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Prof's book for city councils

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Gary Halter, College Station city councilman and Texas A&M University political science professor, has outlined the laws, responsibilities and routines of city councils in a book to be published this month.

Halter has taught political science with an emphasis on urban politics at Texas A&M for 10 years and has been a councilman for nearly five years.

"I was tired of what I saw happening — bad decisions in terms of planning and zoning," he said, so he ran for city council.

Halter said being a councilman has been a good experience academically and personally.

Blending his academic and political experience, Halter's book, "An Orientation Handbook for Board and Commission Members," is written for layman and aimed at governments in medium-sized cities.

The first part of the book generally outlines the responsibilities of

boards and commissions and the second part describes how two Texas cities — Temple and College Station — run their local government bodies.

The first part is divided into several sections which outline the procedures for conducting a meeting — such as the rules, routine and roles of members. The section also has a basic chart of parliamentary procedure motions.

The next few sections outline how to work with city staff, liability for actions, the open meetings laws and administering and taking the oath of office.

The second part of the book describes the structures of various boards — from city council to plumbing boards — which cities might have. The number of members, qualifications, powers, duties

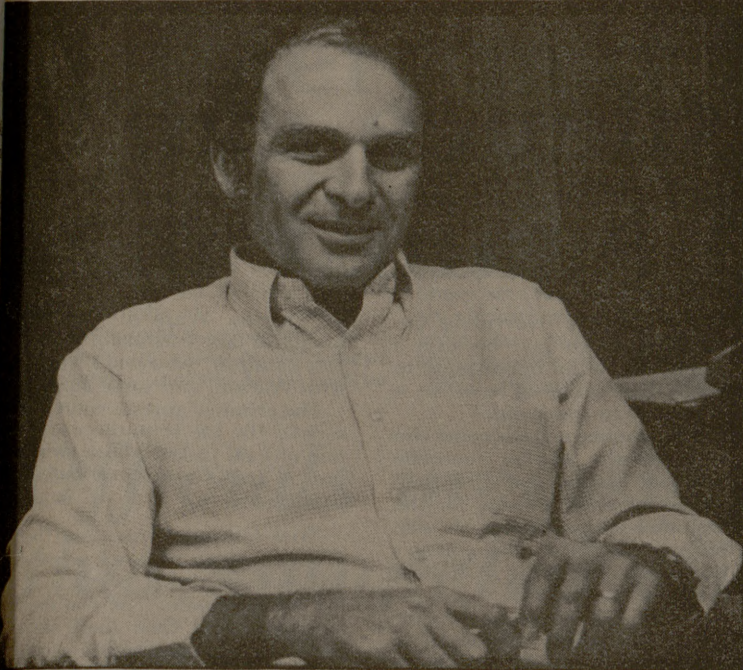
and statutes creating each board are outlined.

Halter said he used College Station and Temple because between the two cities, nearly all the different types of boards are covered. For example, Temple has two separate boards of planning and zoning and College Station has only one.

Halter said his is the first publication to outline the various types of governmental boards.

Halter works with the Texas Municipal League, an association of municipalities which provides information and legal services to cities. He said it was through this work he became aware of the need for such a book.

Halter and Biles started work in June. Halter said he wrote and Biles researched and edited. The book will be published by Oct. 26.



Gary Halter, professor of political science and College Station City Councilman, has written a guidance book for city governments.
Battalion photo by Ken Herrera

Books, etc., offered at low prices today in Evans Library book sale

By LAURA HERTENBERGER
Battalion Reporter

Bookworms rejoice! A book sale sponsored by the Friends of the Texas A&M University Library is being held today from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. outside the main entrance of the Sterling Evans Library.

The sale, an annual event usually held in April during National Library Week, was postponed until

today because of the construction and moving that went on in the spring, according to Deborah Brown, who is in charge of publicity for the sale.

This year's selection is a good one, Brown said. Children's books, novels, old text books, volume sets, magazines, records, posters and art prints will be for sale, with prices ranging from 10 cents to \$1.

McDonald's restaurant has donated coupons to the organization, which entitles any person who spends \$5 at the sale to a free McFeast sandwich.

Proceeds from the sale will go to purchase new materials for the library, Brown said. The amount of money taken in will determine what the organization will buy. From previous sales, profits, art prints, a special magnifying machine for the visually handicapped and paperback books have been purchased.

Brown said this year's sale should be one of the best ever.

Astronaut's award means \$85,000 check for A&M

Former astronaut Frank Borman, now chairman and president of Eastern Airlines, will be honored in Houston today and also present an \$85,000 check to Texas A&M University.

Borman has been designated the 1979 recipient of the "Flame of Truth" award presented by the Fund for Higher Education.

Under terms of the award, Borman was asked to choose two educational institutions — one in Israel — as recipients of funds raised through the program.

Borman selected Texas A&M's Center for Education and Research in Free Enterprise as the U.S. beneficiary and the Faculty for Aeronautics and Engineering at the Technion in Israel.

He was scheduled to present the \$85,000 check to Texas A&M President Jarvis E. Miller this morning at the Cameron Iron Works World Headquarters Building. The presentation will follow a meeting of Cameron Iron's board of directors, of which Borman is a member.

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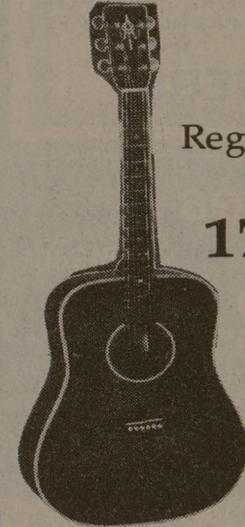
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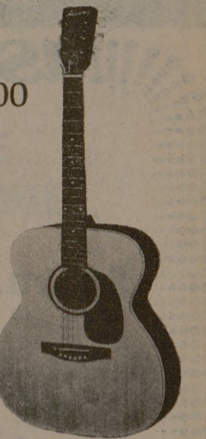
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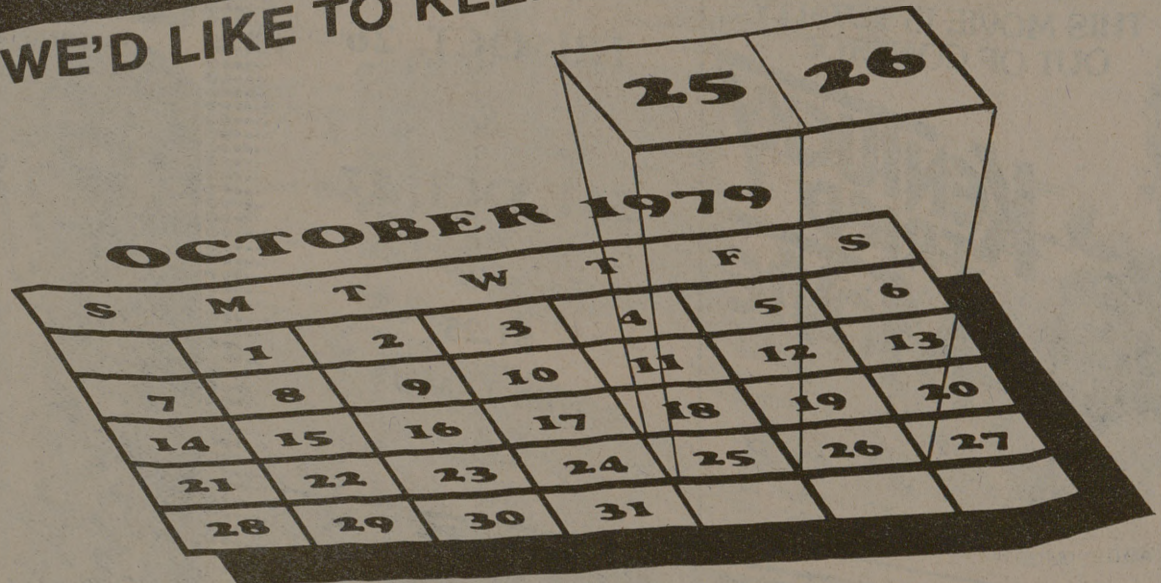
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