Jazz ‘Giants’ Jump Nite Before Finals

By JOHN BONDS

At 8 pm Thursday, May 19, the Gulf Coast Giants of Jazz will present a concert of the latest in modern jazz at the Lamar High School Auditorium.

If you are one of the many persons who are disgusted with the lack of “live” jazz in Houston-town, I heartily recommend that you take a couple of hours off on Thursday night to treat yourself to a surprising experience in jazz.

THE GIANTS are a unique group composed of men who have to play dance music for their bread, but whose jazz expressions, though suppressed while working with the best bands in town, are begging to be released.

Many of them have worked with some of the best jazz groups in the country, such as Stan Kenton and Woody Herman. They came to Houston for a variety of reasons; dislike for the road tours, family ties, and purely financial reasons. They gave up full-time jazz because they had to, not because they wanted to or were not capable of making it with a name band. But they have not forgotten how to express themselves.

The band features arrangements by well-known West Coast men, such as Bill Holman and Bill Russo of the Kenton Band. Admission is one dollar, with proceeds going to the Lamar High School Band. Make it!