



VA Representative Reminds Students To Keep Informed

The Veterans Administration representative on campus at Texarkana Community College said that students in school under the G. I. Bill should notify VA quickly of any change in address, training status or beneficiaries.

Such notification would help in insuring that the veteran's monthly benefit checks are not interrupted and arrive in the proper amount, according to Grover H. McDaniel, VA representative.

VA issues more than six million checks each month to veterans and dependents, and most of these mailings are handled by computer which can deal only with information provided by the veteran.

Veteran students were also reminded they should return checks made out for larger sums than they are entitled to and also if they receive checks when they are entitled to none.

These overpayments must be collected in the same manner as any obligation due the U. S. government.

McDaniel said veterans who wished to report any changes in their address or benefit status could do so at Veterans Administration Regional Office, 700 W. Capitol, Little Rock, Arkansas, or call toll free to 1-800-482-8990. Veterans may dial direct from Pine Bluff 536-8100, from Fort Smith 785-2637 and from Texarkana 774-2166.



SNOWBALL DANCE PERFORMERS — "Zachariah," a group from Little Rock, Ark., will provide the music for the Snowball dance. This formal dance, to be held in the student center ballroom, starts at 8 p.m. A \$2 charge will assessed each couple.

VA Group Collects 'Toys for Tots'

The College VA office is coordinating the "Toys for Tots" campaign for the campus. Ms. Sam Sartain, secretary in that office, encourages all who have toys that they would like to give to needy children to bring them to that office.

"We will accept new and used toys, but of course we hope that the used ones brought in will be

in a good condition," Ms. Sartain said.

The "Toys for Tots" is a campaign conducted in Texarkana and surrounding areas by the Marine Corps Reserve unit in Texarkana. The objective of the campaign is to provide Christmas toys for children who otherwise would receive none.

The VA office is located in the Administration building. Ms. Sartain added that in cases where donors have too many toys to bring in conveniently, members of the reserve unit will pick them up. Call Ext. 261 for further information.

Senate Plans Snowball, Student Poll; Will Fill Vacancies Next Semester

The TCC student senate, in its last meeting of the semester, decided to hold off until next year, its selections to fill absent senate seats.

Meeting in the Student Center, President Christy Elkins told the group that she had decided not to appoint people to fill the vacant slots (one of which has been empty since this semester's elections) and proposed an election be held to choose the members to the absent post at the beginning of the Spring, 1976 semester.

Holding this election would be against the group's constitution, which states that all vacancies would be filled by presidential appointment. The matter was not resolved at the meeting.

The Senate then touched on Saturday night's Snowball Dance, reminding the members that a \$2 charge per couple will be assessed

at the formal affair, and that the dance would begin at 8 p.m.

Christy urged all students to try and make it to the dance, adding, "If enough money is made, we will be able to have a spring Sadie Hawkins Dance," which had been suggested by another member earlier in the year.

In other business, the Senate:

—Decided to have the student opinion poll ballots placed in booths which will be set up around the campus on Monday and Tuesday of next week. As it is Dead Week, the booths will have to be unmanned, but all students are urged to go by and fill out the interest survey.

—Heard a request from Joy Houck's Theatre's (Cinema City, Joy's Twin Drive-In) representative to start a movie club on campus. By paying a \$2 fee, members would be able to attend movies on Monday-Friday, excluding Roadshow attractions for the reduced price of \$1.

—Discussed student feelings toward the compulsory attendance policy which will take effect on the campus next semester.

Washington D. C. Announces FBI Needs

The Dallas office of the FBI has announced that it is in need of clerical employees to fill vacancies in Washington D. C. Specific skills needed are clerk, typist and stenographer.

Entrance salary for the clerk position is \$6296 per year; typists start at \$7102 and stenographers begin at \$7976. Applicants for these positions must pass tests which are appropriate to the respective fields.

Additional information may be obtained by calling or writing the Special Agent in Charge, FBI, 200 Mercantile Continental Building, Dallas, Texas, 75201. The telephone number is area code 21, 741-1851.

WORK PUBLISHED

"The Spring of Reckoning" by TCC sophomore E. E. Stroud has been selected to be published in the Bi-annual Anthology of College Poetry.

The Anthology is a compilation of verse written by the college men and women of America, representing every state in the country. Selections were made from thousands of manuscripts submitted.

Weather Watchers Wonder

By Billy Burrton

Fall has definitely fallen upon the Texarkana area, leaving many weather watchers cursing and few cheering.

One goes to bed at a decent time with a cool, but not snappy summer breeze blowing, and decides to forego the heater, and perhaps even crack a window or two. By morning, a frost has covered the ground, leaving bed-occupied huddled in embryonic position under a multitude of blankets.

Dressing in his warmest of winter clothes, he sets out for class, discovering only that following his ten o'clock class, a blast that could all but be termed a heat wave hits him as he leaves the LA Building.

Perhaps there is no season that is slower to surrender its claim to the weather to the upcoming season as is autumn, which is one of the few claims to uniqueness which fall can claim.

This petulance of the season is topped only by the beauty of same, which certainly has to be considered before blasting all of October, November, and December. The magnificent oaks, which up till now have only been reddening, have finally reached their beautiful crimson hue. Together with the brilliant ruby-like berries of the pyracanthas, the oaks display a magnitude of gorgeousness not equalled in any other season.

But back to the peevishness of the season — let's not completely lambast ole' autumn for that. After all, who would think of buying winter clothing, stacking firewood, etc. if not for the occasional northern blast across the campus?



PEOPLE, PLACES, ABSTRACTS — The private collection of David Bunes art is now on display in the TCC Library.

Bunes an art major at TCC is exhibiting an abstract type of art.

Photo by Pat Rogers

Opinion

Furor of Adults

Pre-college aptitude tests have reported that the examination scores are lower this year than ever before, supporting a downward trend in educational achievement. These assessments, evaluating the basic skills that students should have learned in high school, prove that modern students and educators are failing in their basic purposes.

This suggests that American youth are becoming less and less scholarly, creating a further reason for the older generation to lash out against the young with disapproval. This increases the furor of adults who see today's youth as a television-motivated, music-obsessed, drug-crazed, free-sexed group of radicals.

These tests do not consider that this generation has many strikes against traditional learning: experimentation in teaching methods, placing more emphasis on different areas and types of education, which has resulted in giving students a broader range of knowledge; also, expanded areas of extracurricular activities, giving today's students an added advantage by enabling them to experience a wide variety of vocational training. Modern education has taken on the role of career orientation and social adjustment rather than the rote learning of former years.

Tests reflect the values of the persons composing them; therefore, students who do not measure up to their ideas of importance are made to appear uneducated. We feel the opposite is true; today's youth know more of every phase and aspect of life than any previous generation. A higher standard of living has enabled students to have access to every means of communication, which has increased the ready availability of knowledge. To even suggest that this generation, because of an outdated method of examination, is not as educated or intelligent as those in the past, points to the ignorance of those who consider any test a superior means of measuring knowledge.

Remedies For Tensions

Many people are seeking personal remedies for the tensions produced by our nuclear society. A seemingly new method of escapism is found in Transcendental Meditation; but upon examination TM, as it is familiarly called, is basically as old as time. The principal idea is to concentrate on something outside oneself, usually a single word, and the result is beneficial relaxation.

Few people, however, have the time or money to take courses in TM or even time to practice it once it has been studied. An alternative, one many people observe without realizing, is to spend time each day on an activity outside of routine — an activity that occupies the mind with something other than problems.

Participation or observation of events outside of regular daily routine gives the mind a chance to recharge as it becomes rested and refreshed. For example, participation in sports will not only ease mental strain and frustration, but improve the physique. Music, always popular with the young, has universal appeal as a mood-changer; with the ready availability of tapes and records a person can virtually decide their moods with the selection of a song. Arts and crafts give a person the chance to work with his hands, transmitting the satisfaction of creation. The foremost means of relaxation is though reading, a medium every person, regardless of station in life, has access to. Reading not only has the power of relaxation but of increasing a person's knowledge and awareness.

Of course, these are just a few suggestions as substantial proof that anyone can achieve peace of mind without wasting time or money. In a society so full of pressures there is also an abundance of methods to eliminate stress — all that is necessary is a program to fit individual needs and goals.

Jollies From a Bottle

After a fine Thanksgiving of food, football, and fellowship, Americans turn once again to the annual chore of Christmas preparation. Stores are filled to capacity with hurried shoppers, purchasing gifts they cannot afford in keeping with the Christmas spirit.

It is the time of year when fantasy is rampant while reason and practicality are firmly pushed aside. Every individual is in competition with the other in search for the original gift — that perfect bauble of delight. This is the season to be jolly, and for many the jollies come from the local liquor store, where seasonal business is booming. Christmas American Style is not the celebration of a Savior and rededication of Christian values, but the search of a premature heaven through the pleasures found in trinkets and whiskey bottles.

For many people Christmas is losing its meaning; the fault, however, is our own. We allow ourselves to be overwhelmed by Santa Claus and the usual Christmas paraphernalia. So much lavishness which preludes much emptiness. Certainly, we do need a respite from the drudgery of everyday existence, but not at the expense of paying for it throughout the approaching new year.

Genuine solace and comfort are found in loved ones and the free gift of love. In an age where nothing is sacred, special homage should be made this Christmas to the divine Loved One, Jesus Christ, without whom there would be no Christmas or hope of eternity.

Bicentennial

Yesterday's Answers

Good Today



For the Bicentennial column this week several questions will be asked and then answered by a panel of distinguished Americans.

Question 1: The United States has immense problems. How should we face them and what should we do about them?

"Nothing in the world can take the place of persistence . . . The slogan "Press On" has solved and always will solve the problems of the human race." — Calvin Coolidge

"The man who does things makes many mistakes, but he never makes the biggest mistake of all — doing nothing." — Ben Franklin

"Do your duty and leave the rest to Providence." — Stonewall Jackson.

Question 2: How should we feel about America's prestige and position in the world today?

"The great thing in the world is not so much where we stand, as in what direction we are moving." — Oliver Wendell Holmes

Question 3: Should we be optimistic about the future?

"Let us be of good cheer, remembering that the hardest misfortunes to bear are those that never come." — James Russel Lowell

"The lowest ebb is the turn of the tide." — Henry Wadsworth Longfellow.

"Don't waste life in doubts and fears; spend yourself on the work before you, well assured that the right performance of this Hour's duties will be the best preparation for the hours or ages that follow it." — Ralph Waldo Emerson

MY TURN

SOME REVIEW — Straight out of the "Saturday Review," a noted American magazine, came the following "Personals" ad: "Through an untoward happenstance I am unable to understand, a packet of 17 torrid love letters was placed in my overcoat pocket while it hung in the clothes rack on American Airlines flight 489 from Dallas to Columbus, Ohio, on March 21. My home situation would be greatly improved if the person who mistakenly deposited this packet would step forward and claim same. By an abominable coincidence, my name is also Irving."

What luck you Irvings of the world have!

REAGAN STEPS OUT — Although a RR fan I'm not, it should be noted that the former Cal governor has done something constructive by announcing his presidential aspirations. He has finally got President Ford talking about things Americans are interested in. And that is a big step forward.

AGAIN ON THE CAMPAIGN — Less than a month into the campaign for the '76 presidency, there has already been an assassination scare. Unless this wave of terrorism in the U. S. is curbed, the Bicentennial year could be a bloody one indeed for Americans.

CLOSER TO HOME — IF reports in recent issues of the Texarkana Gazette are correct, many local government bodies in the Texarkana area have been breaking state law by holding private meetings to discuss public business. You sophomores may recall that last year, heated debate occurred in which it was decided that all TCC student senate meetings would be open to the press, and public. And who is supposed to set whom the example??

"CAT" ASTROPHE — It seems a landlord in the City of Brotherly Love, Philadelphia, was recently set afire often accidentally smothering a tenant's cat.

The man was admitted to a hospital with burns of the chest and neck. The tenant had doused the landlord with lighter fluid and set him on fire after the tenant had discovered his cat had been smothered when the landlord rolled over it while sleeping. Stranger than fiction.

TALK ABOUT POETIC — Auckland, New Zealand — A bank robber here, upon discovering only one teller on duty, got away with over \$10,000 in cash. The other tellers turned out to be at a seminar on crime prevention.

AS IF THE ECONOMY ISN'T BAD ENOUGH — Although many people may remember 1975 for being a terrible year for the world's economy, or the year Patty Hearst was captured, to members of the British Goldfish society, it is going to go down as a "terrible year" for goldfish breeding.

Rare species of the commonest of pet fish throughout the world sold for upwards of \$150, with one fish selling for over \$2,000.

However, president of the society Roger Whittington, lamented "The year 1975 will go down as the worst year in my experience for goldfish breeding."

He credited it to the weather.

Something to remember this week's MY TURN

CLOSING, I quote Publius Syrus, "Many receive advice, but only the wise profit from it." For now . . . **BILLY BURTON**



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Campus mailbox

DEAR EDITOR:

According to Lyndon Furst, professor of education administration at Andrews University in Berrien Springs, Mich., compulsory school attendance may keep students coming to class, but it has little education value for most teenagers.

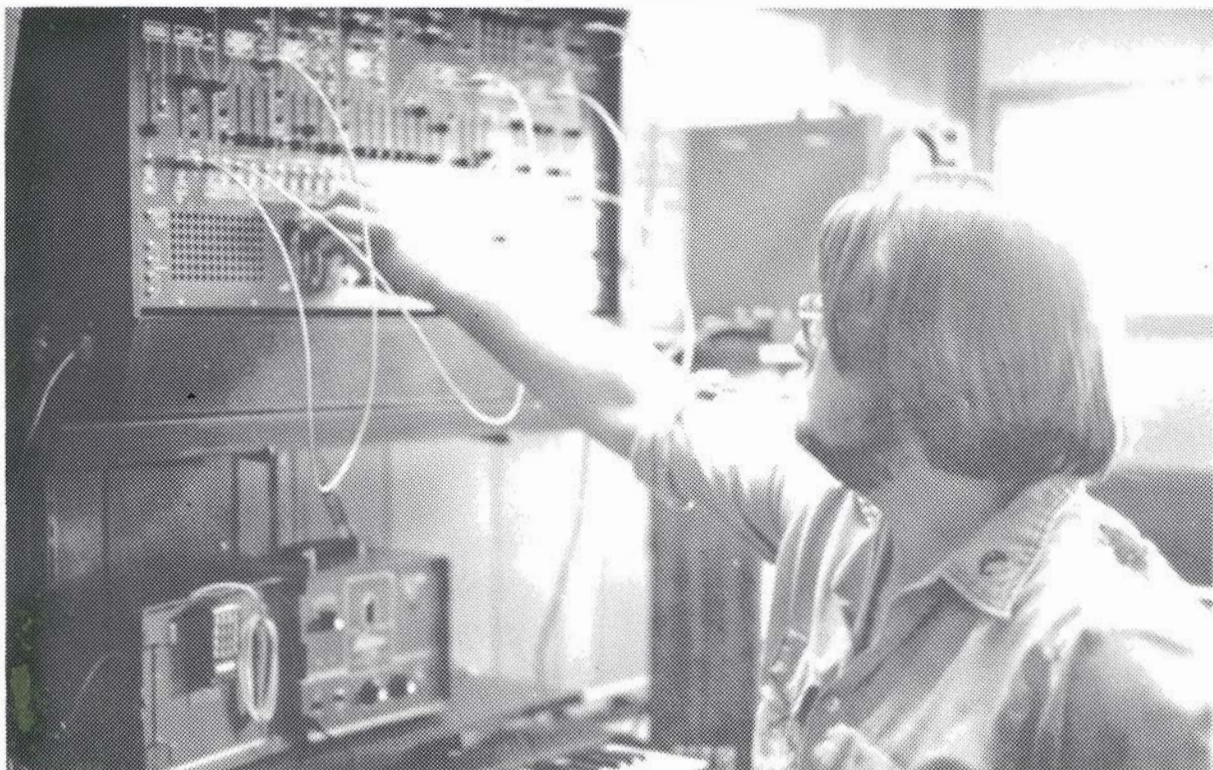
Furst made his comments in a recent issue of the educational journal, PHI DELTA KAPPA.

" . . . compulsory schooling may be the goal of less developed societies, but it has outlived its usefulness in the United States," Furst wrote. "The basic problem is that in America we have too much school and not enough education."

Actually, Furst's statements concerned mainly secondary educations. I feel, however, that their application can be seen dramatically at the college level, also.

Although the board and the administration may be imposing the new compulsory class attendance requirements at Texarkana College next spring with good intentions, I do not believe it is the answer to the problem — if, indeed, a problem does exist.

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NOT ANOTHER TODD RUNDGREN — Though he's not a Todd Rundgren (the synthesizer wizard) he is Steve Edwards a TCC student demonstrating one of the synthesizers. The synthesizer classes, under the direction of Dr. Murry Alewine and Tom Seay, are in their second year.

"Like any other music course, credit is given upon completion of the course. In a way, the synthesizer as a course is like a refreshment to taking standard courses," commented Dr. Alewine.

Photo by Pat Rogers



FLYING RECRUITERS — ROTC representatives were on campus Tuesday to recruit members. A meeting is being held today at 11 a.m.,

Room 200, Chemistry building; all persons interested in joining ROTC are invited to attend.

Photo by Pat Rogers

CHRISTMAS SEASON USHERED IN BY DRAMA, MUSIC

The music and drama departments presented "Shepherd Song" last night at the Trinity Presbyterian Church in Texarkana. This sacred musical commemorates the approaching Christmas season.

David Arnold, James Michael, David Parker, Ginger Wreyford, Michael Benson, Suzanne Sizemore, Elizabeth Benson, Ralph Sizemore, Libby Smith, Bill Bar-

low, Kym Henderson, Thom Ragland, Wallace Hines and Denise Brouillette.

Mrs. Nancy Keyton and Mrs. Sue McCrossen directed the play.

FRENCH, SPANISH CLUBS HEAR VIET BROTHER, SISTER

Kheimm and Phao Pham were the guest speakers at a joint meeting of the French and Spanish clubs before the holidays. The brother and sister told members about their life in South Vietnam and their life here in the United States.

Phao worked in the American Embassy for five years while in Vietnam. Her father was once a lieutenant in the Hanoi police before he fled North Vietnam in 1945.

Phao works in the Palmer Memorial Library, and Kheim, her brother, attends TCC. According to Mrs. Ruth Fomy Khien and Phao have two brothers in South Vietnam, one attends medical school and the other attends an economics school.

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According to Sharon Drake, instructor, the course is a little more informal than other sophomores literature courses because the class is usually smaller which

allows an easier exchange of ideas.

Selected Studies was originally designed for students whose programs only required a total of nine hours of English; however, it will count as a sophomore English credit to be transferred also. The only requirement for taking the course is satisfactory completion of both semesters of Freshman English 131 and 132.

Anyone interested that would like to know more about the course should call Mrs. Drake at Ext. 361 or go by her office in the Language Arts Building Room 17.

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Tennis Team to Take a Break Until After Christmas Holidays

By Jimmy Livesay

With cold weather here, the TCC tennis team will take a break until the spring semester, according to Coach Robert Mills. The netters will be having self-paced practices outside for those who can brave the cold and possibly some indoor work-outs in the TCC gym.

When the players return from the Christmas holidays, they will have daily workouts. "We'll be practicing lateral movement along with stroking drills, and we plan to do some running," Mills said.

The practices should come in handy as the Bulldogs will face tough opponents twice each week. Among the schools the netters will play are: Tyler Junior College, Navarro Junior College, Angelina County Junior College,

and Henderson County College.

Also, Kilgore College, Ouichita University, Southern State College, East Texas Baptist College, and Centenary College.

"I expect Tyler and Navarro will give us the toughest competition," Mills said. "But I think we will do pretty good this year. We have more depth than we usually have. The boys are even. Mills added, "I never have seen six boys as evenly matched as these are."

Team members this season are Sophomores Steve Burton, Christy Cone, Jamie Foster, Royce Hammett, and David Morgan.

Freshman members on the team are Jimmy Livesay, Bill and Bob Long, Priscilla McLeroy, and Bill Rainey.

ANGEL WINS SINGLES TITLE IN FACULTY TOURNAMENT

Stewart Angel, TCC Mathematics professor, defeated Coach Hub Dungan 6-1, 7-5, to win the "A" division singles championship of the Faculty Tennis Club last week.

Dungan had advanced to the finals by virtue of his defeat of Coach Robert Mills, 7-5, 5-7, 6-4, in the quarter finals.

Angel had defeated TCC President Carl Nelson in the quarter finals, 6-2, 6-3.

The "A" division doubles championship will be played this week between the team of Dr. Carl Nelson and Miss Norma

Nelson, and Coach Robert Mills and Student Center Director Benny Cox.

The doubles tournament is a double elimination affair, meaning that a team must be beaten twice before they are out of the competition.

Nelson-Nelson are undefeated while Mills-Cox have been defeated once.

Fall Bowling

League Ends

Before Holidays

In the past few weeks, team No. 5, (Debbie Ellis, Evelyn Hubbard), has been slowly gaining on team No. 4, (David Arnold, Paula Raschke, James Owen), and the two teams are now tied for first place in the College Co-Ed Bowling League with records of 26 wins and 10 losses.

David Arnold continues to hold high average with a 163.

Paula Raschke is battling with Tina Smith of team 7 for the trophy for most pins. Tina continues to lead the race with 3626 pins knocked down.

When the fall league is completed soon, trophies will be awarded, and the league will start over again next semester.

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Casanovas, Black Knights Post Wins

Despite the 21 points scored by Jerry Bonham alone, the Nets were defeated recently by the Casanovas, 64-51 in intramural basketball.

In addition to Bonham, top scorers for the Nets were Bobby Johnston, 13, and Barry Crain, 12.

The Casanovas top scorers were Brace Boyden, 18, and David Morgan, 12.

The Black Knights won two games recently: they defeated Ag Club 77-33, and also defeated the Gang, 74-58.

Edmund Johnson scored 19 points, and Marvin Scott scored 16 points for the Black Knights in the game against Ag Club. Ag Club top scorer was Steve Hazelwood, 11 points.

Johnson scored 18 points, and Scott and G. Stiggers scored 16 points each for the Black Knights in their victory over the Gang.

Top scorers for the Gang were Pat Tidwell, 14 points, and Tim Tidwell, 13 points.

Others members of the Black Knights are L. Walker, captain, C. Wiggins, co-captain, S. Easter, L. Jones, and S. Homes.

Members of the Casanovas include Roy Fort, James Henderson, Lester Dansby, Doug Walls, Ronnie Bonham, DeWayne Murphy, and Frank Prater, captain.

Ag Club includes Bubba Kings-

ton, Shelby Smith, Randy Turner, Jeff Frazier, Marion Davis, Ronnie Bryan, and Wade Ralston.

Members of the Gang include Danny Garrett, Keith Brister, Terry Raney, James Garrett, and Stacey Tidwell.

worked out by the first of the Year.

Terrell added that the TCC club was already practicing for the tournament with practice games in the Library during the activity periods.

Owen Completes Run

James Owen, sophomore PE major, was among the 47 runners who finished the American National Marathon which was held recently in Galveston. Two hundred and forty runners from around the country started the race, but most could not finish the 26 mile length.

The race was held along the Seawall Boulevard in Galveston which allowed ambulances, which were used many times, to follow the runners.

"People were dropping right and left," Owen said, "due to the fact that some of them were not in shape for the race."

Owen, however, was in shape for the race, saying, "I wasn't even sore the next day."

CHESS CLUB TOURNAMENT

Chess Club of TCC met last Tuesday and it was decided that the club will co-sponsor the second annual Four States Invitational TCC-THC Chess tournament, to be in February.

Mike Terrell, president, told the club that last year's tournament was quite a success and he felt this year's would be even better.

Terrell said that the club officers were in the process of working out the details with Texas High and that final plans for the tournament should be

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