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From the President's Office

The Board Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, March 26 is rescheduled for 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 2 in the boardroom on Central Campus.

The March 26 Administrative Staff Meeting is cancelled.

This Week on Campus

No LUNCH services - Spring Break

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| Tuesday,
March 19 | Baseball Game, 2 p.m., Plano
CCCC vs. Navarro College |
| Thursday,
March 21 | "Helping Women Understand
Menopause" - Wellness Partners
(was scheduled for Wednesday)
noon, G218/SCC
<i>Men are welcome.</i> |
| Friday,
March 22 | Baseball Game, 1 p.m., Dallas
CCCC vs. Richland College (DH) |
| Saturday,
March 23 | Baseball Game, 1 p.m., Dallas
CCCC vs. Richland College |

Announcements

This week on CCCC's "Caleidoscope" show:
The Immigrant Experience

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| Guests: | David Le (raised in Viet Nam),
Psychology major
Shardul Kothari (raised in Singapore),
Pre-law major
Blaine Bowerman (raised in South
Africa), Biology major |
| Moderator: | Shelley Lane |
| Air Time: | Channel 35, Plano Telecable
Monday, March 18, 5 p.m.
Friday, March 22, 7:30 p.m. |

The Texas Sea World schedule of events and attractions is posted in the Human Resources Offices at both campuses.

Does your department or division have something worth exhibiting to the community? The McKinney Mayfair will be a great opportunity to reach out to the community through stage presentations, booth exhibits and parade entries. The theme for Mayfair '91 is a combination "International Friendship/Cinco de Mayo/Welcome Home (Desert Storm)."

If you have an interest in participating or need more information call **Carol Jenkins** in the Student Activities Office at ext. 6787 or Myrna St. George, the Mayfair coordinator, at 727-1516.

Staff News

On March 5, **Stephanie Meinhardt** and **Steve Zerwas** presented a program at the Annual Texas Testing Conference in Austin. The program was titled "Evaluating College Success Using Local Assessment." The program focused on a project where pre-existing data was utilized to evaluate students' success and reduce barriers to professionals performing the research.

Stephanie Meinhardt was chosen as president elect of the Texas Association of Collegiate Testing Personnel for 1991-92 (TACTP). She has also been asked to serve in the executive planning process.

Students with Education and Experience (S.E.E.) kicked off a pilot mentoring program 6 p.m., Tuesday, March 12 at the Spring Creek Campus with over 300 students attending "Partners and Pizza." This program matches CCCC co-op students with area high school co-op students. The major focus is to encourage retention of high school students and promote smooth transition to college.

Assisting **Paula Roman**, coordinator of S.E.E., with the evening's activities were: **Mary Culberson**, director of admissions, **Percy Parrish**, director of financial aid, **Ricky Shaum**, future shop assistant and **Margie Lasek**, director of student activities.

Vickie Coughlin, financial aid/veterans affairs associate, was elected first vice president of the Texas Association of Collegiate Veteran's Programs Officials at its annual conference on March 6 - 8. **Peggy Burch** and **Vickie Coughlin** served on the local arrangements committee for the conference held in Irving.

Sympathies are expressed to David Hobbs, LRC, who lost his brother in an automobile accident.

Staff Development

The fourth annual Secretaries Briefing Videoconference will be from noon - 2 p.m. on Wednesday, April 24. It is sponsored by the American Management Association and Professional Secretaries International, and will provide secretaries and office professionals with practical training and information that will help them and their departments in achieving success.

Program topics include:

- *How secretaries affect competitiveness
- *Planning for the office of the future
- *Meeting the challenge of change
- *Setting priorities/streamlining operations
- *Problem solving and creativity
- *Matching secretarial skills to manager needs
- *The teamwork process

To register, call ext. 5743 and give the course number CEPD709-01C. Tuition is \$25 and includes a boxed lunch. For more information, call the Enterprise Office at ext. 5850.

The North Texas Community/Junior College Consortium (NTC/JCC) has scheduled two workshops on Friday, April 5 at the Holiday Inn Crowne Plaza, Dallas. The two workshops are titled "Assessment of Developmental Education: Who Needs It?" and "Classroom Assessment and Research: Who Does It?" They are both scheduled from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Program agendas and registration forms are available from all deans. Call Tom Rodgers or Martha Ewing for information.

Female faculty and staff members who were not able to attend "A Day For Me" can contact Tom Rodgers, ext. 6882, or Shari Swift, ext. 6611, for a free safety whistle. They are being distributed as part of the college-wide safety campaign.

The IRS seminar is scheduled for 3 p.m. on Thursday, March 28 in room A214/SCC. Please call Shari Swift at ext. 6611 to sign up.

The annual Fine Arts Faculty Show will be March 25 - April 5 in the Art Gallery/SCC. There will be a reception from 6:30 - 8 p.m. on March 25. The exhibit will include oil and watercolor paintings, sculpture, ceramics, printmaking and fibers.

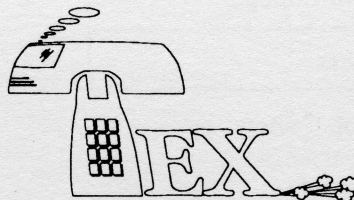
There will be a Disabilities Awareness Work from 9 a.m. - noon on Friday, April 12 in F108. This workshop will be open to all faculty, staff and student assistants. For more information call the Disabled Student Services at ext. 5950. One of the topics at the workshop will be: **Blindness**.

The Facts

Research to Prevent Blindness reports that 14,000,000 Americans suffer from some degree of vision impairment which cannot be fully corrected with eyeglasses or contact lenses.

Latest statistics from Research for the Prevention of Blindness also indicates that 800,000 Americans are considered legally blind. A study conducted by the National Eye Institute discloses that 90% of those people have some residual vision. The balance, 80,000 are totally blind. Therefore, of the 14,000,000 who have visual impairment, approximately 13,920,000 have useable vision and 13,200,000 of them are not considered legally blind. Thus, 13,200,000 visually impaired people are not eligible for the many benefits and services afforded to the legally blind.

In the fall of 1990, CCCC implemented voice response telephone registration and 3,547 students pre-registered for spring classes by calling **TEX** (Telephone EXpress).



Attached to the back of the Kaleidoscope is an analysis of survey responses received from a random sampling of those students. TEX will be available for summer classes on April 1 and for fall classes beginning June 5.

On-Going Exhibit

Howard Wellsman, CCCC photography student has an exhibit titled "Historic Bridges of Collin County" on display at the Collin County Farm Museum from March 23 - June 10. There will be a reception March 23 from 2 - 5 p.m. at the museum.

Six members of the Community Volunteer group took part in a neighborhood revitalization project in the Wyatt division in East Plano on March 2. The group worked with the residents' association and the Plano Volunteer Center to help five families clear their yards of brush and debris. The area has been targeted as a low-income qualified Community Development Block Grant area. Members of the CCCC faculty and staff who took part were: Diane Durbin and her husband Ken Durbin, Fritzeen Scott, Susan Farrar, Anita Wormald, Karen Farrell and Carol Worsnop.

The next project the group will be involved with is the Collin Classic Bike Rally in June. Logistic planning is underway and help is needed from faculty and staff both in the planning stages and on the day of the rally. Watch for announcements or call Wayne Rush at ext. 6691 or Carol Worsnop at ext. 6868 for details.

All College Council

Voting for seats on the 1991-92 All College Council will begin on Monday, March 25. Look for your ballot in campus mail.

The council is a 15 member group elected by each level from faculty and staff. It addresses college-wide issues and concerns with a primary focus on enhancing communication. Current membership of the council is as follows:

	<u>1 year term</u>	<u>2 year term</u>	<u>Alternate</u>
Group A:	Barbara Oakry	Bill James	Carol Jenkins
Group B:	Helen Dupont	Nancy Brown	Peggy Burch
Group C:	Wayne Rush	Brian Boring	Rex Reece
Group D:	Mary Rabaut	Billie Collins	Stephanie Meinhardt
Group E:	Tom Rodgers	Larry Collins	Kay Mizell
Group F:	Mary Roper Larry Lawrence		Gail Hoffman
Group G: (at large)	Gerry Perkus Judy White Mary Emerson		

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(munch' bunch)

n. The huddle that forms around the cake and cookies at an office celebration.

Teleconferences

Title: "Apple Education Series: Math and Data Analysis"

Learn about the new generation of data analyses and mathematical tools available for the Macintosh.

Date: Thursday, March 21

Time: 3 - 4:30 p.m.

Place: Bijou II

Cost: FREE

Title: "Risks and Benefits of Various Forms of Energy"

Continuing discussion of U.S. energy policies.

Date: Tuesday, March 26

Time: 12:30 - 3 p.m.

Place: Bijou II

Cost: FREE

Title: "Natural Gas Debate at the University of Oklahoma"

This program address the role natural gas has played in the past, what uses we currently rely upon it for and what potential it has to relieve the current U.S. dependence on foreign oil.

Time: 12:30 - 3 p.m.

Place: Bijou theatre/ALC

Cost: FREE

Title: "Computer-Aided Mathematics Instruction"

Date: Wednesday, March 27

Time: 11:45 a.m. - 3 p.m.

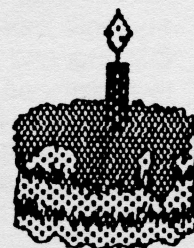
Place: Bijou II

Cost: FREE

Notes from Human Resources

Happy Birthday to:

Doug Boliver	3/19
Susan Sourjah	3/20
Patrick Williams	3/21
Melba Richardson	3/23
Barbara Money	3/24
Glenn Adams	3/25
Joan Jenkins	3/25



Positions Available:

<u>Position:</u>	<u>Close date:</u>
HVAC/Maintenance Tech	until filled
Director, Student Support Services	March 22
EMS Professor	until filled
Part - time professors	until filled

**COLLIN COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE
OFFICE OF INSTITUTIONAL RESEARCH
1991 STUDENT EVALUATION OF TELEPHONE EXPRESS REGISTRATION**

Telephone EXpress registration (TEX) was available for the first time at CCCCD for the spring 1991 semester. A total of 3547 students registered by telephone. To find out how students felt about the new process, surveys were mailed to a random selection of about 10% (343) of these students. Responses were received from 93 students, for a response rate of 27%. Almost 90% of the respondents were returning students.

There were four weeks during which students could register by telephone. As indicated below, about one-third registered the first week and 38% registered the last week.

Which week did you register:

Nov 19-25	30.4%
Nov 26-Dec 2	15.2%
Dec 3 - 9	16.4%
Dec 10-16	38.0%

Students were also asked how they found out about telephone registration. Almost half of them named the schedule of classes. The rest were evenly divided in identifying classroom announcements, flyers/handouts and "other" as the information source.

Schedule of classes	46.2%
Classroom announcement	18.7%
Flyer/handout	18.7%
Other	16.4%

Regarding the registration process, most students (about 7 out of 10) did not make any schedule changes, did not encounter any problems, and said they received appropriate advising prior to registering.

Students were asked to rate various factors related to TEX on a five-point scale (5 = excellent, 4 = good, 3 = average, 2 = poor, 1 = very poor.) All five factors received positive ratings. The only one rated below 4 was "advising prior to registering."

Instructions for using TEX	4.5
Advising prior to registering with TEX	3.7
Assistance in obtaining PIN from Registrar's Office	4.1
Voice messages on TEX	4.5
Overall impression of TEX	4.6

Students were asked to comment on any problems they had trying to register and on the quality of advising, and to make suggestions for improvement. For the most part, problems encountered related to registration for labs or cancellation of classes. Advising was a concern for several respondents. Many felt having to have an advisor's signature was "a hassle" and "a waste of time," especially for returning students. Others felt advisors could be more knowledgeable and helpful. Overall, however, comments were quite positive. Students were enthusiastic about the new system and cited convenience and time-saving as major advantages.

The final question on the survey asked students which method of registering they preferred. Telephone registration was the overwhelming choice, even for those students who indicated they had had a problem. Almost 95% of the respondents said they preferred registering by phone while only one percent said they preferred registering in person. The rest were unsure or had no preference.