

Salaries average \$25,000

Maritime field 'wide open'

United Press International
GALVESTON — Christopher Ket Mantooth graduated from the Texas Maritime Academy last spring and immediately found a job as one of the best-paid members of the Class of '78.

His base pay for the first year will be in the \$30,000 range and with a little overtime, he could gross as much as \$4,000 per month.

Mantooth is not an engineer, petroleum geologist, physician, attorney or computer expert. He signed on as third mate aboard the Cove Trader, a large tanker.

Almost every day Mantooth was at the Academy, a part of Moody College, he walked past a clipboard with a 3-inch thick stack of job offers from all over the world.

"The maritime fields are wide open," said Adm. Kenneth G. Haynes, superintendent of the Maritime Academy. "Starting salaries for new graduates are

often in the \$25,000 bracket annually, and we are very pleased with the career opportunities open to our graduates."

The greatest demand is for graduates who are licensed to go to sea, he said. However, the opportunities are not limited to deepwater shipping. Other openings are available as a result of the burgeoning offshore oil drilling industry along the Gulf of Mexico.

Haynes said there will be a growing demand for maritime graduates because of the increasing need to license people who operate commercial vessels at sea.

"There is a training demand, an education demand, a people demand," Haynes said. "Right now 3,000 people could be added to the Gulf Coast offshore shipping industry from deckhands to captains."

Haynes joined the Academy in June after 35 years in the Navy.

He said the Academy is full, "limited only by living space."

More than 140 cadets live aboard the training ship Texas Clipper, which serves as a dormitory while in port. Another 70 live in Moody College dorms. Twenty-five of the cadets are women.

"The TMA size is fixed by the number of living accommodations on campus," Haynes said. "Still, I feel we are in a dynamic situation. The college, which is part of the Texas A&M University System, and the academy are growing just as fast as we can build dormitories for new students."

Cadets must reside on campus because individuals who go to sea must function in close quarters situations and often under pressure. If they are not trained under those conditions, Haynes said, they may not be happy in their career.



Maritime Academy senior Steve Potz-Neilsen is on the helm guiding the Texas A&M University training ship T.S. Texas Clipper. Joan Stahl, along with other seniors, shares the responsibility for running the ship during the summer cruise. The view at right is out toward the bow (front) of the ship. The annual cruise gives cadets practical experience in the merchant marines.

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Dollar falls despite anti-inflation plan

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The once-mighty dollar Thursday plummeted below the psychological barrier of 180 Japanese yen — less than half its value at the end of World War II — and traders predicted new runs against the greenback in Europe as well.

The dollar's latest slide was sparked by dissatisfaction with President Carter's anti-inflation program that reflected the widespread belief he was incapable of putting the U.S. economic house in order.

The U.S. currency opened the day's trading in Tokyo at 178.80 yen. For more fighting back to 179.50 yen. By the end of the day, it had slipped to less than one-half what it was worth when the old rate of 360-per-dollar was set shortly after the war.

Carter's multi-point economic package contained no decisive cures to get the dollar back to a fair level," a bank official said. "What we need now is immediate and concrete action that can reduce balance payment deficits and increase

economic growth of the United States." Prime Minister Takeo Fukuda said: "President Carter's anti-inflation measures have no strong punching power. It's like catching two rabbits (inflation and economic growth) with a stone throw."

The dollar also sagged to postwar lows Wednesday in Frankfurt, Brussels and Amsterdam in apparent response to Carter's program.

The London Daily Telegraph said: "The currency markets of the world have reacted with a deafening raspberry." The price of gold, which often rises when the dollar declines, jumped to new highs of \$230.675 an ounce in Zurich and \$230.375 in London.

A West German dealer said of the latest decline in the dollar: "That's not the end yet — not by a long way."

"We all expected something new," a dealer in Paris said. "But in his (Carter's) speech there was nothing particularly done to support

the dollar. There was not one positive point."

"The real weakness of the program is that it fails to take proper account of the present psychological climate in which the world is reacting to the continuing crisis of the

City gets new vehicles

CS to study screens

By DANNA RICHEY
Battalion Reporter

Local apartment owners told College Station city council members that the requirement for windows in all dwellings to be covered by screens will probably be reflected in rent increases.

The council decided to study the issue more before perhaps modifying the ordinance.

The council opened discussion on the newly established structural standards code Thursday night.

dollar," The Times of London said in an editorial.

Traders in both Japan and Europe disputed U.S. Treasury Secretary Michael Blumenthal's statement Wednesday that the dollar would strengthen in value.

"I think it is clear that it is the fundamental factors that will determine the trend of the dollar in the coming weeks and months," Blumenthal said in Washington. "The fundamentals are moving, in my judgment, strongly in our direction and strongly in the direction of the strengthening of the dollar."

Charles Harty, a member of the Bryan-College Station Apartment Owner's Association, questioned council members on their reasons for this requirement. Council members said the screen requirements were created for several reasons; however, the primary reason is to allow air circulation, without bugs, that would decrease utility bills.

Harty told council members that rough estimates indicate the cost of purchasing the screens and installation would be reflected in an approximate 1-3 percent monthly rent increase.

Harty also told council members that local merchants said they could not supply all the screens needed and have them installed by the Sept. 1, 1979, deadline.

Council members decided to appoint a committee to discuss the economics of the screen requirement.

In other business, the council accepted a bid of approximately \$31,000, by Twin City International, for the purchase of two garbage trucks. According to City Manager North Bardell, these trucks were included in the budget and are replacements. The old trucks will be sold for scrap or auctioned off for use.

The council also accepted a bid of \$34,464 from Beal Ford for the purchase of six new police patrol cars.

These vehicles are also included in the current budget and are needed to update the patrol force, Bardell said. The old cars will be used in the detective division.

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Airlines squabble over new routes

United Press International
WASHINGTON — The great rush for newly available airline routes is on — marred by bickering over first-come, first-served lineup procedures — and it could go on for 60 days as federal officials sort through a new law.

The Civil Aeronautics Board opened its doors Wednesday morning to officials of airlines that had stationed people in line outside the CAB night and day, rain and shine, for a week in hopes of protecting their own unused non-stop routes or taking over those of competitors.

No sooner had the first line started in than a second formed.

CAB and airline officials acknowledged the possibility there could be a queue on the sidewalk for weeks, despite the approach of winter, because procedures are not worked out for administering the route selection procedures of the airline deregulation bill President Carter signed Tuesday.

Representatives of 20 carriers, who had waited outside the CAB since Thursday, were replaced Wednesday by airline lawyers,

some pushing handcards containing several boxes of material.

United Airlines, the nation's largest and the first in line, sought two new routes and authority to retain four Florida routes that the carrier now serves only during the winter vacation season.

As the first line was processed, the second line formed. One carrier spokesman said the line was there just in case a carrier winning authority for a lucrative route failed to begin serving it in the 45 days allotted by the law.

The CAB, which planned to begin the certifications immediately, must grant them within 15 days, so it was possible the second line could remain for as long as 60 days unless the CAB ordered otherwise, the spokesman said.

But it was doubtful the second line would last long, because airline officials say only a few hundred of the dormant routes are economically attractive enough to interest them.

Most airlines expressed unhappiness with the first-come, first-served procedure.

Lifestyles may cause drop in heart failures

United Press International
WASHINGTON — There may never be clear-cut answers, but a noted specialist says changing lifestyles and better treatment for high blood pressure may be the best explanations for a decline in the heart disease death rate in the United States.

A National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute conference Wednesday was told that comparative studies suggest some Americans are consuming less cholesterol-rich foods, smoking less, exercising more and are more aware of the need to check and treat high blood pressure.

Numerous studies have indicated that each of those factors affects a person's heart attack risk.

"While nobody can prove that this series of parallel developments has produced the downturn, it's reasonable that one may be related to the other," said Dr. Jeremiah Stamler of Northwestern University, chairman of a panel reviewing population data on risk factors.

Stamler said Americans seem to be following the advice of doctors who suggested as early as 1958 that dietary habits might influence the development of heart disease. That advice was followed by statements that smoking seemed to be linked to the problem.

It cannot be proved that lifestyle affects heart disease, he said, because "no decisive experiment yielding a black and white answer to this question is ever going to be available."

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