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## University Outreach and Board of Trade agree on summer program

The Board of Trade, Port of Corpus Christi has approved a proposal to develop, through Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi University Outreach, a summer training program for area science and mathematics teachers. The project will be known as the Coastal Bend Industry Collaborative for Education and start in the summer of 1995.

With its approval, the Board of Trade agreed to fund \$8,357 toward the program. "That amount of money might not seem very significant to some people, but it is a powerful investment for this community," says Reynolds Aluminum Environmental Quality Superintendent Tom Ballou. "This is an idea with a lot of potential and this potential is going

'94 COUNTDOWN: days to first class day of four-year status

to be significant for a lot of people. It's hard to find anything wrong with this."

Julie Peacock, community relations manager with OxyChem's Corpus Christi Plant says, "For several years our company and others here have sent science and math teachers to workshops provided by the Texas Chemical Council's Science Teachers Institute held every summer in Houston. The thinking here was "Why don't we bring it here with the resources our industries have here?" Industry in Corpus Christi does a lot for education in Corpus Christi. Most of the plants have adopted a school. Also the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission has offices here with their resources. Doing this to educate teachers here is a big plus."

Ballou adds, "This will give teachers hands-on experiences with current technology and applications. It will help fill a gap between education and industry and give some answers to the questions, "What does industry need from teachers See "Summer Program" page 4

### Regents approve Master's Degree in Special Ed, construction of Support Services Building

The Texas A&M University System Board of Regents Committee has authorized Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi to offer a new Master's of Science degree in Special Education.

The new degree program will help alleviate a critical need in South Texas for special education teachers with advanced training, said Texas A&M-Corpus Christi President Robert R. Furgason.

The program will offer students specialized training in dealing with linguistically and culturally diverse students and students with special needs; methodology of teaching a second language; cultural variables and their effects on behavior and learning; and social and behavior intervention strategies. The program will utilize existing faculty and facilities, but will require several new course offerings and an expansion of library holdings in special education.

"We're delighted that the board has approved this new degree," Furgason said. "It's an area in which there has been a demonstrated high need in our region, and the new degree will be very beneficial to the people of South Texas."

The new degree must also be approved by the Higher Education Coordinating Board before it can be offered at Texas A&M-Corpus Christi. Furgason said he hopes the board will consider the issue at its October meeting and the university can begin offering the new degree program as early as the fall of 1995

Also last week, the Texas A&M University System Board's Facilities Committee approved the design of a new support services facility to be built at Texas A&M-Corpus Christi. The \$3 million facility would centralize the university's administrative and support services in a new building at the front of the island campus. The building is expected to be completed in spring 1996.



Support Services Building

## Personal collection of papers and books donated to Library by Dr. Clotilde Garcia

Among the 50 boxes of personal papers and books that Dr. Clotilde Garcia has donated to Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi, university archivist Dr. Tom Kreneck has found such treats as a rare set of Mexican history books and 10,000 bound birth certificates of babies Garcia delivered during 40 years of practicing medicine in Corpus Christi.

We are honored that Dr. Cleo, who is so well-known in this area, has chosen to donate her personal collection to the university," Kreneck said. "Many of the items she has donated are rare or unique.

This collection is an educational and research resource that will help position the university to develop and expand its academic programs."

Garcia, 77, said she decided to donate the bulk of her personal collection to Texas A&M-Corpus Christi because she wanted the See "Cleo Garcia" on page 3



Summer graduation ceremonies August 5 Richards to be commencement speaker 7:30 p.m.

Dr. John M. Richards, transition officer and professor of Economics at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi, is the summer commencement speaker for the university. Summer commencement is scheduled for Aug. 5 at Memorial Coliseum in Corpus Christi starting at



transition officer, he is involved in Richards obtained his bachelor logistical planning related to degree from Kansas University, his TAMU-CC becoming a four-year university. He will retire from fullmaster from Kansas State and Ph.D. from Louisiana State University. time service at the end of August. From 1961 to 1973 he served at He will continue serve the unversity

the University of Texas at El Paso as director of Economic Research, chairman of the Economics Department and dean of the College of Business Christi Caller-Times.

He came to Corpus Christi in 1973 as the founding dean of the College of Business Administration at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi. He has served as president of both the State and Southwest regional councils of Business Deans.

In 1989 he resigned as dean with plans to return to teaching. He was asked, however to serve as interim vice president for Finance and Administration and later as interim director of the Conrad Blucher Institute for Surveying and Science. As on a part-time basis. He is the author of six books. His work has also appeared in numerous publications and he is a regular Feedback columnist of the Corpus

Richards has served on boards of the Corpus Christi United Way, Chamber of Commerce and Industrial Foundation. He was appointed by the Corpus Christi City Council as chairman of the goals project, "CC-90," in 1984. He has chaired the Chamber's Economic Outlook Board since 1979.

He and his wife, Joanne, have five sons, of whom three attended and one graduated from TAMU-

Dr. Clotilde Garcia

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# Candidates for Summer graduation at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christ

The following 382 students have submitted applications for participation in the August 5, 1994 commencement ceremonies. This list will be used to order diplomas; if your name is not listed below or if you wish to make changes in the presentation of your name, please contact the Office of the Registrar as soon as possible.

#### ARTS & HUMANITIES Bachelor of Arts

Lora Diane Adami, Rhonda Armstrong Ahlers, Raymond Jesse Alvarez, Virgil Keith Anderson Jr., Kevin Ayarzagoitia, Linda S Ayers, Glenn Duane Boldt, Lorraine Victoria Brilliant, Marina Desiree Briones, Wallace L Brown, Sheila M. Cagle, Jose Guadalupe Carmona, Chloe Ann B Carson, L. Valine Cease, Grace Charles, Cassandra Clarich Samaniego, Cesar Alejandro Cobarruvias, Manuel J Contreras, Cathy Lynne Cooney, Rebecca Lynn Cullinan, Deana Merrill Curran, Maria Dahlia Mendez Davis, Norma E. Delgado, Richard S. Emmons, David Lawerence Gardiner Jr., Maria Yolanda Ortiz Godsey, Noe David Guarneri, Gillis Guillory, Jessica Valia Gustafson, Tammy Lynn Hartgraves, Kelly Rule Helms, Alberto Herrera III, Amy E Hoge, Richard O Holland, Dawn Lee Huddleston, Rhonda Lynn Jameson, Mary Ann Jamison, Anna Maria Jimenez, Rosemarie Johnston-Hemphill, Julie C Kearney, Staci Lee Kleeberger, Elisa A Linan, Lauralyn Ruth Lozuk, Brian David Marr, Irma M Martinez, Mary Ruth Matthews, Mary Mayorga, Laura Kay McCoy, Chris McGraw, Mary E Medina, Zoila America Mencos Galeano, Stacey Elizabeth Moore, Michael Alan Morgan, Linda Louise Olson, Steven John Oropez, Daniel Ray Owen, Maria Veronica Pantoja, Cynthia H Penrod, Anthony Arispe Perez, Candy Perez, Raylana Gutierrez Ramirez, Nohemi M Salazar, Xann Salazar, Shirley Ann Smith Sewell, Michael Bernard Sferra, Janet M. Holmstrom Simpson, Madelene A Skaggs, Doris Tamez, Annette Marie Trevino, Jorge Bruno Viada, Virgil Raymond Ward Jr., Christine Welsh, Rodney Alan Wendt, Teresa Ann Wright, Laura Zamora, Randy Pedraza Zarate.

#### Bachelor of Music

Stephanie Diane Rodriguez, Elizabeth Sevilla

#### **Bachelor of Science**

Joann Lee Bailey, Treva Brown-Askey, Gloria Lee Cantu, Gilbert Flores Jr., Deborah Jean Golder, Juan Alberto Gonzalez, Luis H Gutierrez, Scott Kennard Hibbetts, Collin Lance Kerr, Alma J Leal, Sylvia Lopez, Mavis Berryman Lumampao, Sabrina P. Mancha, Albert Martinez, Michael E Pena, Pamela Rose Pena, Michael Anthony Pimentel, Minerva R Ramirez, Herman Leroy Roe, Rudy Salinas, Barry Martin Starr, Catherine L Teltschik, Annette Vasquez, Georgia Ann Vines, David William Weaver, Terry Glenn Williams.

#### Master of Arts

Karen Rose Alley, Mary Thompson Arnold, Lisa Marie Freeman, Audrey M Sykes.

## Master of Public Administration

F. Michael Hess, Viviana Quirova Ortiz, Mickey Glenn Raasch, Edward Jerome Spooner, Deanna Iaconis

Tomao, Ginny Lynn Winsauer. BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION Bachelor of Business Admin.

Jose Carlos Aguas, Jason Scott Albrecht, Steven Ross Allen, Mary Frances Bailey, Danielle Lynne Balluch, Sheri Luane Balyeat, Scott C Barker, Victor Zach Bird, Virgil E. Breckenridge Jr., Sheila Ann Butler. Mark Lee Carbajal, Alicia R Castanon, Marc Crespell, Angela R Crow, Melissa Ann Dehoyos, Joni Rebel Faulkner, Katharine Lavern Fischer, Jimmy Jack Fowler Jr., Veadelia Susan Fox, Randall Lee Freeze, Ismael Garcia, Vivian Ann Garza, Isabel Gomez, Samuel S Gutierrez, Mary Ellen Harder, Kerense Jean Harryman, John Franklin Hastings III, Allyson Lynne Hroch, Hector Juarez, Roxanna Marie Lukan, Karen Lynn Shoemake, Glenn Wayne Martin, Robert Craig Martin, Karen R Mella, Barbara Jean Meza, Janetta M Niskala, Nancy Jo Oliver, Melina Lea Paxton, Bradley Wayne Pickens, Irma M Puga, Gonzalo Simon Ramirez, Ray Raul Ramos, Nora Raulie, Jason Glen Reeves, Frederick J. Reynolds, Kenneth R Rittgers, Karen Royal, Mark Jerome Schons, Mary Sufall Swails, Forrest Nelson Teichman, Kathleen June Tijerina, Kent Carl Tschoepe, Laurence Alexander Valls, James Clifford Walker, Randall Leroy Whitley, Karen M. Williams, Rene Antonio Zarate

#### Master of Accounting

Timothy James Revers, Meghan M Simmons.

#### Master of Business Admin.

James Deward Boatman, Alan Watson Clower, Christin M Gonzalez, Oscar Lopez, Christine Hong Nguyen, Mary Catherine Rios, Christian J Roussel, David Michael Wheeler, Jerry D Winkler, Dirk F Wooster.

#### EDUCATION **Bachelor of Science**

Moire Michele Blaydes, Mario Alberto Capetillo, Patricia Jane Castaneda, Pauline Ettelman, Daniel T Gomez, Patricia A. Gomez, Bruce Lee Henry, James David Hicks, Kathleen Jeanette Dennis Johnson, Margaret E. Lindsley, Jerry Don Long, Sherry Louise Jackson, Lynn Christina Maxwell, Richard Louis Nava, Fernando Castro Rivera, Victoria Vidaure Villarreal, James Colby West.

#### Bachelor of Science in Interdisciplinary Studies

Norma N Allred, Alexander Brian Amador, Krysti Lois Barr, Edie Lee Bishop, Diana Urbina Caceres, S Melissa Doyle, Christy L Gibson, Norma Gonzalez, Robert R Gonzalez, Melissa Boudoin Hill, Monica Hinojosa, Joy Jefferies Ivens, Christina W Janak, Tammy Lynne Kolmeier, Kristina Janelle Loa, Carrie Lynn Livingston, D'Ann A. Miller, Lilly Orzabal, Ester Morales, La Tricia Jean Porter-Johnson, Sharlene Jeanette Prinz, Roxane Michele Puente, Melissa Alice Mari Roddy, Leslie L Rogers, Emily Marie Salinas, Tanya Anne Skinner, Shelley Dawn Sokolosky, Priscilla Faith Stubbs, Donald Lee Tauferner, Heather Anne Taylor, Linda S Wientjes, Ann Meredith HardcastleYeary, John Manuel Zaragoza. Master of Science

Raquel Medellin Alcocer, Henry Almaraz, Melissa Ann Bales, Susan Marie Bales, Catherine Routh Barkley, Kelly Carol Barrett, Victor Reynolds Bird, Elda E Salazar Blanco, James Robert Bonorden, Calvin G Boothby, David P. Borrer, Valarie H Buhidar, B Candy Carrales, Lonna M Cerini, Heather Michelle Cohea, June Loosemore Cotton, Linda Ellis Crawford, Peggy B Cunningham, Ralph Emesto Diaz, Leslie Jo Elmore, Juan F. Flores, Mary Holmes Galjour, Joel D Garcia, Juan Garza Garcia, Mary Jane Gonzales-Redd, Sylvia Gonzalez, Margaret Allison Murphy Tillotson, Paula Jean Goynes, Lydia Marie Gross, Mercedes Tijerina Guerra, Linda Guerrero, Alfred John Gutierrez III, Stephanie S Haass, Margaret Catherine Hart, Kimberly Hatridge, Kristi Karol Hearne, John Francis Hennessey, Sherry Wilson Hill, Karen Rosemund Hollingsworth, Barbara Jill Key Holt, Hedwig Houston, Ronald Ray Isaacs, Patrick Terence James, Terri E Janosek, Christia Mae Jarboe, Janet Lynn Johnson, Frances Roberta Jones, Terrie La Ouey Kendall, Sarah Starr Kirklin, Lionel A Lalmansingh, Janet B Lange, Kelly Deshay Lawson, Kellye Cornelius Loving, Meridith Lowe Carter, Arnulfo Martinez, Jeffrey Charles Massengill, Linda Marie Massingill, Kathleen B McCrossin, Steven Leroy McGaugh, Joy M McGlone, Julie Ann Mergele, Veronica Lee Merino, Spencer Lee Moore, Jim L Moss, Theresa Ann Nelson, Ward Elton Nelson, Laura Maxwell O'Keefe, Charlene Manning Owen, Veronica Palacios, Delores Cecile Pena, Jaime Almanza Perez, Suzanne Thomas Porter, Angela Francene Portis-Woodson, Laura Garcia Quiroz, Connie Ethel Ratliff, Earl R Roberts, Zonja H Rodocker, Tammy L Rollins, Lorena Lynn Sepeda, Kathyron Kay Slavinski, Melba Yvette Smithwick, Tracie Smithwick, Gregory Noel Southworth, Linda Leclair Strand. Hilda Alvarez Swallow, David S Thorpe, Robin Marie Thurston, Susan Anne Tichenor, Terry Jones Trandem, Pamela Sue Trimble, Janie Vasquez, Corina Marie Villarreal, Ralph Wedgeworth, Julie Nix Weis, Javier A Wiley, E Jane Wyatt, Lorraine Eva Yuengel, Carol Ann Zunker

#### SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY **Bachelor of Science**

Omar Daniel Corona, Philip M. Fredrickson, Sarah Elizabeth Gage, Rodney J. Gamez, Roxanna Garza, Richard Charles Hamer Jr., Pamela E Harrison, Tracy Thomas Hendley, Albert Hernandez, Joseph B Hominick, Michelle Renee Johnston, Vicki Denise Larsen, Michael Travis Moore, Matt E Nerren, Tisha Annette Nixon, Catherine Annette Padilla. Loretta Schanen Pressly, Jaime Rivas, Annette Sain, Teresa Marie Smyth, Sarah Lynn Stensland, Felix Vasquez Jr., Larry Gene Vrana, Albert J. Wor-

#### Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Jeanne Ellen Brock, Dana Sue Lipscomb, Juaniece L Miller, Deborah Jane Taylor, Ruth Irene

Vermace, Miguel Angel Villarreal. Master of Science

Edward Lynn Dillon, Leonid L Ellis, Jonda Lee Halcomb, Felicia Kimberly Johnson-Reeves, Christopher Manfred Martin, William Allen Rosenkranz, Brian Keith Skrobarcek, James Marvin Tolan, Kuo-yu Trube,

Wafa S. Zidan.

Master of Science in Nursing Tami Upton Chapman, Gran Wayne Cooper, Pamela Pearson Garcia, Lulu Hoy Garza, Pamela Fayo Garcia, Luiu I.O., Glynn, Betty Johnson, Candace Diang Johnson, Katherine Jeannie Palmer Mary Ann Yzaguirre,



PentaBRASS, a quintet of featuring some of South Texas most esteemed musicians, will perform at the Warren Theatre Aug. 23 at 8 p.m. Members of PentaBRASS are (left to right) Richard Morgan, Richard Beck, Jack Burt, Darrell Burditt and Allan Kaplan.

## PentaBRASS to perform Aug. 28 at Warren Theatre

PentaBRASS, a quintet of five area vituosos, will perform Aug. 23 at the Warren Theatre at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi. The performance begins at 8 p.m. and is free.

PentaBRASS will play a variety of selections, including Quintet for Brass by Malcolm Arnold and Divertimento No. 1 by Mozart.

Members of PentaBRASS are: Allan Kaplan, trombone/director: Jack Burt, trumpet; Darrell Burditt, trumpet; Richard Beck, horn and Richard Morgan, tuba.

Kaplan, the director and founder of PentaBRASS, was a Broadway theatre musician for many years, a member of the Yamaha-sponsored New York Brass Choir, solo trombonis with Lincoln Center's Goldman Band and a founding member of the New American Ragtime Ensemble. He is currently Assistant Professor of Music at TAMU-CC.

Burt is featured soloist and principal trumpet of the Austin Sinfonietta and is currently an instructor at Texas A&M University-Kingsville.

Burditt has been solo trumpet with most major performing groups in South Texas. He is presently performing as principal trumpet with the Victoria Symphoy, Corpus Christi Wind Symphony and Corpus Christi Municipal Band. He is a band director in Corpus Christi.

Beck is principal horn of the Corpus Christi Symphony Orchestra as well as assistant professor of horn at Del Mar College.

Morgan is an assistant band director and instructor of music at TAMU-K and associate conductor of the Dallas Wind Symphony.

#### Professional Notes

Dr. Paul Orser appointed to TAIR committee

Dr. Paul Orser, associate vice president for Academic Affairs at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi, has been appointed to the Best Paper Committee of the Texas Association for Institutional Research.

#### Dr. Thomas Krepel published in education journal

Dr. Thomas Krepel, dean of University Outreach at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi, has been published in Planning and Changing, An Educational Leadership and Policy Journal a quarterly publication of the Department of Educational Administration and Foundations, College of Education, Illinois State University. Krepel coauthored the lead story, Facing Opposite Directions? Local School Board Responses to the National Goals for Education.

#### Dr. Ross Purdy named new assistant dean of Arts and Humanities, Dr. Mollie Lewin named Social Science Chair

Dr. Paul Hain, dean of the College of Arts and Humanities at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi, announces Dr. Ross Purdy as assistant dean of the college. Purdy replaces Dr. Leonardo Carrillo who left the position to accept the university's Presidential Fellowship

Dr. Mollie Lewin has been named Social Science Chair, succeeding Purdy.

## Adopt-A-Wetland honored by EPA

Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi's Adopt-A-Wetland Program, which has trained more than 125 Texas teachers and youth leaders in wetland conservation techniques, has been selected to receive the Environmental Protection 1994 Regional Agency's Administrator's Environmental Excellent Award for Education in Wetlands Protection.

Since it's inception, Program Coordinator Nivra Kelley has trained 128 teachers and youth leaders, who, in turn, are educating an estimated 34,000 school children about protecting and conserving wetlands. The award is one of two in Texas to recognize special achievement, educational outreach and private-sector leadership in wetlands protection.

"With your efforts to develop and implement an effective Texas Adopt-A-Wetland program, the program has grown rapidly," said Jane N. Saginaw, Regional Administrator for Region 6 of the Environmental Protection Agency, in a letter announcing the award. "It's reach and positive impact extends beyond the borders of Texas. Our nation's valuable wetlands and ecosystems now may be better protected through improved public understanding.

The Region 6 office of the Environmental Protection Agency, which is based in Dallas and covers five states, will present 42 environmental excellence awards in 10 categories at an awards ceremony in September. This marks the second vear that awards have been given for wetlands protection.

Texas A&M-Corpus Christi's Adopt-A-Wetland program was developed in 1991 as a joint project by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Ecological Services Office on campus and the university's Center for Coastal Studies. The program trains teachers and youth leaders in methods of protecting wetlands and about the important role of wetlands in the marine environment. Many school classes and groups then can adopt a wetland area and monitor the populations trends of plants and animals and water quality in the area.

"If you measure success by the number of people who have been reached, this program has been ex-tremely successful," said Roy Perez, field supervisor of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Ecological Services Office at TAMU-CC. "Nivra has reached so many people and our wetlands and ecosystems will be the better for

"It's wonderful that outreach and education are counted in recognizing wetland protection efforts," Kelley added. "That makes this award that much more special."







Laura Slavinski

## News from Career Planning & Placement Center

TAMU-CC grad is summer intern with FBI

The Federal Bureau of Investigation is signing the praises of George Krest, a Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi student who has won the very prestigious FBI Honors Internship for 1994. Only 70 of these internships are awarded annually in the U.S. - less than two per state. Krest, who received a BBA degree in Computer Information Systems from TAMU-CC and is now enrolled in the MBA program here, is spending the summer with the FBI in Washington. He is living proof that we have some top-notch students enrolled in our university. Career "Super Fair" planned for April 1995

A career "Super Fair," the South Texas Job Fair, is planned for April 19, 1995 at the Bayfront Convention Center. This will be a joint endeavor TAMU-CC, TAMU-K and Del Mar College in conjunction with the Corpus Christi Caller-Times and East Meets West Productions. There will be career events (speakers, panels, luncheons, etc.) all week, commencing with a special magazine inserted in the Sunday Caller-Times. Paramount among the speakers will be Zig Zigler, author of "See You at the Top.

We hope to draw 175 employers from around the country who have jobs for our students. Hopefully, they will be impressed by our sparkling bay and beautiful city, excellent hotel and conference facilities and three outstanding colleges/universities working together for progress

Our plan is to have "marketing internships" in which students will telemarket the event on a commission basis. Our goal is to involve as many students from the three schools as we can, giving the students ownership in the event. We also hope to get support from a number of city organizations. The South Texas Job Fair will be open to the public with a special invitation to alumni of the three allied schools.

Two on-campus job fairs scheduled

There are two job fairs scheduled for the TAMU-CC campus: the Annual Career Fair on Oct. 13, 1994 and the Teacher Job Fair on April 13, 1995.

Rios-Nunez to lead Job Development Program

Oralia Rios-Nunez has joined us to head our federally-funded Job Development Program, providing part-time, summer and internship opportunities to TAMU-CC students at all levels. Rios-Nunez comes from the Workforce Development Corporation, Corpus Christi, and has worked as a job developer at Del Mar College, as a job counselor for the LULAC National Education Center, Corpus Christi, and as a career services manager at Houston Baptist University. She brings to the job over 10 years of job development/career counseling experience

and close contacts with Corpus Christi employers, including the Mexican-American business com-

Applications available for Foreign Service Officer Exam

Persons interested in taking the Foreign Service Officer Exam for possible positions in the U.S. Department of State, U.S. Information Agency and U.S. Department of Commerce can pick up applications for the Foreign Service Officer Exam at the Career Planning and Placement Center. The registration deadline is Oct. 14, 1994.

## CP&PC Seminars

Tuesday, August 9 at 1:30 p.m.: "How to Write a Great Resume." Thursday, August 11 at 4 p.m.: "How to Find a Job."

Friday, August 12 at 1:30 p.m.: "How to Interview Successfully." Tuesday, August 16 at 4 p.m.: "How to Find a Job."

Wednesday, August 17 at 1:30 p.m.: "How to Write a Great Resume." Friday, August 19, at 1:30 p.m.": "How to Interview Successfully."

All seminars will be conducted by Peter Schmidt, director of the Career Planning and Placement Center at room 204 in the University Library. For more information call 994-2628

unique education careers "If the university wasn't here, I

Mother and daughter pursue

wouldn't be teaching," says Kathyron Slavinski referring to Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi.

There is more than a hint of pride when Slavinski states, "I am the first in my family to graduate from high school and the first in my family to graduate from college. For this 8th grade teacher, education has been, and continues to be a passion in life.

The oldest of nine children. Slavinski was born in Corpus Christi and raised in Flour Bluff. She graduated from Flour Bluff High School in 1966 and spent the next 23 years as a part-time student at Del Mar College. She recalls, "My daughter. Laura, graduated from Flour Bluff High School in 1988. Her only request was that I get out of Del Mar before she got there."

This request was met as Slavinski began taking courses at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi in the fall of 1988, the same time Laura started classes at Del Mar. Slavinski graduated in 1990 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Secondary Edu-

Slavinski's passion for education was tested and tempered when she began student teaching. "I expected it to be like when I was in school...it wasn't. I was working with STEP, or at-risk, students. The language some of those kids used shocked me for the first day or two. It is frightening how many of our kids in Corpus Christi are at-risk. I think helping the community solve this will be a big role of this university (Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi)."

Slavinski's dedication was recognized in 1993 when she was named "Teacher of the Year" among the teachers of Baker Middle School She is presently teaches Earth Sciences at Baker Middle School. Since becoming a teacher, she has performed research in innovative instruction for presentation to teacher inservice programs, the Education Service Center, state agencies and the CCISD. She has also made presentations on teaching methods to undergraduate and graduate students at TAMU-CC.

She is very enthusiastic about a recently written pilot program which seeks community involvement in academic curriculum and hopes to see it in place with the CCISD during the coming school year.

There are other goals. Slavinski has just obtained her Master of Science in Education and in September plans to begin pursuit of a Doctorate in Educational Leadership.

Daughter, Laura, graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Communications with highest honors from TAMU-CC in 1993 and returned to the university to obtain teacher certification. Today, she is a camp parent at a Visionquest camp in the Pocono Mountains near Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. "She works with inner city kids that are beyond atrisk," says her mother. "These kids have problems."

Of her own education career, Kathyron Slavinski says, "I feel I can make an impact on education here. Through the leadership and guidance here at the university, I know I can."

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materials to be available to students and teachers in South Texas. She has donated dozens of historical volumes focusing on the unique history of South Texas, which Garcia believes has been overlooked by Texas historians. Many of the books are rare, primary works purchased in Spain and Mexico.

The collection also features reams of genealogical records on South Texas families, traced through birth, death and baptismal records of the Catholic church. They include records on Garcia's own ancestors, who were among the original Spanish colonists of the lower Rio Grande Valley in the 18th century.

"This should help South Texas students identify with their Mexican-American heritage. Their identity has been lost," Garcia

said. "The history of South Texas isn't well known anywhere. We are different from the rest of Texas. We were settled by different people and we have different customs, a different identity."

Kreneck said he cannot estimate the value of Garcia's collection until it has been completely sorted and catalogued. Even when that is done, he said, setting a monetary value on the collection will be difficult because of the unique nature of the genealogical records and personal papers.

"It is worth thousands and thousands of dollars," Kreneck said. "But, more importantly, it fills a gap in our archives and special records that needed to be filled. Our student body and faculty will use this material for researching history, sociology, Hispanic studies and literature.

Garcia's brother -- longtime Corpus Christi physician and civil rights champion, Dr. Hector P. Garcia -- also has donated much of his personal collection to the university. A fund-raising campaign is under way to build a plaza on campus to honor Garcia and his accomplishments. For more information, contact the Office of Institutional Advancement at 994-2420

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The TTVN room of Media Services was packed with area officials, law enforcement personnel and local news media for the video town hall meeting "Crime in Texas" with U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno July 8. While there were many unanswered questions about crime in Texas, those present were impressed with the communications capabilities of TTVN.

### Summer heat precautions

by Sharon Alexander, University Nurse

With blue skies and sunny days, one can enjoy the summer fun of outdoor activities. However, when high humidity combines with high temperatures to create a higher heat index, one can suffer from a heat-related illness. Similarly, when indoors with high temperatures and poor ventilation, one can become ill. Recognizing early warning signs of heat cramps and heat exhaustion can prevent further progression of heat-related illnesses to heat stroke and possibly death. Without early intervention or care, heat-related illnesses can very rapidly become worse.

Outdoor workers, persons exercising outdoors, the very young, the elderly and persons with health problems are all persons at risk for heat-related illnesses. In addition, persons who have experienced heat-related illnesses in the past, person with poor blood circulation disorders and persons taking diuretics (medications to rid the body of excess water) are persons at risk for heat-related illnesses.

People usually want to get out of extreme heat before they start feeling ill. When individuals continue with activities in the heat, it is important they realize the first signs of a heat-related illness. Heat cramps, heat exhaustion and heat stroke are conditions caused by heat overexposure. Heat cramps or muscle cramps, usually in the abdomen or legs, are the least severe. Associated signs and symptoms are heavy perspiration and light-headedness or weakness. These can be warning signs for a possible heat-related emergency.

To care for persons with heat cramps, have the person rest in a cool place. Give cool water or a commercial sports drink. For most persons, rest and fluids can provide recovery

from heat-related illness. Lightly stretching the muscle can also offer relief. The American Red Cross does not recommend salt water or salt tablets which can lead to a more serious illness. Do not give the victim liquids containing alcohol or caffeine.

Heat exhaustion is a more severe form of heat-related illnesses. The signs and symptoms include cool, pale or red, moist skin; dilated pupils; headache; great thirst; nausea and vomiting; irrational behavior; dizziness or weakness and unconsciousness. When people ignore the warning signals of heat cramps or heat exhaustion, a heat stroke can result. In a heat stroke, the body systems begin to stop functioning as the become overwhelmed by the heat. Heat stroke is a very serious medical emergency. The signs and signals of heat stroke include an elevated body temperature (above 102 degrees); dry, hot, red skin; dark urine; constricted pupils; rapid, weak pulse; extreme confusion; weakness; seizures and unconsciousness.

When you recognize early stages of heat-related illness, you can take appropriate actions which can usually reverse the illness.

To care for heat-related illnesses, take these important actions: Get the person out of the heat. Loosen tight fitting clothing. Remove perspiration-soaked clothing. Apply cool wet cloths to the skin. Fan the person. If the person is conscious, give cool water to drink. Call for an ambulance if the nerson refuses water, vomits, starts to lose consciousness or exhibits signs of a heat stroke.

Avoiding activities or overexertion in extreme heat, drinking plenty of water and heeding early signals of heat-related illnesses can prevent serious heat-related illnesses. Enjoy the beautiful summer days.

## Recreational Sports-

There are new policies and operating procedures in place for those using the Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi Fieldhouse facilities.

Two guests may accompany any current TAMU-CC faculty/staff member or student into any of the Fieldhouse facilities as long as they sign in. Family members are not considered guests, however, they

may use the facilities if they are accompanied by current TAMU-CC faculty/staff or student.

Children, regardless of age, must be accompanied by a current TAMU-CC faculty/staff member or student into any or all of the Fieldhouse facilities including the swimming pool. Unattended children will be asked to leave the facility.

The swimming pool hours of operation are from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. daily.

These changes are in effect through the end of Summer Session II and are subject to further change before the Fall 1994 Semester, For more information call Ann DeGaish or Brad Bauer at 994-2454 or 994-

### Etcetera-

#### Campus Activities Board needs you!

The Campus Activities Board, a new group forming to bring more programs, entertainment, lectures. etc. to the university, is looking for creative and innovative people like you. For more information contact the Office of Student Life in room 206 of the Student Services (Round) building or call 994-2707.

#### University Theatre price changes

Effective since June 16, University Theatre prices are as follows: General Admission prices are \$6 for plays, \$8 for musicals and \$1 for readers theatre for the general public. All of these same events are \$1 for TAMU-CC students. Faculty and staff will pay \$3 for plays and musicals and \$1 for readers theatre.

#### Master Gardener classes start Sept. 6

Master Gardener classes will begin Sept. 6 at the Nueces County Extension Office at 710 E. Main in Robstown. Classes meet every Tuesday from 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. for 13 weeks of training.

The distinction between Master Gardeners and other home gardeners is their special training in horticulture. Master Gardener training

sessions are instructed by local experts, Extension specialists and staff. In exchange for training, participants contribute at least 50 hours of volunteer service to their County Extension Program. Master Gardeners use their training to answer questions about plants and gardening, carry out beautification projects, evaluate new plant varieties, participate in clinics and educational programs and work with youth and elderly teaching sound horticultural

Program applications are due by Aug. 24 and can be obtained by calling the Nueces County Extension Office at 767-5217.

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and educators?" and "What skills are needed in the workplace?"

Objectives of the CBICE, as outlined in the proposal, include promoting teacher awareness of the industrial applications of mathematical and scientific knowledge, sharing of resources and increasing understanding of the role of industry in the environmental well-being and economic, political and social development of the Coastal Bend. Participants in the summer program would ultimately include all elementary and secondary school teachers in South Texas and eventually expand to include teachers throughout the state.

Peacock says, "It's a very good opportunity for industry and the university to offer science programs to teachers of the area. We have hopes to offer programs to students in the area also. We are very excited about being a part of this ground breaking effort."

Dr. Tom Krepel, Dean of Outreach at TAMU-CC adds, "This program ultimately goes back to the students. Ideally, teachers will ob-tain the skills and knowledge with which to demonstrate application of classroom learning and knowledge to business and industrial operations in the Corpus Christi Bay Area. The students will see there are some practical applications to what they are learning the classroom.

Also, the CBICE program is being designed where participating teachers will receive three hours of graduate credit through TAMU-CC. The project will be housed and administered by the Office of University Outreach and College of Science and Technology at TAMU-

Nora Martinez, a teacher in the

Tuloso Midway ISD, and Diane Kiddy, a teacher in the Corpus Christi ISD, have been hired to coordinate the program. Both are presently conducting research for the project.

An advisory committee of the CBICE comprised of business and industry representatives, teachers, Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission representatives and TAMU-CC faculty has been formed to guide program develop-

### Correction

The page 1 story entitled "University parking fees to increase as of Sept. 1" in the July 12 issue of Island University News was erroneous concerning hours students are allowed to park in faculty and staff parking spaces.

The first sentence of the fifth paragraph of the story should have read, "He adds students will continue to be allowed to park in faculty and staff parking spaces after 5 p.m. weekdays and on weekends."

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## **CCGS** awards scholarships

Three Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi students recently received scholarships from the Corpus Christi Geological Society. Receiving scholarships were Newell Everett "Rett" Fisher, Margaret Langley and Diedre Williams.

Fisher and Langley are Geology majors and Williams is a Environmental Science major with a Geology concentration. The scholarship awards are \$375 each.

The CCGS regularly awards scholarships to area university students to encourage the pursuit of careers in the pursuit of careers in the earth sciences. The scholarship awards are based on academic performance, financial need and students' dedication to a career in the earth sciences