage?

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COMET: What about family life 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 meedle-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."

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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 comprehension 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 21.

More detailed information may be obtained by calling 938-2143.

Crowd enjoys Cinco de Mayo festivities

Folkloric dancing, vibrant music and Mexican food were some of the highlights of the third annual Cinco de Mayo Festival held on College of the Mainland campus on Sunday, May 2.

The celebration was sponsored by the college and the following Mexican-American civic groups in the college district: LULAC Council No. 255, Familias Unidas and COM Amigos.

Dr. Manuel Urbina, Instructor of Latin American History, described his interview with Mario Garcia, a Chicano writer, to be held at College of the Mainland on May 2. The group 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.

**Footnotes:**
(1) Vocabulary acquisition and usage
(2) Physical conditioning and changing in the body due to pregnancy
(3) From Dr. Stephen's book, "Anatomy and Physiology of Pregnancy"
(4) Labor, (5) Delivery, (6) Post Partum, and (7) Infant care and feeding.
Dear Editor:

This month brings us to the end of our spring semester and for many of us to the end of academic studies at College of the Mainland. When I began to foster 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 back 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. Also, I have the confidence to pursue my education further at U of H at STL. 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.

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American compositions performed

**BY GIDGET CAMPBELL**

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 Biff, Susan Higgins, April Jackson, Suzanne Gardner, Jo Ann Miller, Molly Anderson, Jody Kennedy, Karlene Neal, Anne Sheppard, Ms. Smeltzer, and Lora Allison.

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### Sickness and Klutzism in the Home

**BY GIDGET CAMPBELL**

"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 9th (two weeks in May.) Not only do the band members work together, but they also live 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 easier of the two to become "Klutzes can relate to other members you are not. The battles were handled well and became as believable as the tape played contain some love scenes that were very important in showing the two differences, drawings in various mediums, and collages. Several students in the COM exhibit are also showing their work in other locations. Harrison Wilson will open a one-man show at the Dutt's Gallery in Galveston on May 22. Dianne Hamisch is currently showing in a three person exhibit in the Friendswood Development Company Building in Clear Lake City. The Salt Grass Trail Pottery are also holding an exhibit in the Administration Building of their work.

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### Exhibit honors Thornton

**BY BRIAN SMITH**

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 materials, including egg shells, wax, various mediums, and collage. As we go through all our days, we will be happy and content in the Land of Rodan. But that's another story...

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### Winning play continues

**BY GIDGET CAMPBELL**

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 $8 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.

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### 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
On 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.

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### 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-week course featuring the design and construction of specific pots for specific plants. The class will convene Monday and Wednesday, 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuition is $10, and the cost of materials, $10. 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, $3. 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.
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 returned home 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 Job Application; Madena Thomas, first place, the Job Application; Marilyn French, first place in the Receptionist; Sandy Compan, second place in the Secretary I; Schinatha Griffin, second place, the Receptionist; Nancy Riecar, 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 following May 5th through May 25th. 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 Adams, Ola Archer, Helen Bailey, Inex Baker, Ruby Berry, Jodie Branstetter, Ina Bridge, Fran Carr, Madeline Dickey, Grace Eades, Maple Freeman, Mary Geters, Hazel Gates, Mildred Goodwin, Charles Gardy, Novella Green, Margaret Hager, Selma Hoff, Gladys Johnson, Anna Belle Kline, Julia Lawrence, Mildred Lewis, Eva Mar Loomis, Orpha Morgan, Maxine MacDonal, Jackie Morris, Ilyone Plummer, Sue Preston, Louise Primm, Edith Ray, Amy Roberts, Ruth Robertson, Mildren Sanders, Sue Schmitt, Rosa Lee Schefeld, Margaret Spears, Mary Steward, Thelma Tax, Fern Todd, Lynette Truett, Beryl Wages, Isabelle Walker, Sherman Warner, Katherine Watford, June White, Biance Wells, and Hazel Williams.

A plaque honoring the Georgia 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.
**Judo Students Dominate Tourney**

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.

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 Travall to discontinue the present intercollegiate sports program and to reform it into a club type system. Travall said "In an intercollegiate system you have eligibility requirements as to grades and number of hours that are being attempted." Travall then added "In a club type system there would be no eligibility requirements, thus opening up the sport to a 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 20 per cent 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 Travall "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 Travall 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.

**Comets lose double header**

**By JERRY GUYTON**

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 Magrudar in the third inning. The losing pitcher was Radie Perry.
How’s Your Love Life?

By CAROL SMITH
News Editor

This month How’s Your Love Life spotlights Taurus. If with your grandeur of thought and plans, 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 light-hearted 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 (4).

CANCER (June 22-July 22)
This month finds you a magnetic individual Cancer, with a tremendous amount of self-confidence. These aspects are helpful in attracting 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 23-Aug. 22)
Leo 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. 23-Sept. 22)
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 (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
You may find yourself in a stay-at-home mood this month Libra. However, you hold 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. 23-Nov. 21)
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. 22-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. 19)
May should find you marriage minded and very much after-bounds. 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. 20-Feb. 18)
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. 19-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).

By GIDGET CAMPBELL
Co-Managing Editor

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 Benrick, instructor in the Division of Business, was recently invited to a PAFA Design and Management course at the Shell Oil Company in Houston. The three day course dealt with forms analysis design and management.

Ms. Benrick also attended the Association of Records Management and Administrators Seminar in Houston. The all day work shop covered use and preparation of computer output microm, 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 scholarships and they are available to both music majors and non-majors, and applications, audition schedules, and additional information may be obtained by writing or calling Larry Stanley, College of the Mainland, 8000 Palmer Highway, Texas City, Texas 77590. The number to call is 988-1211, ext. 2145.

A lesson in diplomacy

By PAT FARRAR
Co-Managing Editor

The morning passed rapidly Johnson explained 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 December ‘Brown Bag’ lecture at COM, Johnson had a short respite at his Flandy’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 been conversing with Johnson reminiscing 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 be 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 has been assigned to a position as a lab director in public affairs, Bureau of Latin American Affairs. He had been a part of international news in the making.