New facilities break ground

Texas Legislators, Texas A&M University System officials, and a host of former students, alumni and civic leaders were on hand Friday, April 2, to help CCSU President Robert R. Furgason turn a ceremonial shovel of sand officially signaling the beginning of nearly \$50 million in construction that will produce new classrooms, laboratories and research centers on the University's island campus by 1994. CCSU will enroll freshmen and sophomore students in September '94, marking a conversion from the University's current upper-level status to a comprehensive institution.

Included in the master plan for construction is a new 100,000 square

foot classroom/laboratory facility outfitted with two large lecture halls, ten medium-sized classrooms, four computer labs, six science labs, three social science labs and numerous general purpose classrooms and offices. Construction is due to begin on the new classroom building this month (April) with a target completion date of July 1994. The state-of-the-art facility will feature an eleganty landscaped courtyard.

Construction is already underway on the new \$12 million Central Utility Plant and Distribution System which will centralize heating and cooling functions of all campus buildings using a cost-effective water cooling system. The Central



State legislators, TAMUS officials, alumni and local civic representatives help CCSU break ground.

Utility Plant is scheduled for completion in April of 1994.

Currently four bids have been received for CCSU's student residence project, a public-private venture which will house 500 students

in on-campus apartment-styled units. Ray Hayes, vice president for finance and administration, anticipates CCSU will award that construction contract in May, 1993, with a project starting date of July, 1993, for completion of the new student housing by July, 1994.

Funding for the majority of the construction and renovation projects underway at the University comes See "Groundbreaking," page 6.

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Summer/Fall early registration begins April 19

Students can avoid long registration lines and lock in summer and fall class schedules this month by participating in CCSU's early registration, beginning Monday, April 19.

Priority early registration for Summer Session I, Summer Session I, Summer Session II and Fall, 1993, will be held April 19-23 in the Faculty Center Conference Room A (Room 101) starting at 9 a.m. daily and continuing to 6:30 p.m. on Monday through Thursday, concluding at 2:30 p.m. on Friday, April 23.

Early registration continues April 26-30 in the Registrar's Office (Administration Building) during slightly abbreviated regular business hours (MWTh 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Tu 8:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m., F 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.)

To early register, current stu-

dents simply pick up their class scheduling forms (CSF) in the Registrar's Office on or after April 19, seek advisement if desired and register on or after their assigned registration time. Each student's registration appointment is listed on the CSF. Appointment times are based on the number of accumulated CCSU hours; therefore, the closer student is to graduation, the earlier the registration appointment.

New students may also early register. If you are a new student, stop by the Admissions Office in the Administration Building, and complete an enrollment application. A personalized registration appointment will be made for you at that time.

Class scheduling forms will be available in the Registrar's Office beginning April 19. The Summer and Fall 1993 schedules will also be available the week of April 12. Early Registration Schedule

Apr. 19-22 9 a.m.-6:30 p.m. Faculty Center, Conf. Room A Apr. 23 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Faculty Center, Conf. Room A Apr. 26 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Administration building
Apr. 27 8:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m.
Administration building

Apr. 28 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Administration building

Apr. 29 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Administration building Apr. 30 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

Administration building

May 27-28 Registration Summer Session I July 1-2 Registration

Summer Session II

August 25-26 Registration Fall 1993

Smoking policy concessions made

It may have been April Fool's Day but students weren't joking last week when they lit up and puffed in protest of CCSU's new no-smoking policy. Last Thursday (April 1) was the first day of the newly expanded policy which banned smoking inside all CCSU facilities. A handful of students collected in the eating area of the Glasscock Memorial Student Center protesting that policy and achieved a temporary lift of the ban.

"When I enrolled, I was sorely thankful I had a place I could smoke and study," said Walter Sohl, a graduate student in environmental science who voiced his opposition to the ban to CCSU's Student Government. "And when I paid tuition it was for a smoking college. I expected it to stay that way."

"There are only two places were students could smoke, eat, drink and study in any case," stated Angela Manuel, a junior majoring in mathematics who collected 155 signatures on a petition requesting a delay of the ban.

Timing was the big issue; many of the protesters said they weren't so much against the ban as upset at the mid-semester switch robbing them of a smoking area in which to

study just before the end of the semester and finals. In a March 4 letter to CCSU President Dr. Robert Furgason, Student Government responded to Furgason's March 2 request for input on the proposed ban recommending "that the revised smoking policy effective date be postponed until the first summer session in order to inform the students."

Making an appearance at the protest, Dr. Furgason told the students and media assembled that the present policy which limited smoking to a few indoor locations "just wasn't working" and that the venti-

lation systems in the buildings merely recirculated smoke-filled air. "If we delay it (the ban), what do we buy out of it? Those who are bothered by smoke, are allergic to it, or concerned about the effects of second-hand smoke are being further subjected to it. If I had to err, I would rather err on the side of safety. It just doesn't seem that logic is on the side of delaying it."

"We paid our fees expecting to be able to smoke," reiterated Robert Phillips who also said smokers wouldn't mind going outside if there were better facilities such as more See "Smoking," page 6.



Dean of Students Dr. Eliot Chenaux (center left), CCSU President Dr. Robert Furgason (center) and Provost Dr. Tito Guerrero (center right) listen to the concerns of CCSU students protesting the ban on indoor smoking. Seated are student protesters Robert Phillips (right) and Angela Manuel (center).

Co-op, summer jobs open with Comptroller, HACU

Co-op at Currency Comptroller's

Work or school? School or work? It's Economics 101 all over again: the distribution of your valuable time among two alternatives. Fortunately, the choice between more classes and a deeper professional background is not always as difficult as it seems. Cooperative education programs allow students to maximize their time and gain valuable work experience while they pursue their education. CCSU's Career Planning and Placement Center (CPPC) has information on

several co-op programs, including one which will be interviewing at the end of the month.

The Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (OCC) will be on campus April 27 to interview students interested in their Cooperative Education Program (CEP). The OCC is responsible for maintaining the safety and soundness of the national banking system. The Office charters new national banks, monitors each bank's compliance with the law and analyzes its corporate ap-See "Co-op," page 6.

HACU offers summer jobs

Historically, summer jobs have been a stepping stone for career opportunities in both the public and private sectors. Unfortunately, according to recent statistics, Hispanic students have not participated in these opportunities in numbers proportionate to their population and financial need.

Last year, according to a survey conducted by the U.S. Office of Personnel Management, of almost 10,000 federal summer jobs, only 130 went to students of institutions comprising the Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities (HACU). This year, HACU has asked newly appointed heads of federal agencies to give stronger and more serious consideration to students of HACU-affiliated colleges, such as CCSU. HACU's ambitious goal is to place thousands of students in federal summer jobs during 1993.

To carry out this goal, HACU sent letters to member institutions asking them to help communicate See "HACU," page 6

1991-92 ExCET results:

CCSU scores above state average

by Tim Schmelter Student Writer

Every teacher in the state of Texas is familiar with the Examination for the Certification of Educators in Texas (ExCET). Individuals seeking certification as educators are required to pass the appropriate section of the test to ensure they have the knowledge necessary to begin teaching in Texas public schools or to be granted a professional certificate.

According to the ExCET Report for 1991-92 (the most recent data available), the tests compare candidates' performance against a standard measure, rather than in relation to the performance of other candidates, and students from CCSU made a strong showing in several content and professional development areas.

For the 1991-92 academic year, CCSU student test-takers outpaced

the competition on several tests, beating the state average by 36.5 percent on the Computer Information Systems exam, and besting the average state score by 11.1 points on the Secretarial Business test.

Scores on several other content tests also ranked above average; candidates in the All-Level Art, All-Level Music, Vocational Home Economics, Physical Science, Biology, Composite Social Studies and Reading exams posted a 100% pass rate, and beat the average state score by as much as 30.8%.

Professional development scores also reflected positively upon CCSU's preparation of its teacher trainees. Pass rates for the All-Level Professional Development, Elementary Professional Development and Elementary Comprehensive exams ranged from 89 to 92.9%. and 100% of the 58 candidates from CCSU who took the Secondary Professional Development exam passed with an average score of 82.3.

Statistical success stories aside, the ExCET report warns against too much inter-school comparison. 'While ExCET performance data can indicate much about the quality of preparation that students received from their university, it is important to use caution when evaluating effectiveness of preparation based on ExCET performance aggregated by university," cautions the report's authors.

The report suggests comparing only institutions of similar size, wealth and other characteristics which may affect varied aspects of the university.

The ExCET program consists of 53 content specialization tests, three professional development tests, and seven examinations for a professional certificate (eg: Counselor, Mid-management Administrator and Superintendent).

Generally, ExCET examinees take a combination of tests--the appropriate professional development test and one or more content specialization tests in the fields in which they are seeking certification. Candidates who do not pass a given section of the ExCET may take the test over as many times as needed to pass.



Girl in Thought, oil on canvas, by Jerry Leal, BFA student

Student artists, musicians present works in April

The CCSU campus will be a treat for the eyes and the ears throughout April. Six student artists will present exhibitions in partial fulfillment of their Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA) degree. Through April 12, artists Jerry Leal and

Patricia Whitton will exhibit their paintings and sculpture on the second floor of the Center for the Arts (CA). Leal's works will be displayed in the West wing of the building (closest to the Administration building); Whitton's paintings will hang in the East wing.

Even when these two exhibitions close, though, art lovers will not be left out in the cold. Four other CCSU student artists will present BFA exhibitions from April 15 through 29. Nancy Steinke and Janice Gennaway will present their respective exhibitions in the upstairs hallways of CA. Jill Pankey's works will be on display in the West end of the Faculty Center (FC) lobby, while San Juanita Rodriguez

Some of the paintings on exhibit are available for sale. Price lists are available through the arts area office, CA 107.

Visual arts are not the only item on CCSU's cultural menu, however. Senior Nichole Clyburn presented her flute recital, accompanied by Debra Patton on piano, Julie Plaivech on flute, and Steve Garbade on cello, Tuesday, April 6. Clyburn's program featured works

echo with the strains Bach, Beethoven, Chopin, Brahms and Liszt on Sunday, April 18 at 8:15 p.m. as Byron Sutherland presents his junior recital on piano.

Center for the Arts at 994-2314.

On-Campus Job Interviews

Apr. 14 Franklin Company -- interviewing all majors, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., management trainee positions.

Apr. 21 San Antonio I.S.D -- 1-5 p.m., requires teacher certification by Sept. 93

Apr. 27 Comptroller of Currency -- interview time to be announced, coop intern position, \$20,000, completed CPPC file and signature on interview sign-up sheet required by Apr. 22. (See article, page 1.) NOTE: Students must have completed all Career Planning and Placement Center (CPPC) files before signing up for any on-campus interview and must sign up 48-hours in advance of the interview time. For more information, contact CPPC at 994-2628.

CCSU student, nine others attend world aquaculture conf.

Most of us know that two-thirds of the Earth's surface is covered with water. Most of us, though, never stop to think about the tremendous implications that statistic has for our everyday lives.

Not so with Rene Goytia, a graduate student in CCSU's mariculture program. Recently, he and nine other minority students from around the country attended the 1993 World Aquaculture Society (WAS)/USA Chapter meeting in Hilton Head, South Carolina. Three of the students were funded by the US Fish and Wildlife Service in Washington, DC, and seven by Sea Grant state directors from Texas A&M University, South Carolina and the University of Puerto Rico.

Each student attended a studentemployer breakfast and was required to give a formal presentation of current or planned research. The group also toured the Waddle Mariculture Center, attended the regular conference sessions (two students made regular conference presentations) and attended various

This year marks the second time WAS has funded minority students to attend the conference. Dr. David McKee, assistant professor of biology and chair of the Student Activities Committee of the society's USA chapter, spoke positively of the conference. "It was very successful," he stated. "We will be doing it every year; this is something we're very committed to." McKee went on to say that WAS is planning to send 15-20 students to the next United States meeting in New Orleans, Louisiana.

Society members judged the students quite capable of handling the challenges of 21st Century aquaculture. "All that had the opportunity to meet with these students were most impressed with their professionalism and eagerness to learn,' McKee asserted. "Without a doubt, the key to the future in aquaculture lies in the hands of just such a talented group of students."

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For further information, call the

'94 COUNTDOWN:

days to first class day of four-year status



Texas/Mexico exhibit continues in Weil Gallery

"Sweet World" by CCSU Professor of Art Bruno Andrade can been seen in the Weil Gallery through May 1 as part of Talleres en Fronteras: An Exhibition of Contemporary Art from South Texas and Baja California. This cross-cultural art show features the work of both Mexican and Texan artists exploring different aspects of the environment and political and ocial issues related to the border between the U.S. and Mexico.

Texas artists include Andrade, Benito Huerta, Betty Mobley, Michael athrop, Patricia Ruiz-Bayon, Cesar Martinez, Patricia Gonzalez, Luis imenez and James Drake.

Organized by CCSU in conjunction with Museo Regional of the Iniversidad Autonoma de Baja California (UABC) in Mexicali, the show ill travel to the University of Texas at El Paso, UABC and Centro ultural in Tijuana following its CCSU exhibition.

Funding for this exhibition has been provided by The Rockfeller oundation and the United States Information Services through the ternational Partnership Among Museums Program of the American ssociation of Museums; Michael A. Lathrop, and the Municipal Arts ommission of the City of Corpus Christi.

Gallery hours are Monday, Wednesday and Thursday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; esday, 10 a.m.-7 p.m. and Friday, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. The exhibit is free and

en to the public.

PSC offers stress reduction clinic

by Ann Ziety

CCSU's Personal Skills Center (PSC) invites students, faculty and staff--in fact, anybody at all--to a Stress Management Seminar (SMS) at 12:00 noon on April 13 in the Glasscock Memorial Student Center (GMSC). I, for one, am very excited (EXCITED).

Not that I was at first, mind you. While I can hold my own on causing stress, I don't deal with it very well. Don't get me wrong; I've tried just about everything I can think of, but Yoga gave me muscle cramps, jogging gave me muscle cramps and dry heaves, and primal scream therapy made me sound like Sesame Street's "Grover"-with laryn-

gitis. Needless to say, the prospect of a stress reduction clinic did not exactly have me all a-twitter with anticipation.

Undoubtedly, you are now perplexed, wondering why I am now so pumped about this seminar. Very simply: this workshop is free. I see that word, I get all gooey inside; it speaks to me somehow, striking a deep, resonant chord at the very core of my being. Of course, the rest of the workshop is nice, too. But really, how often do you have the chance to get free professional advice on ways to cope with stress? Outside of my column, of course.

Anyway, the seminar will help pinpoint the areas in life that cause the most stress, although in my case I think that it would be easier to determine what doesn't cause stress. You will have an opportunity to learn some of the physical and psychological damage that stress causes. It doesn't stop with peptic ulcers, either. Trust me.

Don't worry, though, they won't just leave you to ponder the horrible, debilitating conditions stress can cause. The seminar will also thoughtfully provide you with several tools to help you manage stress. They've got stuff lined up that I hadn't even thought of, like relaxation audio and video tapes, guided imagery and humor as a stress reducer. Which leads me to wonder if I can claim that trip to New York to attend the Marx Brothers Film Festival as a medical expense...but those are thoughts for another column, preferably after April 15.

The fine folks at the PSC will be happy to give you more information about the workshop if you stop by their office in Room 138 of the GMSC or call them at 994-2703. The PSC is open Mondays and Wednesdays from 12-5 p.m. and Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8 a.m.-12 noon. In addition to the occasional workshop, the PSC offers individual help with test taking, career exploration, time management, and even stress reduction.

And, like the seminar, their services are free. I love this place.



¡Ojala! opens 4-day run in Studio Theatre Apr. 15

Jim Carlsen and Carol DeRuiter rehearse a scene from ¡Ojala!: A Performance Celebration of Hispanic Literature which opens April 15, at 8 p.m., in Wilson Studio Theatre for a four performance run. Other performances are scheduled for April 16 and 17 at 8 p.m. and April 18 at 2 p.m.

Presented in English with Spanish counterpoint, ¡Ojala! includes performances of a one-act play and poetry by various noted Hispanic writers from Spain and Latin America. Works by Jose Martinez Queirolo, Federico Garcia Lorca, Jorge Luis Borges, Gabriela Mistral, Octavio Paz, Ruben Dario, Jose Juan Tablada, Pablo Neruda and Roberto Sosa will be performed by faculty and local guest actors. The production is adapted and directed by James W. Carlsen and James Edward Parsons.

The cast includes Alice Gabbard, James Edward Parsons, Clarice Wallock, Sandra Woolery, Carol DeRuiter and James W. Carlsen.

General admission is \$5. Reservations may be made by calling the University Theatre Box Office at 991-6931. Advance tickets may be purchased in the Center for the Arts Office Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Tuesday from 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.; and Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Patrons need to pick up tickets for general seating a half-hour before curtain. No one will be seated during the performance.

How to control stress

by Sharon Alexander, RN University Nurse

Everyone experiences stress at times. Although little can be done about sources of stress, such as an injury or the death of a loved one, it is possible to change our reactions to stressful situations. Most of us can learn better ways of coping with stress, whether it arises from a final exam, traffic jam or family emergency.

One way to protect our bodies from the damaging effects of stress is to develop an emotional support system through strong relationships. People who have heart disease or other specific health problems but lack social support may consider joining a support group or establishing friendships through clubs, church groups, service groups or other activities.

People with hostile or angry behavior might seek counseling on how to control such behavior. "Type A" people, characterized by hardriving, competitive and even hostile or aggressive behavior, are more likely to become stressed in everyday activities. Research suggests that Type A heart attack victims can halve their chances of another one through counseling. Experts recommend a three-step approach to coping with stress:

 Modify your perception of events. The body reacts strongly to internal dialogue whether it is reality or speculation. Even if a situation is unpleasant or painful, recognize that it is not a life-or-death matter.

2. Develop skills to influence the external source of stress. Learn how to handle situations calmly and directly to reduce feelings of help-lessness or victimization. Learn negotiating skills to handle conflicts, or learn how to be assertive rather than passive or aggressive.

3. Participate in stress-reducing activities. Walking, taking a warm bath or performing relaxation exercises such as biofeedback, muscle relaxation and yoga work well.

I would add that developing a sense of humor or watching a comedy is helpful in reducing stress and enhancing your perspective of a situation.

Learning to manage stress can protect your body and immune system. At the least, learning to cope with stress makes it easier to maintain heart-healthy lifestyle patterns such as good dietary habits, regular exercise, smoke-free living and moderate alcohol use. Most importantly, keeping stress under control can make daily living a lot more enjoyable.



Kinesiology Vice President John Salinas (left) and club President Chris Salinas (right) present a \$100 scholarship check to Amanda Alaniz, a 5th grader at Crossley Elementary, Special Emphasis program. CCSU's Kinesiology club raised the funds to help area youth fund their higher education. Photograph by Richard Nara, Kinesiology Club Photographer

Seventeenth annual expedition:

Coral Reef Ecology class set for Summer I

Since 1976, CCSU students have journeyed annually into Gulf waters to explore the ecology of coral reefs. And this year, the odyssey continues for students in BIO 434, Ecology of Coral Reefs, and BIO 532, Coral Reef Ecology.

From June 7 to July 8, students will study the typical horizontal and vertical zones of the coral reef communities near southern Veracruz, Mexico, and the most common organisms of each, including algae, corals, mollusks, crustaceans, echinoderms and fish. Graduate students will also be responsible for conducting a field research project utilizing various kinds of coral reef sampling methods.

The courses include one week of lecture and lab in preparation for a two and a half week field trip to the coral reefs of southern Veracruz, and then two weeks back in the lab to prepare for exams and analyze research data.

The expedition base camp will be set up on Isla Enmedio, four miles offshore from the fishing village of Anton Lizardo. The conditions are primitive (sorry, no facilities), but camp is set up under the canopy of large shade trees on the beautiful tropical island. Students will explore five or more reefs, depending upon weather and sea conditions.

The coral reefs of southern

Veracruz are within the Caribbean Zoogeographic Province and support a diverse flora and fauna for study and research. Over 1,500 species of marine plants and animals have been listed from these reefs by CCSU workers and others. Seagrass beds are common within the lagoons of the platform type coral reefs and typical Caribbean coral zones exist on the reef flats. Water clarity ranges from 50 to 70 feet on nearshore reefs to occasionally over 150 feet on the offshore ones.

Students will be charged a \$500 field trip fee which includes all accommodations, meals and transportation while in the field. The fee

does not include meals and lodging while in Corpus Christi. Out-of-town students may utilize University housing while attending class here; contact the Housing Office at 994-2636 for more information.

Tuition and fees will be \$249.50
Texas residents and \$1077.50 for non-residents. Students will need their own personal snorkeling gear and camping equipment and a small amount of spending money for miscellaneous expenses (\$40-50). Two scholarships will be available for field trip expenses. Enrollment is limited to 15 students, so contact Dr. Wes Tunnell in the Biology Department at 994-2470.

U. Cinema for April 14 & 21:

Golden Coach, Little Theatre complete Renoir series

University Cinema's "The Films of Jean Renoir" series continues Wednesday (April 14) at 7:30 p.m. in Corpus Christi Hall Room 117 (CCH 117) with The Golden Coach.

Filmed in English with a South African setting, an Italian cast and the famous French director Jean Renoir, this international melange works beautifully as Anna Magnani, a Commediadell' Arte actress, causes a near uprising when three rival suitors fall simultaneously in love with her. The cast of *The Golden*

Coach includes Duncan Lamont, Odoardo Spadaro and Nada Fiorelli. (1953, 101 min.)

University Cinema will conclude for the spring 1993 semester on April 21 with a 7:30 p.m. presentation of *The Little Theatre of Jean Renoir* starring Nino Formicola, Milly Monti, Roger Trapp and Robert Lombard. (In French with English subtitles. 1969, 100 min.)

All University Cinema offerings are free and open to the public and are screened in CCH 117.

Tech Prep program takes teachers into the trenches

by Tim Schmelter, student writer It would be a difficult task indeed to find a person without a strong opinion on exactly what needs to be done to heal America's educa-

tion system.

Proposed cure-alls range from year-round school to a redistribution of funds to a radical restructuring of the administrative framework. Recently, though, federal and state governments instituted a new program tightly focused on strengthening a long-neglected group of secondary students; it's called the Tech Prep program.

The traditional approach to secondary education has overlooked the "middle" group of students-those students who are neither advanced enough to be automatically classified as "college track" nor impeded to the point that they require individualized instruction.

Dr. Lee Sloan, director of Tech Prep Programs for the Corpus Christi/Kingsville 12 county area, estimates that the students comprising the two middle quartiles of academic achievement simply take the courses required for graduation rather than applying themselves towards a higher goal. Some continue to college, some enter the work force,

but few ever receive the same attention as their higher- or lower-level counterparts. These students simply slip through the cracks in the system

Thanks to the Tech Prep program, this will soon change. A nationwide, multifaceted program designed to focus the "middle" student's academic career, "the program aspires to provide a seamless linkage between high school and higher education," through a unique collaboration of secondary, postsecondary and industry organizations, explained Sloan, a Del Mar College professor as well as an adjunct professor at CCSII

Here's how it works. From middle school, or earlier, the student will receive academic and career counseling aimed at educating him or her about various fields. Beginning in the ninth grade, the student begins coursework designed to lead to employment and/or a degree in a chosen field. According to Sloan, regional demand determines which vocations receive attention; for the Corpus Christi/Kingsville twelve county area, the "demand occupations" include drafting technology, electronic technology, criminal justice and health technology. A stu-

dent's choice of vocation provides him or her with a menu of courses designed to provide specific, jobrelated skills. As students progress further into the program, they take special classes which will provide them with college credit as well as special skills

Tech Prep provides student participants with a specific level of job qualifications at distinct intervals throughout the program. High school graduation, completion of thirty hours of college, and graduation with an associate's degree all mark different levels of employability. In response, cooperating businesses have agreed to give Tech Prep participants priority in employment and higher entry-level salaries

Since industry has such a high stake in the outcome of this program, business organizations have been eager to advance the Tech Prep agenda. Part of the program involves teachers visiting local industries to get a first-hand look at exactly what kinds of math and science these businesses use on a daily basis

Two CCSU classes, ED 585F and ED 585G, have been active participants this semester. The classes have toured local refineries such as Valero, OxyChem and Hoechst Celanese, Additionally, the classes met with representatives from Spohn Hospital and Aker/Gulf Marine to learn more about practical applications of classroom knowledge. In every case, Sloan said that industry support for the program had been high.

"It's been a wonderful partnership." he declared, "I couldn't believe the presentations (the different business organizations) were putting on for the teachers." Although the classes meet at night, sometimes past normal business hours for the host organization, the industry participants have been more than ready to lend a hand. According to Sloan, every business he has asked to participate has agreed to do so without hesitation.

CCSU Professor of Education Dr. Randell Drum instructs ED 585F, the math class which has taken part in the Tech Prep program. He spoke highly of the practical value of the program. Students need to be aware of the real-world application of their classroom knowledge, he explained. "One man at Hoechst Celanese spent an entire day watching his co-workers to see what types of equations and math formulas were being used on the job during an average day. He had a whole list, and these were just observations on the job, not solicita-

The response from the teachers has been no less positive. "(The field trips) have been a real eyeopener. Students need a lot more math than they think (to be employable)," said Michele Holman, a student in Drum's class. Fellow ED 585F student Diana Johnston agreed with Holman's assessment. Especially in the refinery environment, Johnston explained, "students need to be able to perform basic math without calculators--division, fractions, percentages and proportions. This is just the opposite of what we are being told by TEA."

With such positive response from all involved, it is no wonder that Sloan has already begun work on a schedule for next semester's field trips. "We plan to run (this program) every semester until we meet the demand of the 12 county area," he stated. He also noted plans to expand the Tech Prep program to Texas A&I University, to try to reach all of the teachers in the service area

Financial AssiStance Corner

Loan Interviews

The federal government requires all graduating students who have borrowed funds under the Federal Stafford Loans (GSL), Unsubsidized Stafford Loan, SLS and/or Perkins Student Loan programs to attend an exit counseling session prior to graduation. To expedite this requirement, the Office of Student Financial Assistance (OSFA) will conduct exit counseling sessions for May, 1993 graduates on the following dates:

April 20 5:30-6:30 p.m., CCH 117 April 21 8:30-9:30 a.m., CCH 117

Students leaving or not returning to CCSU must attend. The sessions will begin promptly at the times indicated and should last approximately one hour. A representative from a lending institution will also attend to give advice on repayment of loans.

Holds will be placed on student records for registration and/or transcripts for all students who fail to attend these required sessions.

If you cannot make the exit session, please contact OSFA, 994-2338, for other arrangements.

Other Financial Aid Info

OSFA has application materials and information on a variety of scholarships, grants, fellowships and service programs. For information on any programs listed below, call or stop by the office, located in Administration Building Room 115, or call 994-2338.

Public Employees Roundtable Public Service Scholarship Deadline: May 10, 1993 Amount: \$500 - \$1,000

Applicants must be enrolled either full-time in a four year undergraduate program or be enrolled full-or part-time in a graduate or post-graduate program. All applicants must have a minimum cumulative grade point average in their current degree program of 3.5. Preference will be given to applicants with previous public service work or volunteer experience, including community service experience. Applicants will be asked to write a two page essay on "Why I Have Chosen a Government Career."

Applications may be requested by sending a self-addressed, stamped business envelope to PER Scholarship Program, PO Box 14270, Washington, DC 20044-4270. For more information, call the PER at 202-927-5000.

Department of Veterans Affairs Deadline: May 25, 1993 **Amount: Varies**

Students enrolled in nursing, nurse anesthesia, occupational therapy or physical therapy programs may be eligible for the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Health Professional Scholarship Program Award or the Reserve Member Stipend Program Award. Each program obligates recipients to serve two years in a VA Medical Center.

Awards are competitive, with selection based on academic performance, career goals and recommendations regarding work, volunteer and, in the case of the Reserve Member Stipend Program, military experience. Eligibility requirements and program benefits differ. Scholarship Foundation

of America Amount: \$1,000 - \$5,000 Deadline: None

The Foundation is a nonprofit organization whose purpose is to provide scholarships to outstanding high school and college students. Applicants must be United States citizens and must be pursuing a formal full-time education at an accredited college or university in the United States or participate in an approved foreign study program.

Awards are granted throughout the year to students who have demonstrated outstanding academic achievement or who excel in the visual/performing arts. Applications are available from OSFA. For further information, contact the Scholarship Foundation of America at (908)739-8787, FAX (908)264-8348.

The Byliners 1993 Annual Writing Scholarship Amount: \$300

Deadline: Friday, April 30

The Byliners, a nonprofit writers' group dedicated to the support, inspiration and education of writers in the Corpus Christi area since 1939, provides a scholarship to help aspiring or published writers in furthering their education and/or pursuing a full-time or part-time writing career. Any CCSU or Del Mar College student with an interest in writing may submit an application and writing sample by April 30 to the Byliners. Applications and further information are available from OSFA.



CCSU graduate education students (left to right) Agatha Snyder, Shelly Pyatte and Quenna Martin accompanied by Dr. Randy Drum (in the rear) visit Spohn Hospital's laboratory facilities. One of several field trips to area businesses, the experience helped students in the Tech Prep program research practical applications to classroom assignments.

Poetry reading Friday, April 9 Ruiz to present her poem. This Common Heart

Critically acclaimed poet and essayist Judy Ruiz will perform a poetry reading April 9 at 8 p.m. in Center for the Arts Room 127, where she will present "This Common Heart." The reading is free and open to the public.

Ruiz, currently an instructor of English at Southwest Missouri State University, has received numerous awards for her work; her most recent volume of poems, Talking Razzmatazz, has been nominated for a National PEN Award, and her essay "Oranges and Sweet Sister Boy" was included in The Best American Essay 1989.

Critic George Garrett says of Talking Razzmatazz, "Judy Ruiz has a sense of the contemporary surreal, which, however, she has modified and converted, with striking originality, by a wonderful sense of the 'real,' by a storyteller's gifts, by country music. I've never seen quite this wedding of opposites before. The results are striking and dramatic, innovative and imaginative. She touches on some very touchy subjects with an authority that only can be admired, not questioned. She is the real thing."



Beach trash sculptures:

Art's not just for museums, anymore

It's a rare occasion indeed that an artist can take pride in hearing the statement, "That art looks like something you picked up out of the junk yard!" Now, thanks to the Texas General Land Office, artists have the opportunity to aspire to trashy art.

The Texas General Land Office Adopt-A-Beach Program invites artists--professionals and amateurs alike--to participate in the 5th annual Beach Trash Sculpture Contest. For the first time, the contest will be held in the Corpus Christi area on April 24, 1993, in conjunction with the statewide "Great Texas Beach Trash-Off."

The purpose of the sculpture contest is to help publicize Texas' efforts to eliminate marine debris and beach litter, promote recycling as a solution to the solid waste problem and identify the Texas arts community with the campaign to preserve the health and beauty of Texas beaches.

Up-and-coming trash artists are faced with the challenge of collecting refuse from Texas beaches and transforming it into art. Sponsors of the contest are eager to see what artists can create from man-made trash found on the beach. Plastic items, glass, paper and metal can easily be found on beaches. Normally an unsightly nuisance, this trash could prove to be a windfall for a trash artist.

The sculptures will be juried on the basis of originality, imagination, use of materials, aesthetics and theme. The top three winners in two categories will receive cash prizes.

For more information, contact Dana Wendler, Texas General Land Office, Adopt-A-Beach Program, 1700 N. Congress Ave., Room 735, Austin, TX 78701-1495, or call 1-800-85-BEACH.

Et cetera

Mobile Early Voting

It's voting made easy! On April 13 and April 21, CCSU will once again be a mobile early voting site for the upcoming special election for U.S. Senator. Located in the Glasscock Memorial Student Center just in front of the University Bookstore, the mobile voting site will be open 7:30 a.m. to 12 noon and again from 5:30 to 7 p.m. both

Alpha Chi

Alpha Chi will have an induction meeting on April 23 at 7:30 p.m. in Warren Theatre.

Computer Science Club

Rummage Sale: CSC, in conjunction with other campus clubs, will hold a rummage sale on campus, April 17, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. by the fountain. Items for sale include books, clothes, household items, toys and much more. Donations are welcome. Contact Genna Warner. 994-2405, for more information on either CSC event.

Kinesiology Club

The Kinesiology Club will hold a car wash, April 15, 12:30-5 p.m. by the Field House. Prices are \$3.00 for cars, \$5.00 for trucks with \$1.50 for a vacuum.

Notice to August/ **December Graduates**

Students anticipating graduation dates in August and/or December should check with degree coordinators in their respective colleges regarding graduation clearance. By getting the clearance, it is hoped students can avoid any last minute

In addition to disseminating in-

formation to the campus communi-

ty, University News provides a pub-

lic forum for the discussion of cam-

pus issues. Students, faculty and

staff who wish to voice their opin-

ions on issues may submit a letter-

to-the-editor for publication in the

Letter to the Editor

graduation "snafu's." Degree coordinators for the respective colleges are: Arts & Humanities--Rhonda Muller (undergraduate), Dr. Leo Carrillo (graduate); Business Administration--Jane Ann Stein (undergraduate), Dr. Leon Knight (graduate); Education--Dr. Robert Weiderman (undergraduate), Dr. Arturo Medina (graduate); Science & Technology--Biddye Branum (undergraduate and graduate), Chris

Wonders (nursing). UCSS Favorite Professor Contest

It's time again to vote for your favorite professor, an annual contest sponsored by the University Committee on Student Services. Balloting will be held April 5-14 with ballots and ballot boxes placed in Corpus Christi Hall (CCH), Center for the Arts (CA), Center for the Sciences (CS), Classroom East (CE), Library, Field House, and Glasscock Memorial Student Center (GMSC). Students may show their support of and appreciation for professors by casting a vote. The "Favorite Professor of the Year" will be honored at the UCSS endof-the-year luncheon on April 22.

CPR/First Aid Classes

American Red Cross will hold an Adult CPR class on April 16, and a Standard First Aid class on April 23. Both classes will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in Health Services, located next to the University Police in the Physical Plant Building. There are no fees for the classes; call 994-2601 to sign up.

Graduation time is near. Orders for announcements are already being taken, and caps and gowns will go on sale April 26.

University Bookstore

Toastmasters

The Southern Division of District 56 of Toastmasters International will offer an opportunity to sharpen your communication and leadership skills with the "Reach for Success" seminar. From 1 to 4 p.m. on April 17 in the Center for the Arts (CA), the Toastmasters will present three sessions of seminars and workshops on topics such as "Reading Non-Verbal Cues," "Men-tal Flexibility," "Constructive Evaluation," "Listening Effectively," and "Team Building."

Registration will begin at 12 noon on April 17 in the CA lobby. The seminar costs \$5 for Toastmasters and students, \$10 for non-members. The seminar is open to the public. For further information, contact Cliff Atnip at 857-6008 or Irene Blackledge at 857-8258.

Thursday, April 8

Doctorial Committee: GMSC 1, 10 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

International Forum, Brown Bag Series: CS 101, 12-1:30 p.m.

Friday, April 9

Holiday: campus closed Poetry Reading, Judy Ruiz: CA 127, 8 p.m.

Monday, April 12

Baptist Student Union: GMSC 1, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

Island Waves: GMSC 2, 12-2 p.m. Wordperfect for Windows-Level I: MDC, 6-9 p.m, \$90, 991-1440.

Southwestern Bell VP of Marketing: CCH 117, 10-11 a.m., open to marketing students.

Tuesday, April 13 UCSS: GMSC 2, 12:30-2 p.m.

Mobile Early Voting: U.S. Senator, GMSC, 7:30 a.m.-12 noon, 5:30-7 p.m.

Psi Chi: GMSC 1, 7-9 p.m. Stress Management Seminar:

GMSC 1, 12-1 p.m. WordPerfect for DOS-Level I: MDC, 6-9 p.m, \$90, 991-1440. Child Protective Services: CCH 133, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

CPA Review: MDC, CE 109, 6-10



Student Government blood challenge:

Finance major Michelle Teafatiller donated blood during the recent "college blood challenge" sponsored April 5-6 by Student Government. Students, faculty and staff donated blood, then voted for their frvorite college; the College of Science & Technology won the challenge with 29 votes. Meanwhile, the Community Blood Bank's Bloodmobile collected 67 units of blood on their campus visit.

Calendar

p.m., 991-1440.

Wordperfect for Windows-Level I: MDC, 6-9 p.m, \$90, 991-1440. Univ. Cinema: The Golden Coach, CCH 117, 7:30 p.m.

Newman Club: GMSC 1, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Parking Appeals Hearing: GMSC 2, 7-8 p.m.

Student Teachers Meeting: WT, 1-3 p.m.

Thursday, April 15

Univ. Theatre: ¡Ojala! Apr. 15-17, WST, 8 p.m. \$5, 991-6931. Naturalization Ceremony: WT,

11:30 a.m. Student Government: GMSC 1, 2-3:30 p.m.

Parking Appeals Hearings: CS 104, 12:30 p.m.

WordPerfect for DOS-Level I: MDC, 6-9 p.m, \$90, 991-1440.

Friday, April 16 Sociology Club: GMSC 1, 1-2:30

p.m. Trig*Star Banquet: Blucher Institute, 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 17 GRE Test: CCH 215-218, 7 a.m.-

5:30 p.m. Toastmasters: CA, 12:30-4 p.m. Sunday, April 18

Univ. Theatre: ¡Ojala! WST, 2 p.m. \$5, 991-6931.

Student Recital: Bryon Sutherland, piano, WT, 5 p.m.

Monday, April 19

WordPerfect for Windows-Level II: MDC, 6-9 p.m, \$90, 991-1440. Early Registration: Summer & Fall 1993, Apr. 19-23 in FC, Apr. 26-30 in Admin, Bldg.

Tuesday, April 20

Del Mar Concert Band: WT, 7 p.m. Financial Aid EXIT Counseling: CCH 117, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

WordPerfect for DOS-Level II: MDC, 6-9 p.m, \$90, 991-1440.

Wednesday, April 21

Financial Aid EXIT Counseling, CCH 117, 8:30-9:30 a.m.

WordPerfect for Windows-Level II: MDC, 6-9 p.m, \$90, 991-1440. Mobile Early Voting: U.S. Senator,

GMSC, 7:30 a.m.-12 p.m., 5:30-7 p.m.

CPA Review: MDC, CE 109, 6-10 p.m. 991-1440.

Univ. Cinema: The Little Theatre of Jean Renoir, CCH 117, 7:30 p.m. Parking Appeals Hearings: GMSC 2, 7 p.m.

University News. Letters must be signed and include the author's current phone number; the phone number will not be published. Deadline for submission is noon the Tuesday prior to publication. Where's the List?

This letter is in response to the

istrars Office. I am appalled by the way the Registrar's Office has not informed students about the name change list. Most students do not know that signing this list would promote the possibility of having Texas A&M University--Corpus Christi on Spring and Summer 93 graduates' diplomas. I feel it is important for those in administration to keep students informed about important issues affecting them. This way students are well informed and not left in the dark. Perry Mayall

name change list located at the Reg-

Wednesday, April 14

Holiday hours

The CCSU campus will be closed Friday, April 9, for the Easter holidays. The following buildings, however, will be open special hours through the weekend for students.

University Library Apr. 9. 7:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Apr. 10 1-5 p.m. Apr. 11 closed. Microcomputer Labs (MCL 135, CCH 101, CCH 108,

Apr. 9 8-5 Apr. 10 12:30-6 p.m. Apr. 11 closed

Center for the Arts Apr. 9 closed

(opens 8 p.m., poetry reading) Apr. 10 1-10 p.m.

Apr. 11 12-6 p.m. **Field House**

Apr. 9 closed Apr. 10-11 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

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CEP enables junior and senior college students to experience first hand the regulatory aspects of the national banking system. Under the supervision of a National Bank Examiner, the CEP student will help in different aspects of bank examinations

The program consists of alternating work and study "phases." Typically, a CEP student will work six months, go back to school for a study phase, work six months and return to school to graduate. CEP graduates who meet all of the program requirements may be given the opportunity to convert to permanent OCC employment. The CEP position pays a salary of \$20,400 per year, or \$9.44 per hour.

Eligible students must be enrolled full-time and have successfully completed two years of study towards a bachelor's degree in accounting, business administration, economics, banking or finance (minimum of 60 semester hours); have completed at least six semester hours of accounting curriculum; and have maintained at least a 2.0 GPA.

Students who wish to interview with the OCC must have completed all-CPPC files and sign up 48 hours in advance of the interview time.

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messages about federal summer job opportunities for students. The U.S. Naval Systems Command is supporting the development, printing and distribution costs of summer iob informational materials aimed at Hispanic students.

HACU also plans to broaden its own Washington-based summer intern program from last year's total of 22 students to 80 this year. Plans are well under way to repeat last year's intern program at the U.S. Department of Transportation and replicate it at the departments of Agriculture, Energy, and Housing and Urban Development. This expansion is possible because of HACU's track record in recruiting academically strong and enthusiastic students, requiring rigorous competition, paying round trip air fare and competitive stipends, and providing special counseling and developmental opportunities.

HACU will accept applications from all students, regardless of major or ethnicity. Interested students who are legal residents of the United States, have at least a 3.0 GPA and will be juniors, seniors or graduate students next fall should write to HACU, Suite 230, One Dupont Circle, NW, Washington, DC 20036 before April 15, or call 202-833-5932.

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from a \$30 million tuition revenue bond issue authorized during the last legislative session by House Bill 2102 and backed by The Texas A&M University System (TAMUS).

Paul Pogue General Contractors, Inc. of Sherman, Texas, was awarded the contract for construction of the Central Plant and Distribution Systems with a low bid of \$9,049,000; Davis-McAllen Pipe & Supply Company of Corpus Christi has the contract on the condenser water pumps for the Central Plant and Snyder-General Corporation of Corpus Christi was awarded the contract on the heat pump for the Central Plant. Total expenditures authorized to date for the new Central Plant and Distribution Systems at CCSU are \$10,140,000.

A \$2.9 million vehicular/pedestrian infrastructure project package has also received the go-ahead from TAMUS Regents and will include the addition of 1500 new parking spaces and construction of security kiosks, sidewalk and road improvements, landscaping as well as new

"These projects... embody the acceleration in momentum that higher education in South Texas is experiencing after years of struggle and short rations."

Brooks Peterson President, CCSU Alumni Association excerpt from groundbreaking address

campus signage.

CCSU Construction at a Glance Central Utility Plant

Start date: March 1993 Completion date: April 1994 Classroom/Laboratory Facility

Start date: April 1993 Completion date: July 1994 Student Housing:

Start date: July 1993 Completion: July 1994 Capacity: 500 students

CCCTV unit improves campus video

Continuing to bring CCSU closer to the 21st century, Media Services recently installed a device that will enable practically any building on campus to access satellite broadcasts, video presentations and live programs.

The closed circuit cable television (CCCTV) broadcast unit will essentially allow Media Services to broadcast as a regular cable TV channel, said Media Services Video Producer Bill Tapscott. Any television which is connected to the campus cable network can turn to Channel 50 and watch whatever is being broadcast.

The unit was funded by the Management Development Center (MDC), a division of the College of Business Administration (CBA), in order to facilitate the Center's recent four-day live videoconference on Total Quality Management (TQM). Without the CCCTV unit, seminar participants would have had to watch the conference in Corpus Christi Hall room 117, a lecture hall with a large-screen TV. However, that room is used for academic classes throughout the week; a fourday seminar could not have been scheduled around those classes.

MDC Interim Director Katy Peeples explained, "These live videoconferences are going to be the wave of the future, and we can bring the best programs to our region through this medium." Realizing the need for having additional space designated for such a purpose, CBA decided to allocate the approximately \$1500 needed to purchase the equipment, said Joyce Barnes, the College's assistant dean for administration.

Peeples was enthusiastic both about the response to the videoconference and future possibilities. "We had an excellent program (with the last videoconference)," she stated, "and we hope to bring additional live satellite conferences to enhance the educational opportunities of our constituency." Peeples said that another TQM conference, Dr. W. Edward Deming's course on "Quality, Productivity and Competitive Position," is scheduled for May 11-14.

According to Tapscott, the capability to broadcast campus-wide had long been realized as a necessity, but no one had made definite steps to acquire the necessary equipment. "It wasn't until the College of Business was nice enough to say, 'Hey, good idea; let's do it,' that we were able to go through with the plans."

Since the equipment will facilitate campus-wide broadcasting, Tapscott foresees several potential uses for this and similar CCCTV units. "We have already had requests from the Colleges of Education and Arts & Humanities to use the service," said Tapscott. Additionally, Tapscott remarked that Channel 50 could eventually become the home for broadcasts of CCSU's student-produced television show University Magazine, as well as class projects from students in television and film classes.

"We'd like to install other units," he said, "and run a 24 hour a day bulletin board on one channel, the satellite dish over another, and various other videos over other channels." Tapscott predicts that the system will probably never have to expand beyond six internal university channels, "but we could go up to 12 channels without much of a problem," he explained.

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tables, chairs, ashtrays and protection from the elements, particularly the South Texas wind, heat and sun.

That seems reasonable enough," responded Furgason and in an on-the-spot compromise, he agreed to a temporary postponement of the smoking ban in the Student Center until CCSU could provide furnishing for the courtyard area outside the building.

Manuel, one of the organizers of the protest, expressed satisfaction with the compromise. "We wanted to be heard."

"All we were looking for is consideration," echoed Phillips. "It feels

Recreational Sports Roundup

If you want to participate in one of the recreational sports programs available for CCSU students, staff or faculty, check below for upcoming deadlines; future deadlines will be announced in later issues of the University News. Register for the events of your choosing by the appropriate deadline, and have fun! For more information, contact Ann DeGaish at the Field House, Room 114, 994-2454.

University Pool

Repairs are being made to the pool. Check at the Field House for information on the opening date. Movers, Shakers & Motivators Now-May 7

Individuals earn points for aerobic activities such as cycling, swimming, walking and aerobics. Participants earn prizes at different point levels

Drop-in Volleyball Now-Apr. 29, Thurs. 7-9 p.m.

Features informal play with teams formed on site. Participants must show a current, validated CCSU ID card to play. Open to students, faculty, staff and spouses. Combat the Fat!

Now-Apr. 28; Wed; 2:30-3:30 p.m.

Body fat testing, nutrition information and information on fitness! The program is designed to assist individuals lose pounds and inches. Information will be distributed on weight loss, exercise programs, etc. to help people get in shape. Each Wednesday, the Rec. Sports staff is available to meet individually with participants, with once a month group meetings.

Noon Walkers

Now-Apr. 30; MWF; 12:15 p.m. Walking program designed to help individuals stick with a fitness program. Supervisors monitor length of walk each day. Walks begin at Field House.

Men's & Women's Table Tennis Play: Week of Apr. 5

Schedule posted in Field House. Play begins April 8. Open and Recreational divisions. Single elimination format.

Putt-Putt Golf Register: Apr. 5-14 Play: Apr. 16, 6 p.m., Pirates of the Gulf. Free.

Singles competition for Family, Men's and Women's divisions. Individuals will compete in one round of 18 holes. Winners for low score overall, low score, front 9 & back 9. Splash Day

It's a free lunch and celebration of Spring! The annual Splash Day celebration will be held April 29, from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Menu includes hot dogs, chips and drinks. More info to come in next issue of University News.



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