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**Concrete Course Set Next Month**

Thirty persons are expected to participate in the Texas Ready Mixed Concrete Association short course Jan. 11-13 at Texas A&M University.

A. L. Kramer, coordinator for the Engineering Extension Service and the TRMCA, said participants will include those persons concerned with management, production, marketing and sales.

Topics announced by TRMCA President William F. Howard include economic outlook for construction, future of concrete and aggregate, training and manpower management, communications, employe relations, marketing and sales, promotion, preventive maintenance, and general industry problems.

Seminar sessions for the ninth annual short course are scheduled in A&M's Memorial Student Center.

**Fuller's Follies**

by John Fuller

One of the Christmas traditions I've gotten pretty attached to is buying a copy of a certain Columbia Special Recordings album every year. (This is not a plug, any more than a movie review is a plug for the local theaters. Honest.) So this year, true to form, I spent a hard-earned dollar on "Great Songs of Christmas, Album Six."

As I drifted off to sleep the other night, with the last notes of the recording running through my head, I began to dream. The scene was a big walnut-paneled office at Columbia Records. A meeting of the Executive Committee in Charge of Great Songs of Christmas was in session.

At the head of the long conference table sat a man wearing a Santa Claus suit. Junior executives were conspicuous by their constant coughing as they smoked oversize pipes.

"GENTLEMEN, you may have heard why we've called this meeting," the chairman boomed, after the room had settled down. "The Greatyear people have done some research and come up with some startling — nay, appalling — figures.

"Our Christmas albums cost a lot of money to make. We get together the top names in the industry, back them up with big orchestras, promote sales with television advertisements during football games. The dollar we get for each record doesn't begin to cover the expense; the whole point in selling these records is to get people into the stores to buy other things."

The chairman paused for emphasis. "Gentlemen, there's a college kid in Texas, named John Fuller, who's bought every album without spending a cent on those other things!"

A GASP escaped all the junior executives simultaneously. Two attendants came running with smelling salts.

"Are we going to let Fuller get away with this?" demanded the chairman, as foam began flecking his lips. "NO, SIR!" chorused the junior executives. "Are we going to produce the biggest disappointment he's ever seen for Album Six?" he shouted, jumping onto the desk. "YES, SIR!" the others cried triumphantly. "Then let's get to work," he said, stepping down and resuming his seat.

"Now let's don't pull any punches. Let's start off with a real bombshell. Let's get Barbra Streisand to sing 'Silent Night' and 'Ave Maria.' Fuller can't

STAND Barbra Streisand." The room rocked with applause.

"AND THEN we'll get a recording of The King Family singing that brand-new, traditional old Christmas carol, 'The Holiday of Love.'"

"Great, Chief!" cried one of the horn-rimmed set. "Isn't that the one that sounds like the theme song from some big beauty pageant?"

The Chief smiled benignly, nodding almost imperceptibly. "I commissioned it myself," he sniffed, stroking his beard.

"Bravo! A stroke of genius! You've done it again, S.C.!" rang out from the assembled executives.

"I'D LIKE to sort of yell this out in the mess hall and see if anybody wildcats, Chief," broke in one of the executives, who had spent the first semester of his freshman year at A&M before transferring to Columbia. "What do you say we put not one, but three King Family numbers? They could do 'Caroling, Caroling,' which even they can't mess up, and 'It Came Upon a Midnight Clear,' which they can and will."

The Chief beamed. "Farnsworth, I think you've got the makings of a Senior Executive. We'll do it."

Farnsworth blushed furiously and sat down, too drained of emotion to do more than grin and nod feebly.

"NEXT, WE'LL have the New Christy Minstrels—I mean, the NEW New Christy Minstrels—" The Chief chuckled briefly, glared around the room, and was quickly answered with other chuckles. "... to sing a song from 'Mame.'"

"Tremendous, S.C.!" broke in a bright-eyed, pink-cheeked Texas grad. "I always say, there's nothing like a Broadway musical as a source for traditional, reverent Christmas carols!"

"Then, just to keep Fuller on the string until the very last minute," the Chief went on, "we'll include a few actual Christmas songs. I thought we'd get somebody like Ray Conniff and the group to sing 'Hark, the Herald Angels Sing'—it'll look good on the cover—but here's the clincher:" (Here, S.C. paused until the room was deathly still, then continued in a dramatic stage whisper.) "We'll have them do it to a Cha-cha beat."

The room exploded with cheers; paper wads filled the air; the junior executives lifted the Chief and carried him out on their shoulders.

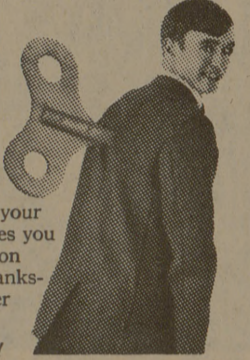
And then I woke up.

**Man Collides With Mother's Car**

As R. Noyles watched a car skidding toward the pickup truck in which he was riding he recognized the driver was his mother.

Noyles leaped out, ran to the edge and peered over with dread. Emerging from the battered car far below were his mother, Mrs. Marie Yvonne Noyles, and brother, Daniel, 11, of Nelson. They were only cut and bruised.

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**Bulletin Board**

**Today**  
American Association of University Professors will meet in room 145 of the Physics Building at 7:30 p.m.

**Thursday**  
Abilene Hometown Club will meet at 7:45 in the MSC lounge area for the Aggeland picture. Wear coat and tie and Class A winter uniform.

Port Arthur Hometown Club will meet in the Anderson Room in the YMCA at 7:30 p.m.

Beaumont Hometown Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. in room 226 of the Academic Building. Bring your dues.

Russian Club will have a meeting in room 302 of the Military Science Building at 7:30 p.m. Mr. Claud Davis of the Government and History Department will talk about his travels in Russia. Everyone interested is invited to attend.

Waco Hometown Club will meet in the Reading Room of the YMCA at 7:30 p.m. Bring your sweetheart pictures.

Brazoria County Hometown

Club will meet in room 228 of the Academic Building at 7:30 p.m. Will discuss the Christmas party.

Austin Hometown Club will meet in room 208 of the Academic Building at 7:30 p.m.

Deep East Texas Hometown Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. in room 2-A of the MSC. Important that all members be there.

Houston Hometown Club will meet in room 201 of the Physics Building at 7:30 p.m. The Christmas Party, New Years Party, and Club Picture will be discussed.

San Antonio Hometown Club will meet in room 113 of the Biology Sciences Building at 7:30 p.m. Bring your girl's picture for the Sweetheart selection, or turn it in to Dennis Hohman, dorm 6, room 319; or Jim Hooper, dorm 7, room 205.

A Christmas Bazaar will be sponsored by the Chemical Engineering Wives Club in front of Lester's in Townshire Shopping Center from 9:30-4:30.

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