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## Sue Siebman's Memories of CCCC (The Early Years)

CCCC was established in the Fall of 1985. I began working for CCCC on December 16, 1985. We were housed at an office complex on Hwy 380 East. There were 3 offices with approximately 10 people in each office.

Dr. Pike's and Ralph Hall's desks were at the back of the office where I was assigned. I sat in front of Dr. Pike and Ralph's secretary, Cynthia Holifield sat in front of Ralph.

Classes were to begin the middle of January, 1986. Many things had to be accomplished before registration began. Sales tax accounts had to be set up with the State Comptroller's office. Store accounts had to be set up with textbook publishers and school supply companies. Store shelving and cash registers had to be ordered and received before the middle of January. Ralph and Dr. Pike wanted imprinted notebooks and pencils to be available for the beginning of classes. All the accounts were set up and textbooks and supplies were ordered before we left for the Christmas Holiday.

CCCC was remodeling an office building on Hwy 380 West which had to be ready by the middle of January.

Textbooks began arriving as soon as we returned from Christmas break. There was not a dock at the office complex, so the cartons had to be brought into the building on a hand truck and stored in a room without lights. I hired a lady who had previously worked for me and we unpacked and priced textbooks with only a projector lamp for a light. After the books were checked in and marked, we repacked them to be moved to the new campus.

CCCC was also going to have a satellite campus at Plano beginning the middle of January. We rented a space for the bookstore at a strip mall in west Plano at Independence and Parker Rd.

Two days before registration was to begin, we moved to the new campus site on Hwy 380 West. Cartons of textbooks and supplies were moved into the Business Office area until floor tile could be installed in the bookstore. We were moving into the bookstore area the night before registration. How CCCC was able to function I will never know - but needless to say - students began registering and buying textbooks and supplies at 8:00 AM the next morning. We were scheduled to begin selling textbooks and supplies at the Plano location at 3:00 PM that same day. We left McKinney about 2:00 PM in the school van loaded to capacity. When we arrived at the Plano location, there were approximately 100 people lined up in front of the bookstore waiting to buy textbooks. We unloaded the van and began selling textbooks right out of the boxes. We were there until after 9:00 PM that night, but we had survived the first day of registration without any major problems.

The people of Collin County were delighted with CCCC and enrollment mushroomed.

Planning began immediately for a campus in Plano. A site in East Plano was chosen. A memento to be given to dignitaries at the dedication of the new campus was chosen. It was a small acrylic cube. Inside the cube was a small amount of dirt with a small gold shovel stuck into the dirt. CCCCD and the date was inscribed on the outside. The cubes had to be ordered from Canada. We went to the site of the new campus and took dirt (or mud as it was very muddy) to my home. We dried it in my oven and sifted out the grass and other imperfections with my flour sifter. The cubes turned out to be very attractive and in much demand. Spring Creek Campus was completed and opened in the Fall of 1988. The campus was very successful and enrollment continued to grow rapidly.

The Courtyard and Preston Ridge Campus' have now opened and are very successful.

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I'll let you know if I think of anything else that may be of interest.