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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S OFFICE:

The date of the October board meeting has been changed to October 23.

THIS WEEK ON CAMPUS:

Monday, Sept. 23	LUNCH by Homemade Express 11 a.m. - 1 p.m., 2nd floor/CC
Tuesday, Sept. 24	LUNCH by Grandys 11 a.m. - 1 p.m., 2nd floor/CC
Wednesday, Sept. 25	LUNCH by Taco Delite 11 a.m. - 1 p.m., 2nd floor/CC
Thursday, Sept. 26	LUNCH by British Baker 11 a.m. - 1 p.m., 2nd floor/CC

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

This week on CCCC's "Caleidoscope":
Overview of CCCC fitness center

Guests: Rex Parcells, Dir. of Athletics
Susan Evans, Volleyball coach
Marty Berryman, Tennis Coach
Jill Whitson, Prof. of Dance

Moderator: Mary Rabaut

Air Time: Channel 35, Plano Telecable
Monday, Sept. 24, 5 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 28, 7:30 p.m.

STAFF NEWS:

Billie Collins and Judi Windle have a new office and new phone numbers at Spring Creek. They are located in B129 and their numbers will be: Billie: ext. 5758, Judi: ext. 5757. Please stop in and say hello.

To all Faculty:

Each division office and the VPI's office has a copy of the Community/Junior College Consortium Faculty Directory. This directory has names and telephone numbers of faculty by academic discipline and by college. There are 17 colleges in the North Texas area included.

Hope it's helpful.

Martha Ewing

The deadline for graduation/certificate applications for December 1990 is Monday, October 1. Students planning to graduate in December should go to the Registrar's office in Room G103 at the Spring Creek Campus or Room A111 at the Central Campus to complete a petition of graduation.

Loren Miller, Vice Chair of the Collin County Commission on the bicentennial of the Constitution, talked to students at Allen's Ford Middle School about the Constitutional Convention as part of their celebration of Constitution Day, September 17.

Walt Nilson sends his thanks to all his CCCC friends. He is out of the hospital recuperating at Wayne and Theresa Rush's. Don't be surprised if you see him around campus next week!

STAFF DEVELOPMENT:

Please remember to return your task force assignment sheet and staff development survey to Judy LaGrone as soon as possible.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES NEWS:

Congratulations to Carol Jenkins on her promotion to Student Activities Associate. Carol now is based at Central Campus in Room B250, ext. 6787. In coordinating Central Campus' student activities program, she will be in residence Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays. Carol will switch with Margie Lasek, director of Student Activities, on Wednesdays to keep in touch with the Spring Creek Campus student body and staff. Please welcome Carol aboard in her new role.

Student update newsletter articles are due to Margie Lasek, SCC, room F129, by Friday, Oct. 5 for the Nov./Dec. issue.

Attention Professors:

The Student Activities Office, in conjunction with students and faculty, is offering a new program at both campuses this fall. We have designated October 15-18 as SOCIAL AWARENESS WEEK. Programs will address alcohol awareness, family violence, stereotypes, and volunteerism. Please encourage your students to participate in these informative and fun activities and, if possible, work them into your lab component or writing-across-the-curriculum requirements. All presentations will be videotaped and on file in the respective LRC. If you would like more information, please contact Margie Lasek for Spring Creek Campus programs, ext. 5787 or Carol Jenkins for Central Campus programs, ext. 6787. Thank you in advance for your support of CCCC co-curricular programs.

Attention Task Force Chairpersons:

Student Activities currently is distributing the 1990-91 Task Force information and publication sheets to interested students. Be advised that we will be sending you copies of applications from students who designate your task force as an interest.

Effective this term, students may serve on up to three task forces. They will prioritize their preference for membership on their applications. Most task forces will have two student representative positions. If you currently have only one opening, please consider those students who rank your group as their first choice. In the event that such students do not meet with your approval or are no longer available to serve, then consider those students who ranked your group #2, etc. This will enable you to make the best match for the student's interests and the task force's purpose.

If you have any questions regarding this process, feel free to call Margie Lasek at extension 5787 or Tom Rodgers at extension 5795 or 6660.

Also, if you know of students interested in serving on your or other task forces, please ask them to pick up an application in the Student Activities Office (CC:B251 SCC:F129)

NOTES FROM HUMAN RESOURCES:

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

Ellen Woodring	9/24
Mike McGar	9/26
Doug Proffer	9/27
Peggy Burch	10/1
David Hobs	10/1

QUOTE OF THE MONTH:

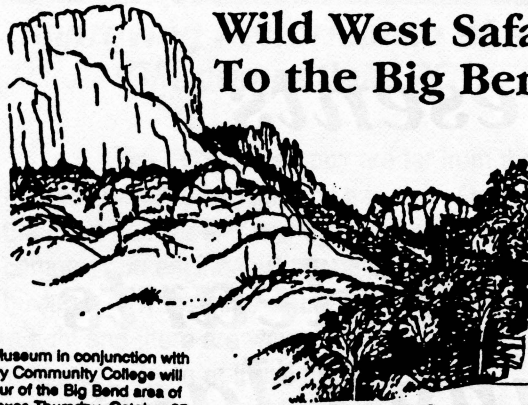
*"Great ideas need landing gear as well as wings."
Adolphe A. Berle Jr.*

Picking Out Creative People

No reliable measure exists to pick out creative people. But you might find the acronym TIPOFF will help you spot them. Creative people tend to be:

- **Tolerant.** They tolerate ambiguity because they perform best in undefined situations. They want to create order from chaos, simplicity from the complex.
- **Independent.** They care little for making a good impression because they possess strong self-discipline and have confidence in their own standards.
- **Playful.** They enjoy playing with ideas, they like humor and they can switch easily from fantasy to reality.
- **Original.** They produce unusual answers and interpretations.
- **Fluent.** They generate lots of ideas and do so rapidly.
- **Flexible.** They move easily and quickly from one frame of reference or one approach to another.

Source: *Managing Professional People* by Albert Shapero, communication briefings, February 1990.



Wild West Safari To the Big Bend

The Heard Museum in conjunction with Collin County Community College will sponsor a tour of the Big Bend area of southwest Texas Thursday, October 25, through Sunday, October 28, 1990. To those who have never been to desert mountains before, the Big Bend country reveals a wonderful paradox. Out of the harsh dry Chihuahuan Desert floor, the Chisos Mountains rise to be miraculously transformed into a citadel of mountain woodlands laced with cool shady canyons—a secret world where a strange combination of flora and fauna hint at a complex geologic past. The variety of habitats is surprising in this spectacular 800,000 acre wilderness.

This tour is planned for a maximum of 35 travelers, and combines excitement and comfort. Steve Runnel—naturalist, Director of the Heard Museum, and frequent visitor to the Big Bend area—will be guiding this trip.

Planned Itinerary

Thursday, October 25
Afternoon flight on Southwest Airlines to Midland/Odessa. Dinner and introductory Big Bend lecture will await you at the Ramada Inn.

Friday, October 26

Up early, breakfast, and we board our chartered motorcoach for a guided tour of the Permian Basin Petroleum Museum in Midland. We head west into wide open country. We lunch in Fort Davis (5,280 elevation) and tour old Fort Davis. This fort is considered the finest restoration of frontier forts. Built in 1854 as a cavalry outpost, the fort protected travelers from hostile Indians on the San Antonio-El Paso Road.

The journey continues through Alpine, then 70 miles to the entrance of the Big Bend National Park. The drive through the grandeur of the park takes us to our base camp of Lajitas. This area was established in 1915 as a station for U.S. Army troops whose job was to protect the Big Bend from Pancho Villa. It was here that General Black Jack Pershing chased Villa back across the Rio Grande. The place we stay at is a rompin', stompin', movie-eat western town with terrific accommodations and food.

Saturday, October 27

Breakfast early and down to the Rio Grande for a float trip on one of the most scenic rivers in North America. Excellent licensed guides will take us on this fun, but not dangerous, ride. Lunch is served on the river bank in Mexico.

The afternoon will feature a tour of the Park, savoring its diversity of life zones and land features. The bus will make lots of stops for just walking around. Photographers will use lots of film. Birders and wildlife enthusiasts will especially enjoy the afternoon looking for rare and unusual species. Recently, black bear and mountain lions have been spotted on numerous occasions.

Sunday, October 28

Check out of the lodge and board the motorcoach for a trip down the steep and winding El Camino Del Rio (River Road) to Presidio. Turn north and go through Marfa (where the movie Giant was filmed) to Fort Davis, spotting pronghorn antelope along the way. Lunch at the Boarding House, Sutter's Limpia Hotel. Our Southwest flight leaves Midland in time to arrive at Love Field by 6pm.

Costs

Cost of the fully-escorted tour is \$385 per person based on double occupancy and includes roundtrip airfare and ground transportation, lodging for three night, most meals, and the float trip down the Rio Grande.

Call McKinney Travel at (214) 542-0063 to register. A \$100 cash or check deposit will hold your spot with the final payment due on or before September 17, 1990.

Events coming in the spring
Trip to The Hill Country during Wildflower Season

ATTENTION MUSIC LOVERS!

Have You Heard The Plano Chamber Orchestra?

A String Quartet of the Plano Chamber Orchestra will present an outdoor fall concert of classical, popular and country music for Collin County residents. Plan to attend this special concert sponsored and underwritten by the Plano Chamber Orchestra, Heard Natural Science Museum & Wildlife Sanctuary and Collin County Community College's Enterprise.

WHEN: Sunday, September 30, 1990, at 3 p.m.
(Museum opens at 1 p.m. for tours)

WHERE: The Heard Museum of Natural Science - Front Lawn McKinney - take Highway 121 to Highway 5, exit FM 1378

FREE ADMISSION



The Plano Chamber Orchestra is a 35-member professional orchestra under the musical direction of conductor Hector Guzman. Entering its eighth season, the orchestra's mission is to inspire, educate, entertain and involve the people of Plano and Collin County with classical music. Sharon Blackwood is executive director.

The Heard Museum, founded by Miss Bessie Heard in 1967, served over 51,000 persons last year. The Museum provides natural science exhibits, a wildlife sanctuary with nature trails and special educational programs. Steve R. Runnels is executive director.

In case of rain, concert will be held indoors

CCCCD Wellness Program

Presents

Culinary Hearts Cooking Class

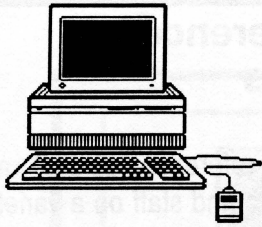
*Oct. 9-Nov. 13, 1990, 6-8 pm
Room F110, SCC, Tues. only*

The course, taught by Meghan O'Donnell, includes:

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| ♥Risks of the American Diet | ♥Recipe Modification |
| ♥Meal Planning | ♥Meal Burnout |
| ♥Eating Specially Prepared Meals | ♥Reducing Heart Disease |

Meghan O'Donnell is a Fitness and Nutrition Consultant and is completing her Master's Degree in Nutrition at Texas Woman's University. To reserve a place in this class, call Beverly Tremain at 881-5777. Fee is \$70.00 per person.

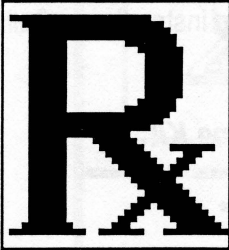
Get on the Wellness Express!



Collin County Community College District ACADEMIC COMPUTING SERVICES

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Improving Performance of an IBM-compatible PC

Most PC's on campus are far from the hot rods handled by high-end hackers. Open the hood and we find four-cylinder low compression engines with few extras. Although buying a new machine would guarantee more horsepower, budgets are tight and there are ways to tune current hardware for better performance. Some of these tips may seem obvious, but much of the equipment could benefit from these inexpensive additions.

1. Add Memory. Any memory below the normal maximum REAL mode of 640K (640,000 characters) severely limits the speed and capacity of programs. This option costs under \$200 on most machines. For AT/286 machines, EXTENDED or EXPANDED memory beyond the 640K barrier can be effectively used by most programs.

2. Use your hard disk. Some folks feel safer writing their data to and from floppy diskettes. This is much slower than fixed disk access. There is probably no more chance of lost data on a fixed disk than on a floppy disk.

3. Organize your hard disk. MS/DOS, the much accursed and cryptic command set that controls the machine (and the user's blood pressure) does provide tools for keeping track of your data. Much the same as file cabinet drawers or folders in the Apple Macintosh environment, directories allow the PC user to stash his stuff in neatly labeled containers for quick and organized retrieval. Make directories that keep data separate from programs and keep word processing data separate from spreadsheet data. Organize documents under headings such as accounts, mailing labels, staff, faculty, etc. This organization simplifies backing up data as it is easy to separate valuable data from programs which rarely change and need fewer backups.

4. Use batch files. Batch files are text files stored on disk that contain sequences of often typed commands. If you find yourself constantly doing a "cd\" and searching for data where it was supposed to be, then batch files can help you gain control of that information.

Whole menuing systems that can switch to any program or directory on the disk with a single keystroke are easy to set up. Store these batch files in a separate directory called BAT for organization and set up a PATH option to find files in this directory. PATH is another MS/DOS option that allows the user to automatically find executable programs.

5. Optimize hard disk performance. Fixed disks, like file cabinets, tend to get more disorganized under prolonged use. It's a

DIRECTORY

BAKER, Bill 5768
Software/Hardware Support

CHEATHAM, Craig 5769
Technical Support

CHOW, Charles 5877
Spring Creek Lab Manager

FARRAR, Susan 5844
Director

HAMPTON, Dinah 5866
Secretary

HENDERSON, Fred 5767
Network Support

O'CONNELL, Kevin 6877
Central Campus Lab Manager

B-WING (B217) OPEN LAB 5986

good policy to clean-up your hard disk by deleting useless files, moving files that have gone astray, and then backing up your hard disk. Remember that after awhile, files on your hard disk begin to fragment into little pieces and that your hard disk has to work very hard to retrieve them when this happens. The MS/DOS tools of BACKUP and RESTORE can remedy disk fragmentation as well as a number of commercially available products such as Norton Utilities or PC Tools.

6. Upgrade your software packages. Most of the software packages supported by the district periodically offer improved versions. These versions offer convenient use, faster response times and other features.

Not all these ideas are useful in all situations; however, if something appears interesting, please call us and we will help you explore that option.

Instruction Lab Hours Fall Semester

The instructional lab hours for the fall semester at Spring Creek and Central campuses will be as follows:

Monday - Thursday 7:30 AM - 10:45 PM

Friday - Saturday 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Sunday 12:00 PM - 5:00 PM

The instruction lab for Plano High School is open:

Tuesday/Thursday 5:30 PM - 10:00 PM

Just a reminder: the instructional labs will be closed November 22nd through November 25th. We will resume normal hours on Monday, November 26th.

After December 15th, the instructional labs will be open from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday until the beginning of the winter break.

DESKTOP PUBLISHING SUPPORT

Do you need help designing or reproducing documents? How about assistance in developing overheads or handouts in your classes? Academic Computing Services will assist you in producing professional-looking documents.



We have the ability to (1) print your document on a high-quality laser printer for camera-ready copy, (2) use a wide variety of scaleable fonts to type your text, (3) import graphics (black and white pictures work best) from a photo or book into your document and (4) to use high-quality MS/DOS publishing software to pull it all together.

If you need help, please give Craig Cheatham a call at 881-5869 or the HOT LINE at 881-5866.

Pocket Reference Guides

ACS has published "pocket reference guides" as reference tools to assist students and staff on a variety of software packages. These guides review software commands, provide details of software features, describe menu organization and outline printing instructions. Call us for copies.

BetterWorking Resume Kit

*C Programming**

Central Campus Lab

dBASE III Plus

GW-BASIC

Lotus 1-2-3

MS/DOS

*Pascal Programming**

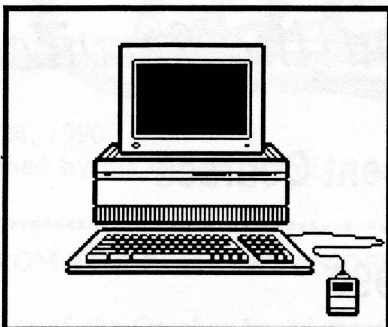
Spring Creek Lab

WordPerfect 5.0

** Being printed.*

New Add-in for WordPerfect

WordPerfect has announced three new products that work seamlessly with its word processing product. The DRAWPERFECT software allows you to create and edit graphics images. This program is a drawing program that can create elegant images and has a variety of scaleable fonts that can be stretched, rotated and edited to create new characters. The RHYMER program assists a writer in finding new words that rhyme or alliterate with a suggested word. The OFFICE WORKS package is a DOS shell software package. It provides a menu interface that allows you to call WordPerfect's separate features. If you need more information you may call WordPerfect at 1-800-541-5096.



Academic Computing Services

Staff Development Courses

Fall 1990

Introduction to Lotus 123

Learn the fundamentals of spreadsheet design and editing.

October 3, 5 Spring Creek Campus - J121 3:30 - 5:00

November 7, 9 Spring Creek Campus - J121 3:30 - 5:00

WordPerfect 5.0 - Fonts & Graphics

Learn how to create memos and letters that are more appealing with fonts and graphic images.

October 17, 19 Spring Creek Campus - J121 3:30 - 5:00

WordPerfect 5.0 - Merging Documents

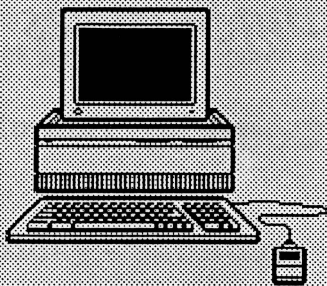
Learn to create form letters, labels, and document templates fast and easy.

October 31, Nov. 2 Spring Creek Campus - J121 3:30 - 5:00

Introduction to WordPerfect 5.0

Learn the basics of WordPerfect 5.0. Course will cover creating, editing, and printing documents.

November 14, 16 Spring Creek Campus - J121 3:30 - 5:00



Academic Computing Services

Staff Development Courses

Fall 1990

Academic Computing Services will be offering microcomputer classes to CCCC full-time faculty and staff this fall. To register for these classes, please complete this form and return it to Academic Computing Services.

Class registration will be on a first come, first serve basis. If you are interested in more information on one of these courses, please call A.C.S. at extension 5766.

In order to be eligible to take one of these courses, you must have access on your workstation to the course software and you must have your director's approval. Return one form per class. You will be notified one week prior to the start of class.

Name: _____

Extension: _____

Division: _____

Class Title: _____

Director's Approval: _____