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Please, do not throw away this paper!

Leave the paper for others to read if you do not want to keep it.

No Smoking in campus buildings — soon

On April 1 it almost became official-smoking inside CCSU buildings and vehicles was to be banned to anyone. The CCSU smoking policy dates back to This decision was put forth in a memoran dum, dated March 15, from the President of CCSU. Robert R. Fergason

Smokers will soon have to do their smoking outside of the buildings The CCSU campus has a number of covered areas which should provide some protection from the weather Maybe additional benches, tables and ashtrays will be placed in outdoor areas to allow students to be more comfortable while smoking or just enjoying the mild South

Texas weather and the usually not-so-gentle breezes
For customer health and employee medical insurance from puffing away just outside the building doorways eventually ban smoking in their dining areas

The ban on indoor smoking should not be a surpris-September of 1991, when smoking was lim-

ited to designated areas. The designated area that caused most of the complaints from non-smokers was the during area of the Student Center

Nation-wide, smoking seems to be on the way out, as increasing evidence shows that smoking, as well as econd hand smoke, is a health hazard. The privilege of smoking in public places is being increasingly restricted by many

local governments, businesses and universities. Such accommodations might also keep some smokers reasons, it even seems likely that most restaurants will

Protest delays CCSU ban on smoking By SANDRA DAVIS

On April 1, when the new smokine han went into effect, a group of students held a rally to protest the ban Members of CCSU's Student Government were on hand to recommend postponing the implementation of the

Angela Manuel, a student, presented President Fergason, who was no-smoking ban until outdoor there to answer the students' questions, with a petition signed by 155 able. He said that better furnishfrustrated students Smokers, as well ings would be placed in the courtas non-smokers, were upset about yard outside the Student Center the lack of student input in the deci- and delay the ban until the matesion which affects many of them.

Fergason agreed to delay the smoking is made more comfortrials can be provided

UITION MAY BE O TIMES HIGHER IF BILL

IS APPROVED

By ED GLAZE

Senate bill 177, introduced in the Texas legislature by Senator Carl Parker, threatens to make some very major changes in tuition rates. These changes should concern all students because it essentially places limits on educational opportunities

The text of this bill-in-process targets the so-called "professional" students with over 158 semester credit hours. Such students, if the bill is made law, would be forced to pay nonresident (out-of-state) tuition for any undergraduate classes.

What effect this bill would have on students who have already earned a degree is not clear. What about people needing to return to college for retraining or to pursue a new field? How about electives not in a degree plan? Would the 158-credit-hour limit on undergraduate courses be enforced against Masters degree students who must take a number of undergrad classes as a prerequisite for their new degree plan? How would Federal Aid, state aid, loans or scholarships he affected? Would students pursuing an additional bachelor's degree, ssociate degree, a license or certification be exempt from the higher tuition? This bill could place a hardship on many persons trying to better themselves.

ustor Parker, D-Port Arthur, says so-called professional students repeatedly change majors and "lay around and play sorority and fraternity" while paying instate tuition at Texas's public colleges and universities. Parker believes this measure would save about \$20 million a year Presumably, these savings would include cutting financial aid to college students with over 158 hours. How many students can pay \$1,944 in full-time tuition or even \$486 tustion for a single 3-hour class?

Senate Bill 177 — Engrossed Version

SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 54, Education Code, is mended by adding Sec. 54.066 to read as follows: (excerpts) LIMITATIONS ON TUITION PAID AT RESIDENT RATES.

unding any other provision of law, each residen not entered in a degree or dual degree program requiring more than 120 hours who has enrolled at a general academic teaching institution for a total of 158 or more semester credit hours of undergraduate instruction shall pay nonresident tuition for those credit hours.

(b) The limitation of 158 semester credit hours of undergrad instruction at resident tuition shall not apply to a residen student who has declared a major requiring more that 120 hours. Such student shall notify the academic institu 120 hours. Such stu tion where the student is enrolled that the student's d gree program sought is a dual degree program or program requiring more than 120 hours. On such notification the institution shall allow the student, at residen tuition rates, to take the amount of hours required to achieve the degree program sought and an additional 36 hours above the number of hours required for the declared degree program of the student. Resident stud ond 38 hours plus the number of hou

required of a dual degree program or an undergradu requiring more than 120 hours shall pay out-of-state or

twitton for those credit hours in excess of the degree re plus 38 hours (c) The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board may by rule

ide for hardship exceptions to this policy.

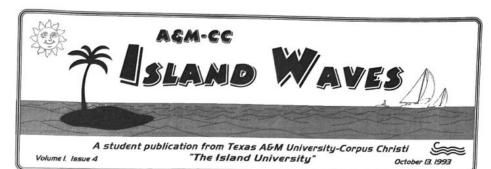
SECTION 2. Section 54.066, Education Code, as added by this Act, applies only to tuition that becomes due beginning with the fall semester in 1993.

Maybe a broad based education is not valued by Scnator Parker But, does anyone really think that existing degree plans fit the needs of all students?

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An educated populace is an asset This bill, when made law, would force students out of universities and make it financially impossible for many people to better themselves by returning to college. Limiting state aid to students is bad enough.

The bill passed the Senate and is referred to the House sub Please call Ashley Smith, the Chair of the Higher Education Committee a (512)463-0696 to comment on this bill. Irma Rangel is the vice-chair of this tee. Write them at: c/o Capito Station, POB 2910, Austin TX 78711. THE BILL IS NOT LAW YET





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CCSU is gone — Long live A&M-CC

The name change is official and the last stu-

lents to have CCSU on their diplomas have already of Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi is way too long. walked across the stage. It seems fitting that with the. The obvious abbreviation of TAMU-CC doesn't have the change of names comes amough construction on campus to allow us to visualize that the university is least its editor, supports A&M-CC for the nickname. If you really taking on a new identity. In a few short years have a preference then you ought to let others know, like the the transformation will be of such a scale as will administration, the Island University News (nice change of irely amaze alumni who have long been away name and graphic) or the student government members

Spring phone registration begins Nov. 9

By Bobby Peña

A new 12-line phone registration system will be available for student

use for early Spring registra The new system should enable students to avoid the long and often incomfortable lines that were a part of the traditional registration process at CCSU. The system will be accessible to students through the use of touch-tone

"I am excited about the ystem," said Dr. Paul E. Orser Jr . associate vice president fo pretty well," he said

In early November, over 7,000 emation packets containing instructions, a work sheet and the day and time to begin use of the system will be mailed to University students. The system will begin Nov. 15 and continue through Dec. 9, according to Orser "We will stop on the 9th and tell the computer system to send everybody a bill," he said

The registration system will still give first access to early registration o graduate students and seniors with a lot of hours. "Then it chunks its way through and basically the longer you have been here the closer to the front of the line you get," said Orser.

follow the instructions they receive "The instructions are straight forward and easy to read, but it is best to read through the directions, complete the worksheet and familiarize yourself

The new telephone registration system "was designed for student convenience. Once you dial in, a voice prompt will guide you after each entry. To make the whole process more accessible to students, we will have elephone registration available everyday from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m., " said Yeater Students will choose their own

personal identification number (PIN). The system will be open to those students who are registered this semester, attended this past summer or have applied to the University. Currently enrolled students are expected The only way the system will be "to obtain a course schedule on camenient is if students are careful to pus, while students who are not at-

class schedule. The system also allows students to call and check their classes from a card Students who will be filing for short-term loans (emergency loans) wall also be to use phone regularation

We changed the rules on the short-term or the emergency loans. If a person brings the bill to the financial aid office, they will be able to de the paperwork for that type of loan. This way if you don't have the money by the pay ment deadline (Dec. 29) you stop in and arrange for a short-term

loan, so you don't have to worry about losing your courses," said Orser "We have tried in a lot of ways to make it easier and tried to work through

the situations so it becomes less of a ale, Orser explained

Students are especially urged to use the phone registration system due to the fact that the Field House, the traditional registration site will be undergoing a facelist beginning in January, thus closing it to all other activities. The renovation project is expected to run through the Spring

For students not wanting to use the phone system for early registration there will be three days where they will be able to sign up for classes

The signing up for classes during regular registration will be held in the tending this semester will be mailed a Faculty Center. Paying for scheduled courses will be done in the Adminis-

tration (Round) Building Students are encouraged to use touch tone phone, and make changes the phone registration system because with the process before dialing the up until Dec. 9 You can even pay your it will be much easier, faster and more Phonreg number," said Registrar Dr. tustion and fees over the phone by convenient than waiting through the using a MasterCard or Visa credit regular registration pro-

Island Waves gets funding

By ED GLAZE III

A part of the master plan for nost every University must surely be to publish a student newspaper At Both are 486/33s and one will be for A&M-CC the administration is a few desktop publishing and the other for steps closer to accomplishing this goal. A budget has been established to fund the Island Waves.

Start-up costs for a publication are always a big hurdle and this is only the second semester for this student newspaper CCSU provided about \$10,000 at the end of last semester to purchase some computer equipment

Soon there will be two computers for use in producing the paper. word processing. Hopefully, they will be ready in time to produce the next issue of the Island Waves

This year's budget is largely for paying a small student staff to produce the paper It is necessary to have paid (munimum wage) part-time (10-20 hrs) staff positions for editor page layout, advertising and reporter data entry This should ensure some consistency

The student newspaper is still reliant on submissions from other students who volunteer to help write the stories. Any student, staff or faculty member can submit articles, letters, comments, creative writings or art work for publication consideration Though the wording is subject to student editing you can believe me when I say that you have a very good chance of seeing your work in the paper.

So enjoy this issue and we look forward to publishing at least two more issues coming out this semester