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# Hunter to speak at first-ever TAMU-CC commencement

Out with the old, in with the new!  
It seems somehow appropriate that 14 days before the dawn of a new year, on Friday, Dec. 17, newly-named Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi (TAMU-CC) will graduate its first class.

Highlighting the evening, long-time friend of the University State Rep. Todd Hunter (D-Corpus Christi) will speak at the commencement exercises which begin at 7:30 p.m. in Memorial Coliseum.

The traditionally bittersweet sentiments of graduation will have a new twist as the 411 candidates for graduation cross the stage. These men and women will be the first to graduate from TAMU-CC, which

changed its name from Corpus Christi State University (CCSU) on September 1 of this year.

Hunter, who fought for increased funding for TAMU-CC during the 73rd Session of the Texas Legislature, helped pass legislation to allow transitional funding for TAMU-CC and co-sponsored a tuition revenue bond bill that will bring \$22 million for improved facilities. Hunter also

sponsored a bill giving statutory existence to TAMU-CC's Texas Coastal Ocean Observation Network (TCOON), enabling it to pursue grants and financial assistance.

In 1989, Hunter was instrumental in helping to pass the four-year university bill for TAMU-CC and the merger of the University System of South Texas with the Texas A&M University System. TAMU-CC will become a four-year comprehensive university in Fall 1994.

Hunter was elected State Representative in 1988, 1990 and 1992. His district now includes Nueces, Aransas, Calhoun and Refugio counties. During the last legislative session, Hunter served as Vice Chairman of the State Affairs Committee and was a member of the budget-setting Appropriations Committee and the Local and Consent Calendars Committee. He chaired the Appropriations Subcommittee on Education Funding, which developed the 1994-95 budget for public education agencies and institutions of higher education in Texas.



State Representative Todd Hunter

## Furgason, Vice Presidents update campus on construction and more

Despite the rainy weather outside, Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi's (TAMU-CC) Warren Theatre was abuzz with activity the morning of Nov. 16. President Robert Furgason and other University administrators updated faculty and staff on the changes transforming the TAMU-CC campus.

Furgason opened the meeting with a brief memorial for Dr. Joe Frantz, former TAMU-CC Turnbull Professor of History, who passed away Saturday, Nov. 13. Furgason wore a cowboy hat during his introduction in honor of Frantz, who was known as much for his relaxed, informal presentations as his hands-on approach to history.

The first order of business was to discuss the University's budget for the coming biennium. Although he conceded the difficulty of trying to

meet the diverse expectations different people have for TAMU-CC, Furgason said the budget "includes the things we think are necessary to prepare for the freshmen and sophomores next fall." Salary raises for faculty and staff have been given high priority, explained Furgason, as the University examines various positions to better define them. All faculty and staff at TAMU-CC received at least a four percent raise with the new budget, and Furgason pledged to continue salary raises using a merit approach to bring the campus more in line with other institutions of higher education.

Taking the podium next was Executive Vice President for Finance and Administration C. Ray Hayes, who updated the audience on construction and infrastructure projects on campus. Hayes said the

Central Utilities Plant (CUP), Classroom/Laboratory Office Complex (CLOC) and other renovation projects are all proceeding on schedule. Hayes also said the student residence halls have begun construction and are still scheduled to be completed next fall. New infrastructure projects will be coming on-line soon, Hayes added, including security and information kiosks at the entrances to campus, new parking spaces, new lighting and pedestrian infrastructure, and new emergency lights for added security.

The library automation project is proceeding apace, said Hayes, with the three finalists in the search for an automation system demonstrating their systems on campus that week. Concerning another subject on many people's minds, Hayes said the University was recommending the food service be privatized, with two major chains operating on campus. The dining area would also be remodeled to provide more seating, Hayes said. The University's food service manager left in October, raising many questions about future operation of the facility.

Finally, Hayes introduced Uni-

## Computer science dept. installs new graphics workstation

"It represents a new class of graphics workstation," glows Dr. Roy Ellzey, professor of computer science and chairperson of the computer science and math division of Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi's (TAMU-CC) College of Science & Technology.

The item to which he refers is rather unimpressive to the untrained eye, consisting mostly of a large

monitor atop a small, flat central processing unit. Ellzey will assure any doubters, however, the presence of the machine signifies something special for TAMU-CC.

The new computer is a Digital Equipment Corporation (DEC) Alpha workstation, a high-powered computer based upon a special Reduced Instruction Set Computer. See "Computer" on page 2

## Fourth annual TUBACHRISTMAS set for December 24th at CCNB

Christmas isn't just for carolers anymore. Just ask Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi (TAMU-CC) Assistant Professor of Music Dr. Allan Kaplan, who will be co-conducting the fourth annual TUBACHRISTMAS this year at noon Friday, December 24 in the

atrium of Corpus Christi National Bank, 500 N. Shoreline.

Kaplan and co-conductor Richard Morgan, an instructor of tuba at Texas A&M University-Kingsville (TAMU-K), are helping to bring the tuba out of the *biergarten* and into the hearts of Christmas revelers in Corpus Christi. Over 100 volunteer tuba and euphonium players will join forces to present the concert, which is free and open to the public. Dr. Sam Logsdon, associate professor of music at TAMU-CC, will narrate the event.

Kaplan encourages all tuba, saxophone, euphonium and baritone horn performers from the area to join the concert. Registration for performers will begin on the TAMU-CC campus at 9 a.m. the morning of the concert in the Center for the Arts (CA) lobby. A music rehearsal will follow in CA 127 from 9:45 to 11:15 a.m. Participants should dress for the season and bring a music lyre and/or a stand.

There will be a \$5 registration fee, and TUBACHRISTMAS Carol Books will be available for \$3. For more information, contact Kaplan at TAMU-CC, 994-2375, or Morgan at TAMU-K, (512) 595-2803.

## Holiday Hours

The TAMU-CC campus will be closed from Thursday, Dec. 23, through Friday, Dec. 31, 1993, for the Christmas and New Year holidays. The campus will reopen on Monday, Jan. 3, 1994. Several buildings will operate with reduced hours during the winter break; a schedule of facility hours is below.

The next issue of the *Island University News* will be published Tuesday, Jan. 18, 1994. The deadline for submitting news items for that issue is noon, Jan. 11.

- Administration**  
Through Dec. 22 University business hours  
8 a.m.-5 p.m. Mon, Wed, Thu  
8 a.m.-7 p.m. Tue  
8 a.m.-3 p.m. Fri  
closed weekends  
Dec. 23-Jan. 2 closed  
Jan. 3 University business hours
- Center for the Arts**  
Through Dec. 19 regular hours  
7:30 a.m.-midnight Mon-Fri  
noon-10 p.m. Sat  
noon-6 p.m. Sun
- Dec. 20-22 University business hours  
Dec. 23-Jan. 2 closed  
Jan. 3-Jan. 17 University business hours
- Center for the Sciences**  
Through Dec. 10 regular hours  
7 a.m.-10 p.m. Mon-Fri

- closed weekends until further notice  
Dec. 11-Dec. 22 University business hours  
Dec. 23-Jan. 2 closed  
Jan. 3-Jan. 17 University business hours  
Jan. 18 regular hours
- Field House**  
Through Dec. 12 regular hours  
8 a.m.-10 p.m. weekdays  
9 a.m.-6 p.m. weekends  
After Dec. 13 closed until Fall 1994
- Food Services**  
Through Dec. 19 regular hours  
7 a.m.-7 p.m. Mon-Thu  
7 a.m.-3 p.m. Fri  
closed weekends  
Dec. 20-Dec. 22 7 a.m.-3 p.m.  
Dec. 23-Jan. 2 closed  
Jan. 3-Jan. 10 7 a.m.-3 p.m.  
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**Certificates Of Appreciation Received**--Twelve members of the Criminal Justice Association were awarded Certificates of Appreciation by the Special Olympics of Texas for their assistance at the Special Olympics Bowling Meet held in October. Under Dr. Philip Rhoades' guidance, the student volunteers kept score and assisted the bowlers as necessary. Students receiving their certificates during one of Professor of Criminal Justice Rhoades' classes are (from left to right): Treva Askey, Robin C. Duntun, Delia Trujillo, Michael A. Pimentel, and Thelma Rourk. Not pictured are: Anne S. Hopkins, Laura Hunt, Alma J. Leal, Sylvia Lopez, Liz Ochoa, Angeliq Van Winkle, and Michelle M. Walker.

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iversity Transition Officer Dr. John Richards, who said several of the MS/DOS-based computers are on campus already, with delivery to their final destinations expected that week. The remainder of the MS/DOS units should be in before the Christmas holidays, Richards said, with the Macintosh units arriving by early next year.

Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Tito Guerrero spoke next, discussing several positions campus search committees were trying to fill. Openings currently exist for the dean of the College of Science & Technology, the director of the University Library, the director for the Career Planning and Placement Center and a number of faculty positions, Guerrero said.

Next up was Dr. Paul Orser, associate vice president for academic affairs, who said TAMU-CC has hired two new admissions counselors to help recruit students in the San Antonio and Valley areas. Orser also said several students had al-

ready taken advantage of the telephone registration system which began Nov. 15. He asked faculty and staff to remind students of the importance of using PhonReg, since the Field house will not be available in January and June for registration.

Orser turned the podium over to Dr. Marilyn Spencer, director of the Core Curriculum, who outlined the fall and spring triad courses. (Under TAMU-CC's triad system, each incoming full-time freshman student will take three predetermined courses per semester.) The triad for Fall 1994 will be U.S. History, U.S. Government and Politics, and English Composition. In Spring 1995, students will have the option of choosing one of two triads: Environmental Science, Sociology, and English Composition; or Music Appreciation, Psychology and English. Freshmen will also take a seminar focusing on college success skills, informal career advising and discussions on the course material. Following Spencer was Dr.

Charles Irwin, speaker of the Faculty Senate, who urged his colleagues to let their senators know if they have any concerns or questions. He also reminded the audience of the upcoming Faculty Senate elections and exhorted them to consider serving as a senator.

The final speaker was Vice President for Institutional Advancement H. Ken DeDominicis. DeDominicis updated the campus community on the progress of a campaign to move TAMU-CC from regional to national prominence. DeDominicis presented a number of items that will increase the University's exposure, including a mock-up of Southwestern Bell's 1994 Corpus Christi Telephone Directory, which features TAMU-CC's Classroom/Laboratory building on its cover. The University's increased exposure translates to increased funding, said DeDominicis. TAMU-CC has already received commitments of nearly \$2 million in private support, he said.



**Student Lithograph Wins Award**--All Possible Heroes Dead from the Exhaustion by TAMU-CC student Lenard Brown won second place at Austin's Eleventh Annual Juried Texas Black Artists' Exhibition in October. This lithograph was also featured last month in a BFA exhibition with other works by Brown. Two other artists participating in the BFA exhibition located in the Center for the Arts, were Cynthia Holmes and Ai Chidambaram.

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(RISC) microprocessor. The chip and its attendant hardware comprise some of the most powerful computing equipment on campus and, Ellzey says, only the beginning of the computing enhancements about to sweep TAMU-CC.

"This is a test machine," explains Ellzey. "We got it to let the faculty experiment with it and get used to it. We hope to have a whole RISC lab when we convert to four-year status in 1994." The computer was funded by grants from CITGO Refining, Central Power & Light Company, and the Coastal Bend Community Foundation.

The Alpha workstation draws its power, says Professor of Computer Science Dr. Herbert Haynes, from three main features: lightning-fast computing--the computer's "clock" runs at 150 million cycles per second (Mhz), compared with an average desktop PC clock speed of 25-66 Mhz; excellent display capabilities; and the software available for the machine. DEC has a consortium arrangement with the Texas A&M University System which allows TAMU-CC to get software installed on the machine practically for free, says Haynes.

The available software is a major

benefit, explains Ellzey, because the computer science department is trying to enhance its programs to give students a better feel for what is on the market. The DEC computer includes Computer Assisted Software Engineering (CASE) tools with the operating system, XWindows, allowing TAMU-CC students and faculty hands-on experience with equipment and software they are likely to find in industry, says Haynes.

Haynes says the new workstation can operate either as a stand-alone unit or as a server for other terminals on a network. In fact, Haynes says one of the plans for the new RISC lab calls for several standard PCs to be networked to a workstation similar to this one, allowing several people to access the computer's power. Even the University administration may be able to use RISC power, according to Haynes. TAMU-CC's current infrastructure enhancements include an Ethernet network for the entire campus, which would allow students, faculty and staff to access central servers from remote locations. Haynes says an Alpha system would have enough power to handle the increased computing needs of the expanding University.

## Immunizations recommended for all

by Sharon Alexander  
University Nurse

Along with health care reform, the media has provided increased coverage of immunization issues in the United States. As unbelievable as it sounds, some U.S. counties have a lower percentage of immunized citizens than third world countries. Why is this a concern? Immunizations prevent illnesses which can potentially result in disability and even death.

You may be surprised to learn that immunizations begin almost immediately for children. Hospitals are now implementing a universal program of Hepatitis B immunizations beginning at 2 days of age. At two months of age, a second Hepatitis B vaccine is given, as well as immunizations for Diphtheria-Tetanus-Pertussis (DTP), Oral Polio Vaccine (OPV), and Haemophilus Influenza Type B Conjugate Vaccine (HibCV). Follow-up dosages in the series are given at four months, six months, and 15 months with boosters of OPV & DTP given after

the 4th birthday.

Measles-Mumps-Rubella (MMR) vaccines are given on or after the first birthday. Originally, one MMR vaccine was thought to provide a lifetime immunity. However, following the measles epidemics across the U.S. in the last several years, we now know that a second MMR vaccine is required to attain a lasting immunity. The second dose of measles vaccine may be given 30 days after the initial dose. Children and students born on or after September 1, 1978, will be required to show receipt of two doses of the measles vaccine administered on or after the first birthday to remain in Texas schools.

Individuals born before September 1978 may not be required to show proof of the two doses of measles vaccine unless they attend a college or university where immunizations are required. This window of people who have not had the second dose are at risk for measles. For persons born before January 1, 1957, the MMR is not usually rec-

ommended, because they have probably developed a natural immunity to measles. In addition, risk of the vaccine's side effects are considered greater for this age group.

Once we have completed childhood, immunizations are often forgotten. However, tetanus-diphtheria (Td) boosters are needed every 10 years throughout our lifetime. Tetanus (commonly known as "lock-jaw") bacilli are commonly introduced into the body through puncture wounds, cuts, burns and trivial wounds--even injuries considered too trivial for medical treatment. The bacteria enter the wound, where it produces a poison causing muscle spasms and paralysis. In the U.S., four out of every 10 persons who develop tetanus die of it.

The Hepatitis B vaccine has been recommended for those considered at risk by exposure to body fluids, particularly blood, such as individuals in the health related fields. In addition, Hepatitis B is can be transmitted sexually. Because of the high-

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## Bobby Rodriguez inspires campus with his optimism

He was a young man when it happened: just 30. And ever since the auto accident that took away his pedestrian status more than thirty years ago, Bobby Rodriguez has been in a wheelchair.

Despite his disability, pity is not an emotion that Rodriguez evokes from anyone who has ever spoken or spent some time with him. Rather, it is a feeling of inspiration, says Perry Mayall, a workstudy student at the University Library Media Materials office where Bobby spends a lot of his time writing on a computer.

"He's an inspiration to us all here on campus," Mayall said. "He works two to three hours at a time on the computer, and it's not even the type of computer he originally learned on...but he adapted."

Rodriguez has been a student at

Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi (TAMU-CC), "a long time," he says. The environment suits him; learning and working hard are his goals, and his enjoyment comes from his favorite subject, history, and from his writing. Retired from the Army and a job as a commercial writer for a local television station, Bobby now devotes his time to attending classes and writing.

"I love the education process and I love this University," he said. "I have lots of friends on campus, students and faculty, who help me out." He is very grateful for all the help he has received from the library (especially Paul Rossi), the computer center, and three professors in particular: Assistant Professor of English Dr. Robb Jackson; Assistant Professor of Communication Dr. Robert

Jackson; and Associate Professor of History Dr. Robert Wooster.

Rodriguez' admiration for education and learning has earned him the respect of students and faculty alike at the University. In fact, Robert Jackson recently asked Rodriguez to make himself available as a resource to other students on campus, for counseling or just conversation. "I might be able to help, I might not. Students may like it, they may not. Who knows?" smiles Rodriguez. "But I'll be available whenever someone wants to talk. It sounds like a great idea." Rodriguez says he can usually be found at one of his two favorite haunts, the Media Center in the University Library or the Glasscock Mem. Student Center.

So what is it that makes Rodriguez such an inspiration to his fellow

students? "He works very hard, loves to learn, and he's always in a good mood," says Mayall. Rodriguez' outlook on life really shines through in his writing, as in the following essay, titled "Problems:"

We all have PROBLEMS. We'd



like to be --PROBLEM FREE. "Way, Jose. "It is an impossibility to be--PROBLEM FREE! We have to live with it whether we like it or not!...!!! grump grump #....!@...@#...ugg ugg"  
So you have many problems? do all of the people! I've seen you with no feet. To me, my friend, this is trouble or having PROBLEMS. Yet, this person never complains. After seeing this person, I said to myself--I shall never complain again... (Think).  
PROBLEMS. PROBLEMS. PROBLEMS, that's all we seem to have. We are covered with PROBLEMS. Don't hesitate to understand the limbo of the situation. Scrutinize your mind to it is all that it takes to go for it! Pull your pants up high and go to workin'.

# Professional Notes

Professor of Art **Mark Anderson** is one of fourteen contemporary Texas artists participating in "Texas Select," an exhibit of prints on display through Dec. 31 at the Wichita Falls Museum and Art Center. His work, *Corpus Christi XIX*, a polyform relief, was selected as a purchase award.

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*Blacks in Colonial Veracruz* by TAMU-CC Professor of History **Dr. Pat Carroll** was recently contracted to be published in Mexico in 1994 by Consejo Nacional para la Cultura y los Artes, a Mexican government press. The book, which was published in the United States by the University of Texas Press, traces colonial regional development in central Veracruz from 1580 to 1830 from the perspective of both slave and free blacks in the region.

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A review of George Slusser and Tom Shippey's *Fiction 2000: Cyberpunk and the Future of Narrative* by Professor of English **Dr. David Mead** will soon be published in *Extrapolation*, Vol. 34, #4 (Winter 1993).

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Adjunct Professor of Biology **Ruth O'Brien** was recently honored with the Harold Beaty Award by the Texas Organization for Endangered Species (TOES) for her outstanding contributions to the conservation of Texas endangered plants and the TOES Plant Committee.

O'Brien is an alumna of TAMU-CC and a longtime supporter of the University. With a curiosity about plants, she took her first plant identification class at the University in 1975, a class that she now teaches.

Active in her field of taxonomy, she helped establish the xeriscape garden under construction at the Corpus Christi Museum of Science and History. She also gives tours as a volunteer docent at the Corpus Christi Botanical Gardens. A profile of O'Brien was featured in the "People" section of the *Corpus Christi Caller-Times* in October.

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Professor of Criminal Justice **Dr. Philip Rhoades** made a presentation last month in Dallas at the Fifth Annual Advanced Management College of the Southwestern Law Institute. The topic of the week-long Management College was "Police

Ethics: Understanding the Present Through the Classics." Dr. Rhoades spoke on "Loyalty and Duty: Sources of Ethical Conflict."

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Concert pianist **John Owings** is currently featuring *Three Intermexzi* in his world-wide concert tour. The work was written by TAMU-CC Professor of Music and Composer in Residence **Dr. Lawrence Weiner** in 1988.

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In *Nelson A. Miles and the Twilight of the Frontier Army* (1993, University of Nebraska Press) Assistant Professor of History **Dr. Robert Wooster** presents the first modern scholarly biography of the Civil War-era soldier. Now, the book has been named as a selection for the History Book Club. Wooster says the club is geared toward a semi-popular, rather than scholarly, audience. No word yet on the movie rights.

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TAMU-CC Police Chief **Kent Butler** was the guest speaker at the Del Mar College Regional Police Academy graduation that took place on December 1 at Del Mar's West Campus.



**Alumnus Visits Campus**—In appreciation for all he has done for the University, Washington, D.C. resident and CCSU graduate **John Forehand** (center) was awarded TAMU-CC certificates last month by Professor of Political Science **Dr. Robert Bezdek** (at left) and Dean of Arts & Humanities **Dr. Paul Hain**. Forehand (BS, BA '76) was instrumental in making it possible for TAMU-CC's National Spill Control School to be named in the Oil Spill Act of 1990, thus providing the school with research and development funding.

## U-Cinema screens moving historical documentary

The last in the series of documentary films for this semester, *Something To Do With The Wall* (1990, 88 min.), will be shown Wednesday (Dec. 8) in Corpus Christi Hall Room 117 at 7:30 p.m. It is free and open to the public.

In 1986, Ross McElwee (*Sherman's March*) and Marilyn Levine first shot footage on the 25th anniversary of the Berlin Wall's erection when the imposing structure was still very much intact as the world's outstanding symbol of the Communist hardline. They thought they were making a documentary on the community of tourists, soldiers and West Berliners who lived in the seemingly eternal presence of the graffiti-embazoned eyesore.

But in 1989, as the original film neared completion, the Wall came down, and McElwee and Levine were in Berlin again, this time to capture the radically different atmosphere of the reunified city. Humor, never absent from McElwee's work, informs the perspective of *Some-*

*thing To Do With The Wall*. The filmmakers are less objective reporters than participants in an attitude adjusting process which, in their cases, harkens back to myths and fears that made up the Cold War lore of their childhoods in the classrooms of 1950s America.

A *New York Times* review states, "It is not only about history but, more important, it's also about those uncomfortable moments when we realize just how little of it we control or understand." The *Boston Globe*: "...the film extends far beyond the limits of ordinary documentary." And from the *Library Journal*, "...a 'must see' for all history buffs."



**Coming To The Weil Gallery In January**—"Texas Clay II," an exhibit of contemporary Texas ceramic artists, will be on display in the TAMU-CC Weil Gallery beginning Jan. 20. Organized by the Southwest Texas State University Art Gallery, 24 artists are featured, with two from Corpus Christi: TAMU-CC Professor of Art **Greg Reuter** and **William Wilhelmi**. The exhibit runs through Feb. 15. Pictured is a clay piece by **Claudia Reese** titled *Water Babies*; Rev de Pez.

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Jan. 11 regular hours  
**Learning Resource Center (CCH 211)**  
 Through Dec. 10 regular hours  
 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Mon, Thu  
 8 a.m.-7 p.m. Tue-Wed  
 8 a.m.-noon Fri  
 closed weekends  
 Dec. 13-17 9 a.m.-1 p.m.  
 Dec. 18-Jan. 17 closed  
 Jan. 18 regular hours

**Microcomputer Labs (MCL 135, CCH 101, CCH 108)**  
 Through Dec. 17 regular hours  
 8 a.m.-10 p.m. Mon-Thu  
 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Fri  
 1-5 p.m. Sat  
 2-10 p.m. Sun  
 Dec. 18-19 closed  
 Dec. 20-22 8 a.m.-5 p.m.  
 Dec. 23-Jan 2 closed  
 Jan. 3-Jan. 17 8 a.m.-5 p.m. week-

days, closed weekends  
**Jan. 18 regular hours**  
**Residence Halls**  
 Dec. 18, 12 noon residence halls close  
 Jan. 10, 8 a.m. residence halls open  
**Teacher Resource Center (CCH 201)**  
 Through Dec. 22 regular hours  
 8 a.m.-8 p.m. Mon  
 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Tue-Thu  
 8 a.m.-12 p.m. Fri  
 closed weekends  
 Dec. 23-Jan. 2 closed  
**University Bookstore**  
 Through Dec. 17 regular hours  
 8 a.m.-7 p.m. Mon-Thu  
 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Fri  
 closed weekends  
 Dec. 20-22 8 a.m.-5 p.m.  
 Dec. 23-Jan. 2 closed  
 Jan. 3-17 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Mon-Thu, 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Fri, closed weekends  
**Jan. 18 regular hours**  
**University Library**  
 Through Dec. 17 regular hours  
 7:30 a.m.-10 p.m. Mon-Thu  
 7:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Fri  
 1-5 p.m. Sat  
 2-10 p.m. Sun  
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 Jan. 3-Jan. 17 8 a.m.-5 p.m. weekdays, closed weekends  
**Jan. 18 regular hours**

## Honors graduation policy changes in 1994-95

Following a review by the Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi (TAMU-CC) Faculty Senate, the Dean's Council and the President's Cabinet, the University adopted a new policy in August 1993 on graduation with honors. The new policy, which appears on pages 48-49 of the 1994-95 TAMU-CC Catalog, states, "[Undergraduate] students who have completed a minimum of 30 semes-

ter hours at this University...and have superior academic records on the final 60 semester hours taken will be eligible to graduate with honors."

The previous policy, which is on page 47 of the 1993-94 TAMU-CC Catalog, required students to have completed 45 hours at the University, and calculated honors eligibility based on the cumulative grade point average (GPA) on all courses taken at TAMU-CC.

Undergraduate students who graduate with a cumulative GPA of 3.85 or higher in the final 60 semester hours of classes are eligible to graduate "with highest honors." Students with a GPA of 3.65 or higher, but less than 3.85 in the last 60 hours will merit graduation "with honors."

The new policy will be used to calculate honors eligibility for graduates this semester. However, students who are relying on the 1993-94 TAMU-CC Catalog for information on honors who will graduate this semester, Spring 1994 or Summer 1994 will have the option of having the old formula used to calculate their GPAs. Students who wish to have the old formula used should contact the undergraduate degree counselor of their College.



**Directories Now Available**—Lin Orser, compiler of the *Student, Faculty and Staff Directory*, holds the finished resource guide. The books will be available at several locations throughout the campus.

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**Alumni Association Meets**—TAMU-CC Director of Admissions Margaret Dechant addresses the former CCSU Alumni Association which met on campus Nov. 9. The first order of business was to officially change the association's name to the Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi Alumni Association. New officers also accepted their posts, with Shirald Hendrix as president.

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er incidence of Hepatitis B in the young adult population, the American College Health Association in June 1993 began recommending Hepatitis B vaccines for all college students.

The TAMU-CC Health Services

is now offering free Td and MMR immunizations to TAMU-CC students, faculty, and staff. Please call 994-2601 for an appointment to update your immunizations. If you have an immunization record, please bring your record with you.

**Calendar**

- Through December 10**  
SAC Nomination Process: Call 994-2314
- December 7**  
Sexual Harassment in the Workplace: Management Development Center, 2-4 p.m. Special employee/student rate \$10. To register call 994-5900.
- University Council of Student Organizations Meeting: GMSC, Conf. Rm. 2, noon.
- December 7-8**  
Interviews: C.C.I.S.D., Career Planning and Placement Office, GMSC 100. Call 994-2628.
- December 8**  
Island Waves Meeting: Student Life Office, GMSC, noon.
- University Cinema: *Something To Do With The Wall*, CCHall Rm. 117, 7:30 p.m.
- December 9**  
T.S.E.A. Meeting: GMSC Conf. 2, 11 a.m.
- December 9-10**  
Nursing Test: CS 101, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Call 994-2462.
- December 10**  
Mariculture Seminar: with Randy Rogers, CS Rm. 103, 8-9 p.m. Last Day Of Classes
- December 11**  
Christmas Concert: The C.C. Music Teachers Association recital by member's students, Warren Theatre, 1:30 p.m.

- GRE Testing: CCHall 213, 215, 216, 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. New requirements; call 994-2624 for info.
- American Association of University Women (AAUW) Branch Meeting: Guest speaker, Associate Professor of Art & Director of the Weil Gallery Dr. Carcy Rote, 11 a.m., Corpus Christi Art Center. Topic: "Meso-American Art."
- December 12**  
Piano Recital: Glendora Garza, Warren Theatre, 3:00 p.m.
- December 13**  
Faculty & Staff Drop In: Student Lounge, 10-2 p.m.
- FIELD HOUSE closes for renovation: Reopens Fall 1994.
- December 13-17**  
Final Exams Period
- December 15**  
Amigos Meeting: GMSC Conf. 2, 4:30 p.m.
- December 16-20**  
SAC Elections: Call 994-2314
- December 17**  
Fall 1993 Commencement: Memorial Coliseum, 7:30 P.M.
- December 24**  
TUBACHRISTMAS: Registration/Rehearsal, Warren Theatre, 9-11:45 a.m. Performance at noon in the atrium of the CCNB, 500 N. Shoreline.
- January 12-13**  
Spring Semester Registration: Faculty Center.
- January 15**  
GMAT (Graduate Management Admission Test): CCHall, 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Call 994-2625.
- January 17**  
Martin Luther King Holiday Observed: Campus closed.
- January 17-18**  
University Theatre Auditions: *As Is*, contemporary drama for mature audiences, Wilson Studio Theatre, 7:30 p.m.
- January 18**  
Spring Semester Classes Begin

**Field House to close Dec. 12**

**Recreational Sports Roundup**

The following programs are open to TAMU-CC students, faculty and staff. For more information, contact Ann DeGaish in Room 114 of the Field House, or call 994-2454.

Field House hours are: Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-10 p.m.; Saturday & Sunday, 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Facilities are available for informal use when not being used by a class or scheduled event. For racquetball court reservations, call 994-2313.

**Field House Closes**

The Field House will close on Dec. 12 to begin renovations. Faculty, staff and student lockers must be cleared by Friday, Dec. 10. The Field House will be closed through August 1994.

After Dec. 12, Field House offices will be located in Seabreeze Hall; Seabreeze Suite 7 will house Coordinator of Recreational Sports Brad Bauer and Director of Recreational Sports Ann DeGaish and Suite 9 will be the new home for Associate Professor of Kinesiology Dr. Robert Pankey and Associate Professor of Physical Education Marie Pennington. All of the phone numbers will remain the same.

Even though the Field House will be closed, the Rec. Sports program will continue to operate. Information on the program will be posted on the Rec. Sports bulletin board in the Glasscock Memorial Student Center across from Conference Room 1, or students may call the office at 994-2454.

According to DeGaish, membership agreements with local health clubs for TAMU-CC students, faculty and staff are still pending. Once information has been collected and evaluated, each student and employee will receive information on alter-

nate sites for working out during the renovations.

**Results**

The battle for pickleball champion of TAMU-CC has been fought, and Mike Nolen emerged the victor with 15-4, 15-10 wins over Rhett Collins. Nolen moved on to defeat Collins again in advanced division racquetball, taking the series two games to one, 7-15, 15-13 and 11-7. Play is still going on for men's intermediate and women's beginner and intermediate divisions.

Dale Woolverton took top honors in the 3-Point Shot contest with 14 points overall. Woolverton also dominated the Free Throw contest with an astounding 24 out of 25 throws. Sherilyn Beard won the women's Free Throw competition with 19 baskets out of 25 attempts. Willie Pina took the men's prize for most consecutive baskets, making 12 shots in a row. Valerie Valerio won the women's prize with 5 in a row.

**Football Frenzy**

**Register: Weekly, Field House**

Each Monday participants pick winners of weekly NFL Football games. Correct picks awarded points. Most accumulated points wins T-shirt.

**Movers, Shakers & Motivators**  
**Activity: Through Dec. 10, Field House**

Individuals earn points for participating in aerobic activities: walking, running, swimming, cycling and aerobics. Participants receive awards at 100 points.

**Drop-In Volleyball**

**Play: Thursdays through Dec. 9, 7-9 p.m.; Field House**

Informal, all levels welcome. Open to students, faculty/staff and

spouses. (Not on Nov. 11).

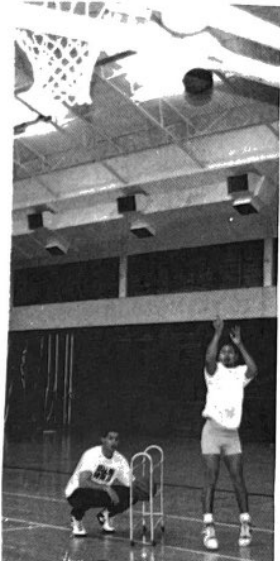
**Noon Walkers**  
**Activity: Mondays & Wednesdays through Dec. 8, noon; Field House**

Outdoor/indoor (when too hot or humid) supervised walking fitness program. Good pair of sneakers recommended.

**Combat the Fat!**

**Activity: Tuesdays through Dec. 8, 4:30-5:30 p.m.; Recreational Sports Office, Field House**

Fitness testing, information on exercise programs, nutrition and weight loss.



**Swisssh!**—Willy Pina sinks one during the Basketball Hot Shots Contest at the Field House Nov. 9. Pina scored most consecutive baskets, shooting 12 in a row.

**Etcetera**

**Student attends Shakespeare conference**

During the summer, Patricia Garcia, a former student of Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi (TAMU-CC) Assistant Professor of English Dr. Catherine Cox, attended the four-week "Teaching Shakespeare Institute," sponsored by the Folger Shakespeare Library in Washington, D.C. Although over 200 teachers applied for the institute, said Garcia, only 34 were accepted to the workshop, which focused on helping middle- and high-school teachers teach Shakespeare through performance.

Garcia also presented a paper early in the year at AGEIS, a conference for graduate students at the University of Houston. "The Help-Meet of Marriage," was a paper about the marriage relationship of Adam and Eve in John Milton's *Paradise Lost*. Garcia says she originally wrote the paper for Cox' Renaissance Poetry class in Fall 1992.

**Peer educators gear up**

Seven TAMU-CC students have been recruited as student peer educators for the campus. The system-wide grant program will focus on

wellness issues—especially drug and alcohol related topics. Rachael Brooks, Mindy Green, Tamara Hurd, Sylvia Lopez, Malina Paxton, Bobby Pena and Kathy Wells are currently working on three discussion group programs for next semester.

**Bookstore update**

The University Bookstore is offering an extra incentive this semester to those students selling back books Dec. 6-21: For each book purchased by the bookstore, the seller will receive a token that could be worth a special prize or even a lottery ticket.

The over-the-counter class ring

sale continues through Dec. 10.

Register to win a TAMU-CC embossed Bulova watch to be given away at noon on Dec. 10; no purchase necessary to enter or receive a prize token.

**Art Center of Corpus Christi**

The Art Center of Corpus Christi will feature works by several faculty members from the art departments of Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi, Del Mar College, Texas A&M University-Kingsville, and Bee County College in an exhibit on view Jan. 4 - 30. Located at 100 Shoreline, the hours of operation are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tues. to Sunday.

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