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## FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK:

Board Meeting this Tuesday, January 17, at 7:30pm in the Board Room at Central Campus.

## THIS WEEK ON CAMPUS:

Jan. 9-25	Continuing Education Registration
Jan. 16	Classes begin for spring semester, first 6 week session, first 8 week session
Jan. 16-17	Late registration - spring semester
Jan. 16-17	Registration for second mini-semesters continues until the first class day for those courses
Jan. 18	Lunch served by Grandy's
Jan. 19	Census date - first 6 week mini session
Jan. 21	Census date - first 8 week mini session

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

This week on CCCC's "Caleidoscope": *Women and Business Success* (rerun)

Guests: Jean Godfrey, Plano Profile  
Florence Shapiro, Shapiro and Associates  
Russell Kunz, Professor of Business Administration, CCCC  
Cindy Bauge, Owner, Grant Sales

Moderator: Dr. Shelley Lane

Air Time: Channel 35, Plano Telecable  
Monday, January 16, 5pm  
Friday, January 20, 7:30pm

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REMINDER: Payroll Time Sheet Cut-Off date is Tuesday, January 17, 1989 and due in the Business Office Wednesday, January 18, 1989.

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I would like to extend my thanks to all of you who sent me good wishes, cards, baskets, food, books, flowers, candy, plants, and holiday cheer while I was in the hospital and recuperating at home.

My hospital room looked like a greenhouse and I am truly touched by the outpouring of love and concern from the community and the College. My heartfelt thanks!

Joyce Helens

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All CCCC staff are invited to "An Evening of Celebration" in dedication of the Plaza Theatre, Spring Creek Campus. The "Black tie optional" affair will be held on Friday, February 3, with dessert reception and theatre tours at 7pm and a concert at 8pm. The concert will feature performances by guest artists and the CCCC Jazz Choir. Tickets are on sale through the Bursar's Office at the Spring Creek Campus for \$25 per person. Seating is limited; tickets must be purchased by January 27. All proceeds will benefit the CCCC Foundation.

Please contact one of the following if you wish to assist or if you have any questions: Mike Crawford - concert (ext. 5807); Stephanie Meinhardt - reception (ext. 5739); Beth Henry - general arrangements (ext. 6611).

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The Central Campus will host the third annual College Night Program January 30 from 6 to 8pm, 2nd floor atrium. College representatives will be available to answer questions and to share information about our programs. Please plan to visit with these college representatives and join us for coffee that evening from 6 to 8pm. If you are in the volunteer mood, contact Rebecca Crowell, ext. 5711, for additional information. Your help is greatly appreciated.

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All departments that are in need of student assistants or college work study students should contact Barbara Money at ext. 5772 or Regina Waterson at ext. 5784 to receive a Request for Student Assistant form. Student interviews will be scheduled based on the necessary skills that are outlined in the request form. All student workers are eligible to work a maximum of 20 hours per week and are paid \$4.25 per hour. Student assistants are paid from individual departmental budgets. College Work Study Students are paid with Federal Financial Aid Funds.

STAFF NEWS:

Let's welcome ROY FULLER to CCCC! Roy is the Director of the newly formed Small Business Development Center (SBDC) of Collin County. Also assisting Roy is MARLENE KEAHEY. The SBDC is located at the Plano Market Square, 1717 East Spring Creek Parkway, Suite 109, Plano, Texas 75074. Correspondence can be mailed directly to the address above, or delivered by courier to the SCC. Please note that you need to dial 881-0508 direct, they are not on the College's phone system. SBDC is a partnership funded both by the U.S. government's Small Business Association and CCCC.

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On December 17, 1988, SHELLEY LANE presented a program on "Communication Skills" to the MS Ed. Podiatry Residents Conference at the County USC hospital in Los Angeles, California.

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LOREN MILLER has signed a contract with Houghton Mifflin Publishing Company to create Microstudy Plus, a study aid to accompany Practicing Texas Politics, Seventh edition.

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TED McFERRIN and SHERILL COBB, CCCC English Professors, have been competitively selected to present a three-hour Workshop called "Writing Programs and Freshman Success" at the national convention of the Freshman Year Experience in Columbia, South Carolina February 18-22.

Ted, Director of the SCC Writing Center, and Sherill, English Lab Coordinator, will present the CCCC Writing Program as a model, emphasizing writing-across-the-curriculum to promote freshman success in all courses requiring communication. They will also be discussing what instructors from other disciplines can do to encourage good student writing.

NOTES FROM PERSONNEL:

POSITIONS AVAILABLE: Deadline for application is January 18.

Reference Librarian (full time)

If interested, please contact the Personnel Office.

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JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES:

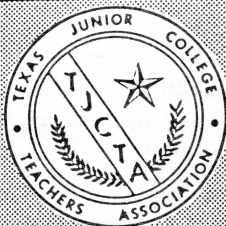
Billie Collins	01/02	Cathy Holt	01/06
Barbara Money	01/02	Sheryl Kappus	01/06
David Garrison	01/04	Dee Roessler	01/06
Ron Kern	01/04	Leslie Paul	01/06
Gene Powell	01/04	Martha Ewing	01/06
Linda Thompson	01/04	Martha Tolleson	01/06
June VanCleeef	01/04	Jimmy FitGerald	01/11
Mitchell Smith	01/06	Susan Bates	01/14
Pat DeGeeter	01/06	S. Lay	01/14
Larry Beck	01/06	Vicki Harris	01/17
Shelley Lane	01/06	Mary Rabaut	01/21
Denise Hennicke	01/06	Jean LaFollett	01/27
Mary Fields	01/06	Jack Upton	01/28
Rex Parcells	01/06		

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

Jill Ray	01/07	Lynn Jones	01/14
Steve Ellis	01/09	Tony McRae	01/17
Roberta Kess	01/09	Clinton Sands	01/17
Barbara Lusk	01/09	Donna Lyall	01/18
John Hamilton	01/14		

SPOTLIGHT:"Enter Laughing"HOW YOU CAN SAVE WITH A WOOD STOVE

Stove, pipe, installation, etc. ....	\$ 458.00
Chain saw .....	149.95
Care and maintenance for chain saw .....	44.60
4-wheel-drive pickup, stripped .....	8,379.04
4-wheel-drive pickup maintenance .....	438.00
Replace rear window of pickup (twice) .....	310.00
Fine for cutting unmarked tree in state forest .....	500.00
Fourteen cases Michelob .....	126.00
Littering fine .....	50.00
Towing charge - truck from creek .....	50.00
Doctor's fee for removing splinter from eye .....	45.00
Safety glasses .....	29.50
Emergency-room treatment (broken toes-dropped logs) ..	125.00
Safety shoes .....	49.95
New living room carpet .....	800.00
Paint living room walls and ceiling .....	110.00
Log splitter .....	150.00
Fifteen-acre woodlot .....	9,000.00
Taxes on woodlot .....	310.00
Replace coffee table (chopped up and burned while drunk)	75.00
Divorce settlement .....	33,678.22
Total first year's cost .....	54,878.26
Savings in conventional fuel first year .....	(72.33)
Net cost of first year's woodburning .....	\$ 54,805.93



# UP *Legislative* DATE

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## CONTACT LEGISLATORS NOW

The elections are over. The 1989 legislative session begins next month, and your Association is preparing for it. But the most important "lobbying" is done *at home*—before the session begins. Below are some useful tips for writing your legislators.

### HOW TO WRITE A LETTER TO YOUR LEGISLATOR

1. *Keep it brief.* A well-organized one-page letter is best.
2. *Get right to the point.* Make it clear what you are writing about within the first sentence or two; and if about a bill or resolution, mention it by number if possible.
3. *Take one issue at a time.* It is generally much better to confine your letter to one issue, bill, resolution, or area of concern.
4. *Make your specific request clear.* Exactly what do you want this legislator to do?
5. *Be reasonable.* State your position and/or your request, and give your reasons. Rationale is the name of the game.
6. *Be constructive.* Do not insult the legislator or threaten him or her with future opposition. This threat is always implicit by the very nature of politics.
7. *Make it personalized.* It need not read like a newspaper editorial or a public document. Don't be afraid to use *I* and *you*.
8. *Refrain from using form letters or cards.* These usually receive scant attention.
9. *Type your letter.* Most handwriting is time-consuming to read at best, and illegible at worst. Make your letter "readable."
10. *Allow a reasonable time for a reply.* Two weeks ought to be sufficient.

### CORRECT FORMS OF ADDRESS:

#### For State Senators:

The Honorable \_\_\_\_\_  
The Senate of Texas  
P. O. Box 12068—Capitol Station  
Austin, Texas 78711

#### For State Representatives:

The Honorable \_\_\_\_\_  
Texas House of Representatives  
P. O. Box 2910  
Austin, Texas 78769

Now here are some pertinent reminders that might appropriately be included in your correspondence. (You may want to cite the points of most interest or concern to you.)

### Reminders to Legislators

(Source: Communications Advisory Committee,  
Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board)

1. Numbers? More than half a million Texans attend community colleges. Texas has the second highest (after California) community college enrollment in the country. In degree programs, community colleges enroll 64 percent of all freshmen and sophomores and 45 percent of all students in Texas public higher education.
2. Success? Try this: College *graduates* come from community colleges in almost identical percentages as from four-year institutions (35 and 36 percent, respectively).
3. Results? According to the U. S. Census Bureau (1987), persons leaving community colleges with Associate Degrees can expect to earn an average starting salary of \$16,152—29 percent higher than the average starting salary of high school graduates and almost double the starting salary of high school dropouts.
4. Access? 90 percent of Texans are within easy driving distance of a community college campus.
5. Minority access? Minority students account for almost one-third of the state's public community college enrollment. More minority students attend public community colleges than any other kind of higher education. Black students make up 9.5 percent (Fall 1987) of Texas community college enrollment; Hispanic students, 18.8 percent.
6. Opportunity to retrain? In Fall 1986, the average age of community college students in Texas was 27. Fifty-five percent were women.
7. Diversification of the Texas economy? Texas community colleges offer occupational training in more than 1,900 technical and vocational programs.
8. Cost to students? Texas public community colleges ranked 37th in the nation in the average amount of tuition and fees charged resident students for 30 semester credit hours (1986-87). Forty-three percent of the operating income for public community colleges comes from *local* sources (taxes, tuition, fees, etc.).
9. Cost to Texas? *Per capita* state spending for community college students is less than half the amount spent for senior college students (approximately \$1,400 and \$3,200, respectively).

## 1989 TJCTA LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM ADOPTED

An 11-point legislative program was adopted by the TJCTA Executive Committee in its meeting in Austin, Dec. 3. Legislative goals and priorities were recommended by the organization's Legislative Committee in October. While the legislative program is subject to additions and changes by subsequent action of the Executive Committee, the present legislative goals are listed below:

1. Support for emergency legislative appropriations to restore \$45.3 million for group insurance premiums for employees at Texas community junior colleges vetoed by Gov. Bill Clements in August 1987.
2. Support appropriations for community junior colleges in the 1989-91 biennium at the level recommended by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.
3. Support revenue enhancement measures necessary to provide funding recommended by the Coordinating Board.
4. Oppose legislation which would provide for the expansion of any existing upper-level institution into a full, free-standing four-year university, and oppose legislation which would provide for the merger of any community junior college district with an existing upper-level or four-year university.
5. Support the enhancement of higher educational opportunities in South Texas.
6. Support increased state contribution levels for the Teacher Retirement System and current contribution levels for the Optional Retirement Program.
7. Support the continued implementation of the Texas Academic Skills Program *only* if adequate state funding for implementation and remediation is provided.
8. Support House Bill 85 (by Rep. Rudd), the "55-and-30" early retirement plan for members of the Teacher Retirement System
9. Oppose legislation which would discontinue the Hinson-Hazlewood Student Loan Program administered by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.
10. Support legislation to simplify the process of expansion of existing community junior college districts.
11. Support House Bill 59 (by Rep. Cavazos), permitting election of community junior college governing boards by single-member districts.

## FUNDING: THE "T-WORD"

Much of the above program (and other positions the Association may take as bills are introduced) ultimately requires a commitment of money—spelled T-A-X-E-S. During the last session of the legislature, several painful tax measures were enacted (although we note that the incumbents did *very well* on election day). Some

of the revenue bills are only temporary—stopgap efforts to get the state solvent again. It is possible the entire structure of taxation in Texas could be changed in the coming legislative session. There is a prestigious committee currently investigating such options, as Texas moves from an oil-dependent economy. This much we know: legislators will be wary of *new* taxes

We might also remind ourselves that much of the state budget is affected by circumstances beyond the control of Representatives and Senators. For example, state and federal courts have mandated expensive changes in the operation of the prison system, mental health programs, and public education—three of the most expensive items in the state budget. That leaves less to go around for higher education in general, and community junior colleges in particular.

Contact your Representative and Senator *NOW*, while they are at home (where the voters are)!

## LEGISLATURE TO CONVENE JANUARY 10

The regular session of the 71st Texas Legislature will convene January 10, and then will begin a five-month struggle by every entity funded by the state to obtain a "fair share" of the funds in the General Appropriations Bill. While the state's fiscal picture is considerably brighter than in January 1987 (when there was a \$1.2 billion deficit and a \$700 million cash shortfall greeting lawmakers), there is no reason to expect that the fight for adequate state funding for community junior colleges will be less difficult than two years ago.

Indications are that there will be a respectable "paper surplus" on the state's books; but whatever the amount of the surplus, it has been spoken for—several times over—by the various state agencies and institutions frantically seeking additional revenue.

## RESTORATION OF VETOED INSURANCE FUNDS IS SOUGHT

Community junior colleges are prominent among those seeking a slice of the pie. Emergency legislation will be introduced calling for an appropriation of \$45.3 million to reimburse colleges for a portion of the cost of staff group insurance. That is the amount in the 1987 appropriations act which Gov. Bill Clements vetoed.

TJCTA will be supporting passage of the emergency measure. Prospects for success are less than certain, but there is sure to be a united, concerted effort to obtain the necessary votes to secure passage early in the session. Rep. Ric Williamson (D-Weatherford) and Sen. John T. Montford (D-Lubbock) are expected to sponsor companion bills providing for the emergency appropriation.

TJCTA members are asked to contact their Senators and Representatives *now*—before the session begins—urging support of the emergency appropriation. Once the bills are formally introduced and referred to committees, further contacts will be encouraged.

(If you don't know the name of your legislators, ask your college librarian or call the local newspaper.)