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COLLIN COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE EMPLOYEE NEWSLETTER

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INTERNATIONAL STUDENT PROGRAM SHOWS GROWTH

If CCCC's growth can be measured by the success of its programs, visitors need only look toward the international student program.

The program, introduced in 1988 to allow international students the opportunity to enroll at the college, originally included only eight students. Since that time, the international student population has exploded. By the start of the '97 spring semester, the international student population totaled 137.

This semester, students traveled from 53 different nations, including Bangladesh, Kenya and Taiwan. But the increase in international students does more than advance overall population. The continual growth also has a positive impact on the college's economics.

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"We focus on the student to give them the best service possible."
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With international students enrolling, approximately \$103,752 in tuition fees were generated this semester. International students must pay the out-of-state tuition fee and are required to carry 12 or more credit hours per semester.

Surprisingly, no true efforts are made to recruit international students. Instead, much of the growth in CCCC's international student program can be credited to the college's reputation of quality education and easy credit transfer to four-year colleges, according to Rebecca Crowell, coordinator of special admissions.

Perhaps the most attractive trait CCCC's international student program offers is all-around good student service. "When students come to the admissions office, they're given the time they need. They're treated as a person; we focus on the student to give them the best service possible," Crowell said.

Crowell also said CCCC works hard to make international students feel especially welcome. For example, Crowell displays a world map in her office and has each new student mark their home country with a pin, a simple gesture that makes incoming students smile.

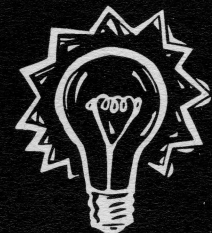
"It's our way of saying we admire them," she explained. "They're leaving their homeland and familiar surroundings to come to a country that many of them have never been to — you have to put yourself in their position and appreciate that."

With the international student program blossoming, the only way to go is up. By examining the growth rate that has occurred within the program since 1988, Crowell estimates that the program may house approximately 300 students by the year 2000.

For additional information regarding this program, contact Rebecca Crowell at ext. 5711.

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DON'T FORGET

The best works from CCCC's fine art students will be on display from April 21 - May 2 in the SCC Art Gallery, K208.

AMATEUR RADIO CLUB COMING

The day John Baltzer first dabbled in radio was the day he became an avid radio fan. Since that time, Baltzer, associate dean of engineering technology at CCCC, earned a license in amateur radio operation and continues to call radio his hobby.

These days, Baltzer's sights are set on bringing a formal amateur radio club to CCCC some time in the next few months. With the establishment of a formal club will come CCCC's own radio station. Currently, the college possesses radio equipment and a tower donated by the Plano Amateur Radio Club, as well as a portable building donated by MCI to house the equipment. The tower will be erected at PRC next to the physical plant.

Plans to establish a formal radio club have been in motion for the past year, Baltzer said. "It's been slow in coming," he said. "We're getting anxious to get it up and working. But it should be a lot of fun once we get it going."

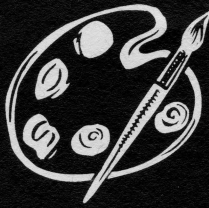
2 The need for a radio club and station at CCCC was based on student request. According to Baltzer, a number of students have been requesting such an organization.

Students may be attracted to radio operations for a number of reasons. For instance, radio operators have a wide selection of radio-based communication methods, including the use of AM and FM frequencies, satellites and other computer related communication methods, he said.

In addition, many amateur radio operators employ their hobby for experimental purposes. Baltzer pointed out that some inventions were discovered by amateur radio operators during experiments. Baltzer himself once created a five-watt transmitter and was able to use it to communicate with a Russian operator.

Thanks to many contributors and volunteers, CCCC students will soon discover radio's appeal on their own.

For more information contact Baltzer at ext. 1700.



FINE LINE

- **Combined Student Art Exhibit - April 21 - May 16 in the SCC Art Gallery (K208).**
- **"Laughter on the 23rd Floor" - Laugh-a-minute Neil Simon play about a team of comedy writers in television's golden age. April 24 - May 4 in the Black Box Theatre. For information and tickets call ext. 5809.**
- **Spring Choral Concert - Choral Concert featuring Collin County Chorale and "Expressions" vocal ensemble. May 1, 8 p.m. in the John Anthony Theatre, \$5 general admission. For tickets and information call ext. 5107**
- **Spring Instrumental Concert - Instrumental ensembles bring the semester to a close with a wide variety of styles. May 5, 8 p.m. in the John Anthony Theatre, \$2 general admission. For tickets and information call ext. 5107.**
- **Spring Jazz Concert - Annual concert featuring CCCC Jazz Band and Combos. May 9, 8 p.m. in the John Anthony Theatre, \$5 general admission. For tickets and information, call ext. 5107.**

STUDENT ARTISTS FEATURED AT ARTCENTRE OF PLANO

Works from six CCCC fine art students will be on display during the exhibit "Progressions" until June 7 at the ArtCentre of Plano, 1039 E. 15th Street in historic downtown Plano.

The show will feature the work of CCCC students Marci Kawalek, a writer by trade who also holds a B.A. from Georgia State University; Joan Stoler, a retired mother of five who has studied art at CCCC for three years; former firefighter and computer animator Tim Bednar; Deborah Rader, who studies oils and water color and holds a B.A. from Bowling Green State University; Emily McCracken, who studies interior design and painting and Chris Vela, who studies fine art at the college. For more information call (972) 423-7809.

PRESENTATION COMING

A special presentation entitled "Doing Business with the South American Cone Countries - Argentina, Chile and Uruguay," is coming to CCCC.

With Tom Rizzo, registered Latin American trade specialist and NAFTA/Latin American Studies coordinator as facilitator, the presentation will be held Saturday, May 10 from 10 a.m. - noon at CYC. Information on how Argentina, Chile and Uruguay are positioned in the world economy and the vast business opportunities they offer will be presented. In addition, an overview of an upcoming tour to the Southern Cone countries will be released.

Sponsored by the Continuing Education program, the presentation is offered through the NAFTA Spanish and Latin American Studies Certificate Program's Business in Latin America seminar series.

Pre-registration is required. Contact Enrollment Management at ext. 3711.

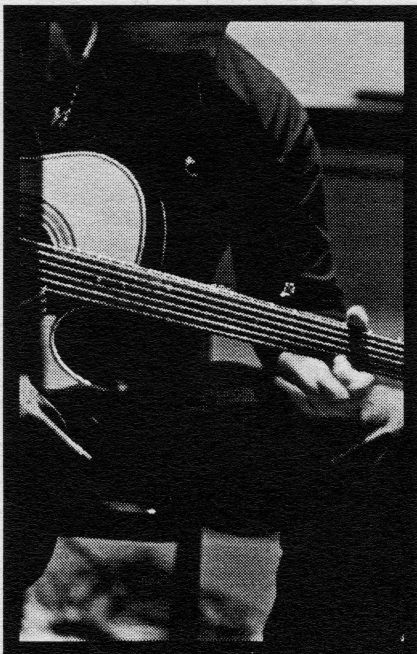
100% OF FIRE ACADEMY GRADUATES PASS EXAM

All 21 members of the Spring 1997 graduating class at CCCC's Fire Academy passed the final exam recently, earning state certification.

Director of Fire Science, Pat McAuliff said the perfect passing rate is consistent with the Academy's efforts. In the past six years since the Academy's debut, only one student has failed the final exam. However, state guidelines permit graduation candidates one re-take. The student passed the second exam successfully.

Aside from posting a perfect passing record, the Spring 1997 class produced the highest test average in the Academy's history, combining for an 83% average, McAuliff said.

Fire Academy students must undergo rigorous hands-on preparation to qualify for state certification, including 458 hours of fire training and approximately 124 hours of EMT training. Students graduating this semester began training November 18 and took the final exam on April 2. The group marks the ninth class trained at the CCCC Fire Academy.



John Eric, formerly of the band "Purple Overdose," plays during the guitar clinic session for the recent Commercial Music Industry Council held at SCC. Some of the biggest names in the area music business were on hand. (Photo by Jennifer Bailey)

WATERCOLOR SALE

Monday, April 28

10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

PRC/Founders Hall Atrium

Tuesday and Wednesday, April 29 & 30

9 a.m. - 6 p.m.

SCC /Atrium

Thursday, May 1

10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

CPC/Commons Area

For more information, call ext. 5817.

NEW MUSIC CDS AT PRC LRC

Aires Flamencos - Carlos Montoya

The Best of World Music: Reggae

Hispanoamerica - Paco de Lucia & Ramon de Algeciras

Jazz Samba - Stan Getz & Charlie Byrd

Latin American Guitar Music - Celia Linde

Music from the Border: Argentina &

Paraguay - Raul Barboza

Music from the People's Republic of China

The Rough Guide to West African Music

The Segovia Collection, vol. 3: My Favorite

Works - A. Segovia

Virtuose Spanische Gitarrenmusik -

Ulrich Busch

CO-OP BANQUET

This year's annual CO-OP employer appreciation banquet and awards ceremony will be from 6:15 - 8 p.m. in the SCC Conference Center Friday, May 2. This will be the time when we recognize not only an outstanding area employer for their contribution, but also a CWE student of the year and a faculty coordinator of the year. An employer networking event—where involved employers can give feedback about the CWE program—is also scheduled for this year just prior to the banquet at 5:15 p.m. For more information, contact Lydia Gober at ext. 5733.

BIRTHDAYS

Judith Godwin 4/28

Mary Young 4/28

Larry Hutchins 4/28

Karen Wood 4/29

Gloria Daniel 5/1

Susan Evans 5/1

Teddie McFerrin 5/1

Steven Sensenig 5/1

Judy Angele 5/3

Cindy Harnden 5/3

Lynne Meyer 5/3

Priscilla Frazier 5/4

Alan Pippin 5/5

Aaron Ramos 5/5

James Casey 5/6

Ron Jackson 5/6

Joan Kennedy 5/6

John Adelman 5/7

Michael Crawford 5/7

Kathrine Luft 5/10

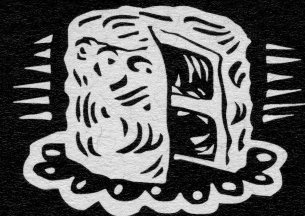
Jerrel Reece 5/10

Nelson Rich 5/10

Donna Bost 5/11

Dede Day 5/11

Laura Foster-Eason 5/12



Crawford nominated for 1997 Volunteer of the Year

Linda Crawford, title help desk clerk, put her own life experiences to good use, reaching out as a speaker and media resource for the Collin County Women's Shelter by bringing others into the world of a battered woman through this educational effort. As a committee member for CCWS's Special Events, Crawford was responsible for producing the annual candlelight vigil attended by more than 150 people and covered by the media.

Two CCCC Instructors Present Papers

Nelson Rich, biology professor, presented "Using the Leopard Gecko in Reptile Research" at a meeting of the East Texas Regional Herpetological Society held Saturday, April 12 at the University of Texas-Tyler. The presentation included work in progress with Fred Jury, professor of chemistry, and several CCCC students including Vu Phung, Tri Phung, and Sean Crawford.

Keith Haley, coordinator of the criminal justice program, presented "Police Stations in Cyberspace: a Content Analysis of Law Enforcement Agency Home Pages" at the annual meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences in Louisville, KY. Haley also made a round table presentation on the Current State of Criminal Justice and Criminology Education along with other members of a joint committee of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences and the American Society of Criminology.

Ford Publishes

Margo Ford wrote and published Chapter 6 in *The American Community College: Nexus for Workforce Development* published by the League for Innovation in the Community College used in the Workforce 2000 conference. Her article details CCCC's history and focuses on Project NEW, the Network to Empower Entrepreneurial Women.

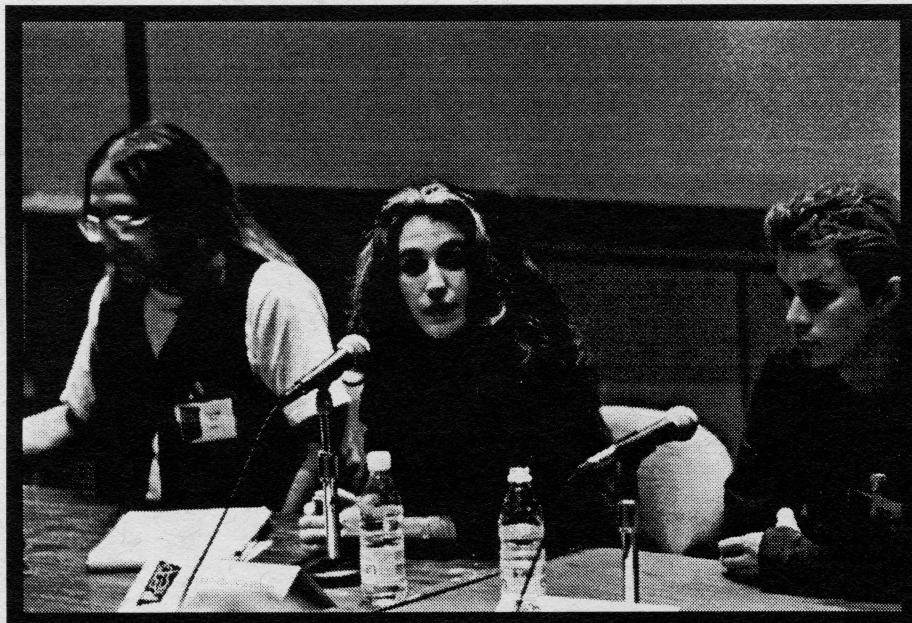
TEXAS A&M CHANCELLOR TO ADDRESS GRADUATES AT COMMENCEMENT

Texas A&M University Chancellor Barry B. Thompson, Ph.D., will address the graduating class at the CCCC commencement exercises to be held Wednesday, May 14.

A native of Kermit, Texas, Thompson first came to the Texas A&M University system in 1982 and was appointed as chancellor in August 1994. Prior to his appointment as chancellor, he served as interim chancellor at Texas A&M at College Station, president and chief officer at West Texas A&M and Tarleton State University, Chief Academic Officer and Vice President for Academic Affairs at East Texas State University, professor and department head in the department of secondary and higher education at East Texas State and the University of Texas at Pan American and visiting lecturer at the department of educational administration at Texas A&M. Thompson also worked for 13 years in Texas public schools as a science teacher, principal, curriculum director and superintendent.

Thompson is the author of more than 80 published articles, poems, essays and monographs on a variety of topics, including leadership, philosophy, archeology, physical plant management and higher education and speaks at more than 70 engagements annually. He was named a Distinguished Alumnus of Tarleton State and received the 1996 Golden Deeds for Education Award, distributed by the Texas Association of School Administrators.

Thompson holds a Ph.D. in Educational Administration and Sociology from Texas A&M; an M.S. in educational administration and physical science from Texas A&M in Commerce; a B.S. in biology and secondary education from Texas Tech University and an A.S. in biology from Tarleton State University.



Theresa LaBarbera-Whites of Columbia Records A&R (middle) leads a panel discussion during the recent Commercial Music Industry Council held at CCCC. Professor of music Keith Hayes organized the weekend event that registered more than 100 people. On the panel with LaBarbera-Whites are Patrick Keel, CCCC professor of music (left) and Casey Hess(right), of the group Dooso. (Photo by Jennifer Bailey)



Retired Dallas police officer Ron Coward recently spoke at CCCC about inner city violence. (Photo by student Sandra Reyes)

COMMUNITY FESTIVALS

Represent CCCC and have fun. Consider volunteering for a two-hour shift at any of the following community festivals:

McKinney

Saturday, May 17 (MayFair)
Saturday, June 28 (Forever Free)

Wylie

Friday, July 18 (Jubilation Days)

Celina

Saturday, September 6 (Celina Fun Day)

Farmersville

Saturday, September 13 (Old Time Saturday)

Plano

Friday, Saturday, Sunday, September 19, 20, 21 (Plano Balloon Festival)

Call Kim Ritchey at ext. 5110 for more information.

IN THE NEWS

- Martha Ellis, director of staff programs and organizational development and professor of psychology, was quoted in an article on online curricula at community colleges published in the *American Psychological Association Monitor*.
- Fire Science instructors Mickey Thurman and Donnie Cordell were pictured with students Jason Lowry and Katie Hunt practicing extraction techniques in the *McKinney Courier-Gazette*.
- John Anthony, CCCC president, was quoted in an article about city tax dollar investments published in the *Allen American*.
- Students Carrie Johnson, Cory Laisure, Lori Tuggle and Mario Mendoza were named as CCCC scholarship recipients in the *Farmersville Times*.
- Angie McCloud, student and Express basketball player, was pictured in a feature heralding her honors in basketball in the *Greenville Herald Banner*.
- Cory Martin, Child Development Center teacher, was pictured with "college kids" Tyler Larson (4), Anna Davies (2), John Rivers (4) and Blake Templeton in the *McKinney Courier-Gazette*.
- Tom Caiazzo, political science professor, was quoted in an article about the Brown Bag Community Lecture Series in the *Wylie News*.
- Chris Jones, director of the Small Business Development Center, was pictured as a sponsor in the Inside Solution in *Inside Collin County Business*.
- Stephanie Meinhardt, director of testing and associate professor of psychology, was featured in *Leadership Plano* in the Plano Chamber of Commerce newsletter.
- Jeff MacKinnon, coordinator of the anthropology program, was featured in an article about his recent talk and his excavations in the *Allen American*.
- Margo Ford, director of business and community relations, was quoted in an article about SAIL in the *Allen American*.
- Steve Hardy, dean of continuing education, was quoted in an article about the partnership training agreement between CCCC and Zig Zigler Corp. in the *Plano Star Courier*.
- Students Erin Demel, Candace Eldridge, Manuela Hubbard and Gary Qualls were named as CCCC Foundation Scholarship recipients in an article in the *McKinney Messenger*.
- Amir Habib, international law student, was pictured talking with a marine recruiter at the CCCC Job Fair in the *McKinney Messenger*.
- Dorothy Finch Adams, art professor, was featured in an article about her teaching and her selection as the CCCC outstanding adjunct professor for 1997 in the *Dallas Morning News* and the *McKinney Courier-Gazette*.
- Jim Sigona, Express basketball coach, was quoted in an article about the Express team in the *Dallas Morning News*.
- Students Stephanie Duckham, Andy Duckworth, Kirk Extrell, Michael Hollomon, Ryan Morris, Jimmy Nelson, Garrick Schuster, Carrie Southard and Colleen Zapata were named nominees to compete in the American College Theatre Festival Regional Championship in the *Dallas Morning News Education Extra*.

TAKE A LOOK

MONDAY, APRIL 28

- Student Watercolor Sale, PRC Founders Hall, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

TUESDAY, APRIL 29

- Student Watercolor Sale, SCC Atrium, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.
- Writer's Corner, SCC F110, 7 p.m. - 9 p.m., David Kiger, 867-6187

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30

- Student Watercolor Sale, SCC Atrium, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.
- String Ensemble, John Anthony Theatre, 12 p.m., Chris Morgan, 5195

THURSDAY, MAY 1

- Student Watercolor Sale, CPC Commons, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
- Choral Concert, JAT, 8 p.m., Chris Morgan 5195

FRIDAY, MAY 2

- Cooperative Work Experience Employer Recognition Banquet/Student of the Year Award, SCC Conference Center, 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m., CWE 5735

SATURDAY, MAY 3

- SAT Test, CPC & SCC, Stephanie Meinhardt, 5739
- Foreign Language & Technology, SCC F108B, 8:30 a.m. - 11 a.m.
- DEAF Celebration '97, Conference Center & SCC Atrium, 2 p.m. - 9 p.m.

SUNDAY, MAY 4

- PTK Meeting, SCC F108 A&C, 1 p.m. - 5 p.m., Candace Eldridge, 562-5199

MONDAY, MAY 5

- Semester in Colima, SCC F108A, 7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m., Mitchell Smith, 5811
- Instrumental Ensembles Concert, JAT, 8 p.m., Chris Morgan, 5195

TUESDAY, MAY 6

- Hope International, SCC F108A, 6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m., Mary McRae, 5771
- ASE Test, SCC Atrium, 6 p.m. - Midnight, Stephanie Meinhardt, 5739

MAY 7 - MAY 8

- Student Pottery Sale, SCC Atrium, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m., Lee Akins, 5951

WEDNESDAY, MAY 7

- Student Recital, JAT, 12 p.m., Chris Morgan, 5195

THURSDAY, MAY 8

- ASE Test, SCC Atrium, 6 p.m. - Midnight, Stephanie Meinhardt, 5739
- Phlebotomy Graduation, CPC Pike Hall, 6:30 p.m. - 9 p.m., Anita Lau, 6678

FRIDAY, MAY 9

- Faculty Senate, Founders Hall F145, 12:30 p.m. - 2 p.m.
- Technology Operations Review, SCC 108D, 9 a.m. - 11:20 a.m.
- CWE Seminar: Loosen Up! All Work and No Play Can Be Hazardous to Your Health, SCC F108B, 8 a.m. - 10 a.m.; SCC B223, 6 p.m. - 8 p.m., CWE 5735
- CCCC Testing Director's Meeting, SCC F108B, 8 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
- Spring Jazz Concert, JAT, 8 p.m., Chris Berg 5108

SATURDAY, MAY 10

- PTK Induction Ceremony, SCC Conference Center, 7 p.m. - 9 p.m.

MONDAY, MAY 12

- Graduation & Reception for Nursing Students, SCC Conference Center & JAT, 12 p.m. - 11 p.m., Dr. Vivian Lilly, 6883

EXPRESS SPORTS

Baseball Home Games

Saturday, May 3, 1 p.m.

Brookhaven College

TOMMY SHURN SIGNS

Tommy Shurn, a 6'4" sophomore guard/forward at CCCC and 1995 graduate of Plano East Senior High, recently signed a national letter of intent to continue his basketball career at NCAA Division II Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville.

After spending the 1996 campaign at Louisiana Tech averaging 1.2 points and one assist per game as a reserve, Shurn was 66 of 173 from beyond the three-point line for 38% and averaged 11.2 points and four rebounds a game for the Express this past season. During conference play, he stepped it up to 40% shooting from three-point range and averaged 12.3 points per contest.

"I think one of the things Tommy brings to the program is he is an excellent shooter who has athletic ability," said sixth-year SIUE head coach Jack Margenthaler. "Probably one of the things that intrigues me is that he is a solid, all-around player. He's a total team player."

Margenthaler said he expects Shurn will fit well into SIUE's system at the small forward position, but could also see some time at off-guard.

SIUE competes in the great Lakes Valley Conference, which was recently ranked by the *Division II Bulletin* as the toughest NCAA Division II basketball conference in the country. For the last four consecutive years, a team from the GLVC has played in the Division II national title game, including this year's and last year's runner-up, Northern Kentucky University.

CCCC SELECTED FOR NATIONAL PROJECT

CCCC was one of 21 schools selected to participate in the National Learning Communities Dissemination project, a pioneer program aimed at strengthening innovative approaches to college teaching and learning.

Leading the project is The Washington Center for Undergraduate Education based at The Evergreen State College in Olympia, WA, an international leader in developing innovative interdisciplinary programs. A clearinghouse for learning community approaches, this center is directing the project under the auspices of a \$208,000 grant from the Fund for the Improvement of Post-Secondary Education (FIPSE), a U.S. Department of Education program that recognizes innovative projects.

Through the program, each participating campus will conduct an extensive assessment of their learning community initiative and send a team to Evergreen for a six-day residential institute. Over a three-year period, each college will receive consulting on learning community teaching approaches and administrative matters. At the close of the period, the lessons and successes for the 21 campuses will be the centerpiece of a national conference on learning communities.

Learning communities consist of a pair of courses in which the same group of students are enrolled and taught by a faculty team, often using interdisciplinary themes. Practiced at CCCC since 1995, learning communities have proven to be a powerful resource in fostering deeper student involvement in academic work, thus increasing their success in college. Learning communities at CCCC have been organized around a variety of topics such as Communication; Behavior and Society; Supply Meets Demand; The Way We Are; Issues in U.S. History; and Problems and Policies in Society.

Feedback from CCCC students participating in learning communities shows the program is highly effective. Students note the experience has been "interesting . . . lots of fun . . ."

SEMINARS FOR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Seminars sponsored by Career Services and Co-op are scheduled throughout April and early May. Part of an ongoing series that covers a variety of topics including corporate issues, personal growth and professional skill building, the seminars are free and open the public.

The schedule includes:

"Loosen up! All Work & No Play Can Be Hazardous To Your Health"

presented by Dr. Linda Qualia, Director CCCC Counseling Center; Friday, May 9 from 8 - 10 a.m. and 6 - 8 p.m., both in Room F108B.

For additional information regarding the seminars, contact the Career Services and CO-OP office at ext. 5781.

LECTURE SERIES AND LUNCH

Nourish your mind and your body on your lunch hour. CCCC is hosting a brown bag community lecture series featuring distinguished members of the social and political community. "This is a wonderful opportunity for people who play a role in our community to exchange thoughts with students and other members of the community," says Dr. Tom Caiazzo, coordinator of the series and CCCC political science professor. The series is free and open to the public. Sessions take place on the following Tuesdays from 12:30 - 1:30 p.m. at CCCC:

April 29 at the PRC student lounge, the honorable John Payton Justice of the Peace, Precinct 2, Place 2.
For more information call ext. 6703.

COLLEGE REPRESENTATIVE

DeVry Institute
Monday, May 5
SCC Atrium
9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

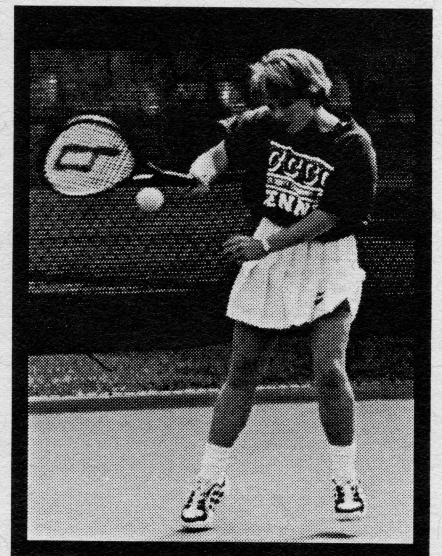
BRIERLEY PUBLISHES BOOK

CCCC professor Peter Brierley never imagined publishing a text book. So it was a surprise to him when Course Technologies, Inc., suggested he write *New Perspectives on Microsoft Windows NT 4.0 Server*, a Microsoft-certified textbook to be released in May.

Brierley, who first came to CCCC as an adjunct professor seven years ago, undertook the task in July, modeling the book after his own course teachings. The text features 11 tutorials with step-by-step instructions, quick check questions, 15 in-depth questions, tutorial assignments and case studies.

With the book soon to be released, Brierley's current project includes developing the college's computer network technology program which is experiencing tremendous growth. In the fall semester, seven courses were available, but by spring, 21 classes were available. In addition, Brierley will develop a telecommunications program in July. "That's taking all my efforts," he said.

Brierley holds B.A. degrees in education and system science from the University of Maine and the University of West Florida. He earned his M.A. in telecommunications management at SMU.



Lady Express freshman Tiffani Lewis of Plano East Senior High returns a serve during a recent workout at SCC. The Lady Express advanced to the National Tournament May 5 - 9 in Tucson, Arizona. The Lady Express are seeking their fifth National title. (Photo by student Jennifer Bailey)

CRONAUER IN "SELENA"

CCCC hit the silver screen when theatre professor Gail Cronauer was cast for a brief role in the recent Hollywood release, *Selena*, a film depicting the life of the Tejano superstar who was tragically killed.

Cronauer, who has worked in the theatre department for the past four years, appears as a customer in a restaurant owned by Selena's father. During the scene, ten-year-old Selena is performing for her father's clients. Hearing Selena's angelic voice, Cronauer looks up and utters, "Isn't she sweet," in a strong Texas drawl.

While the scene is only seconds long, Cronauer is excited by her recent role. "It was a lot of fun to shoot," she said, adding that working alongside actor Edward James Olmos, who portrayed Selena's father, was a memorable and valuable experience.

Working in major motion pictures is hardly a new experience for Cronauer, who began her filming career in Oliver Stone's masterpiece, *Born on the Fourth of July* and later in Stone's *JFK* where she portrayed the woman with whom Lee Harvey Oswald and his wife lived. She also won small roles in *Flesh and Bone* and *Carried Away*. Cronauer has also appeared in various made-for-TV movies including *The Substitute Wife*, *Unspoken Truth*, *Murder in the Heartland* and more.

Cronauer has most recently appeared in the Dallas Theatre Circle's stage production of *All's Well That Ends Well*, a classic favorite written by William Shakespeare.

Despite the challenge of juggling acting and teaching schedules, Cronauer believes it is important to work on screen or stage while teaching.

"It keeps me excited about what I do," she explained. It's too easy to become blasé and lose your passion for your work.

The extra work also keeps her close to her students. "It keeps me aware of how hard it really is. Then I can relate to my students better and understand what they're going through."

MULTIMEDIA PROGRAM LEADS TO CAREERS

Helping a child to sharpen math skills or training a new employee sometimes includes the use of a computer-based training method, where users read text then punch in answers. With their engaging sound effects and animated graphics, these training modules are quickly becoming commonplace, whether in the corporate office or the classroom. Lately, such modules are also popular at CCCC, where students enrolled in the business multimedia technology program learn to create them.

Students enrolled in the program acquire skills to not only create interactive multimedia training modules, but also to produce electronic simulations, multimedia presentations and interactive multimedia pages for Web sites.

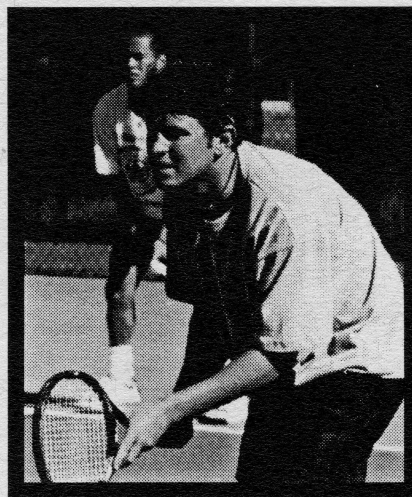
What multimedia students basically acquire are high-tech communication skills, according to Dr. Mary Emerson, professor of business multimedia technology. "Students use what they learn here to communicate effectively. These skills can promote a product, train for new skills or be used to teach children." With the many uses of multimedia, Emerson recommends any professional in any field acquire skills in multimedia. "This is something that everybody can use," she said.

Despite the many opportunities multimedia skills provide, few colleges offer such advanced curriculum. CCCC's program is touted by educators and corporate executives alike. Often, employees from various corporations throughout the metroplex, such as MCI, Nortel and EDS, are sent to CCCC for re-training. "Most of our courses are on the graduate level," Emerson noted. "We're leading the pack right now."

Students enrolled in business multimedia technology can earn an associates degree or certificate. All students enrolled in the discipline must complete a cooperative education course, regardless of their degree plan.

Skills learned in this program can lead to a variety of career opportunities, such as interactive multimedia programmer or author, support staff or teacher's aide, instructor, generalist or on-line system technician, to name a few. In some cases, students have found employment while seeking their degrees. For example, one of Emerson's students designed an interactive training module for a restaurant wait staff. After showing the module to his supervisor, the student was sent to various locations nationwide to conduct training sessions.

"Often times if your boss knows you can do something, you'll be put in a situation where you can use those skills," Emerson said. "That can open up the door for career advancement."



Express Tennis players Andrew Gelfand and Zion Mitchell helped CCCC's cause to advance to the National tennis tourney May 18-23 in Corpus Christi. (Photo by student Lance Dobbins)



Rosalie and William Schiff gave their terrifying account of experiences in Nazi labor camps to a group of CCCC students and attendees recently at SCC. (photo by student Sandra Reyes)

AGDT PREPARING STUDENTS FOR CAREERS

Going from school to work is common for students enrolled in the Applied Graphic Design Technology Department. For students, an after-college career is often found in the classroom.

Approximately 40% of students enrolled in the AGDT program at CCCC are selected for employment by major firms even before they graduate, said Gaye Cooksey, program coordinator. While not every student lands a job in school, the AGDT program boasts a 100 percent success rate in that each graduate has found employment in the graphic arts industry. Students receiving degrees or certification in the AGDT program can choose from a variety of career options, including graphic design, computer animation, photojournalism and multimedia engineering to name only a few. The possibilities, according to Cooksey, are endless. "You can go into any area, from games, to film to video," she said.

With the amazing success rate the program enjoys, AGDT has become popular not only among first-time college students, but also with professionals seeking to update their skills. Currently, 700 students are enrolled in the program, a huge leap from the six that originally enrolled approximately eight years ago.

Much of the program's population is because of the demanding and state-of-the-art skills taught in classrooms, many of which are still not available in most institutions, including four-year universities, Cooksey said.

The AGDT program consists of approximately 35 courses, which entail a variety of skills, such as media study, typography, electronic imaging, visual communication, computer illustration, graphic design, storyboard and script design, multimedia computer animation, ad design and production and digital photography. Students must complete a cooperative education class in which, under supervision of the college and an employer, students apply skills obtained in the classroom in a workplace.

Despite the high-tech atmosphere that prevails in the department, traditional methods of graphic design are still stressed. Prior to working on computers, students are required to perfect use of traditional design methods, such as sketching and painting. Most professors require between 25 and 50 traditional sketches of a design before students begin working on the computer.

"Computers are just a tool," Cooksey explained. "You could spend two months doing sketches for a client."

With the innovation that characterizes the AGDT program, CCCC serves as a model for colleges across the country, receiving recognition from top art schools nation wide, such as The Art Center in California.

The AGDT faculty is also a factor in the program's success, Cooksey added. The department's faculty members represent some of the top corporations in the metroplex, such as EDS, MCI and Northern Tech. Several faculty members represent well-known graphic art firms and agencies and many faculty members are active freelancers as well. In addition, some of the top names in the field serve on the AGDT advisory board. Faculty and advisory board members help to bring the field of graphic arts to students through their experience.

YOU DESERVE A BREAK!

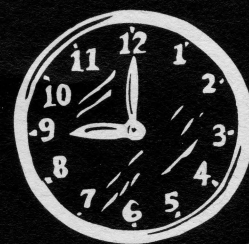
The following holidays are observed for all full-time, benefits eligible, non-teaching faculty and staff for the rest of fiscal year 1997.

Memorial Day Break

May 26, 1997

Independence Day

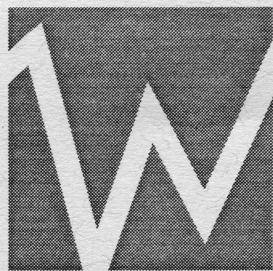
July 4, 1997



AN H.R. MINUTE

You might think that the Human Resources Office simply exists to hire new employees. In fact, we serve both prospective and current employees, for the entire time they are employed at CCCC.

- For applications for faculty positions contact Helen Dupont.
- For applications for staff positions or general information contact Brenda McNease, Sandra Claborn or Shirley Kaczka at SCC.
- Questions about advertising and recruiting for staff positions should be directed to Brenda McNease.
- For applications for administrative positions contact Kim Russell.
- If you have questions regarding employee contracts and faculty load, call Jean LaFollett.
- For questions about employee benefits call Vicki York at CPC.
- For info about developing job descriptions for your department, contact Joel Blaylock, or Shirley Kaczka at SCC.
- Questions about employee relations should be directed to Helen Dupont, Barbara Haroutunian or Kim Russell.
- Payroll questions should be directed to Cherie Hill, CPC.
- Information about your personnel file can be obtained by calling Heather Holder, or Mae Francis.



WELLNESS

Individual Fitness Assessments

Available by appointment only. A fitness and nutritional guidance program is designed for the individual. Each assessment is confidential. If you're interested, contact Linda Adams at ext. 5777.

Helpful Hint

Turn your break into a walking break. Even 10 minutes of activity can improve your mood, reduce stress and improve your health.

Beginning Tennis Lessons

Mondays & Wednesdays 5-6:30 p.m.

SCC/Tennis Courts 7 & 8

Instructor: Miguel Alarcon

Please check in at fitness center desk before each class and check out when you are finished. Bring your tennis racquet.

Beginning Tap

Fridays, 4-5 p.m. SCC/Dance Studio

Instructor: Joseph Jones

Must check in at fitness center before each class. Join your friends for a fun and healthy workout. Our instructor, Joseph Jones, is the well known choreographer for "Dancing Grannies."

Golf Lessons

Employees only. No fee.

Tuesday, May 13, 5-6 p.m., Hank Haney Golf Ranch. Instructor - Jennifer Barnsley.

Please bring 5-iron. Must pre-register. Learn to improve your golf swing. Lots of professional instruction for beginners and advanced golfers.

Learn About Meditation

Tuesday, May 6, 12-1 p.m., SCC/A217

Call ext. 5777 to register.

PHI THETA KAPPA EARNS HIGH MARKS

The CCCC chapter of the international Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society returned home from the recent Texas Regional Convention with two major honors, the Chapter One Outstanding Fellowship Award for the Texas Region and Five-Star Chapter status.

The chapter earned the Chapter One Outstanding Fellowship Award based on its service to sister chapters. Members of the chapter continually attended events sponsored by other chapters, assisted them with their programs and even held seminars at leadership conventions, according to Candace Eldridge of McKinney, CCCC chapter president.

"This is a huge honor," she said, adding that the college was selected for the honor from a pool of 70 area chapters.

The CCCC chapter earned Five-Star status for maintaining levels of overall excellence in the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society's Hallmark Program, which stresses levels of achievement in scholarship, leadership, fellowship and service to the college and community. In addition, chapters must participate in the annual promotion of the International Honors Topic and the International Service Topic. This year's subjects included the arts and AIDS awareness respectively.

Aside from earning the two distinctions, the CCCC chapter will be included in the headquarters' publication, *1997 Awards Tabloid*.

CALEIDOSCOPE DEADLINES

Caleidoscope production for 1997 features a 5 p.m. Friday deadline. Please submit lengthy articles on a disk in ASCII-text format only to the Publications office, C225, Spring Creek Campus. Fax short items to ext. 5971. Call ext. 5614 for more information.

Deadline	Distribution	Issue
May 2	May 12	#356
May 16	May 26	#357



WHAT'S BREWING

• NEW PHONE AT CPC

The Safety and Security Task Force met and discussed safety. It came to the attention of the task force that communication is needed on the 2nd floor E-Wing at CPC. This wing is primarily comprised of class rooms but also has a few faculty offices. A new phone has been installed on the 2nd floor in the E-Wing between room E215 and E216. This phone will allow calling inside CPC (Instruction Office, AV, LRC, Physical Plant, etc.) and can be used to call 911 for emergencies. Hopefully this will allow more access for the E-Wing faculty and students.

• FUN FACT

April has been officially designated as Community College Month. In association with this, the following information was recently released: For the first year ever, more students are enrolled in Texas community colleges than universities within the state. Currently, 403,000 students attend community colleges in Texas compared to 397,000 at four-year universities.