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No Smoking in campus buildings — soon

On April 1 it almost became official—smoking inside CCSU buildings and vehicles was to be banned. This decision was put forth in a memorandum, dated March 15, from the President of CCSU, Robert R. Ferguson.

Smokers will soon have to do their smoking outside of the buildings. The CCSU campus has a number of covered areas which should provide some protection from the weather. Maybe additional benches, tables and ashtrays will be placed in outdoor areas to allow students to be more comfortable while smoking or just enjoying the mild South Texas weather and the usually not-so-gentle breezes. Such accommodations might also keep some smokers from puffing away just outside the building doorways.

The ban on indoor smoking should not be a surprise to anyone. The CCSU smoking policy dates back to September 1991, when smoking was limited to designated areas. The designated area that caused most of the complaints from non-smokers was the dining area of the Student Center.

Nation-wide, smoking seems to be on the way out, as increasing evidence shows that smoking, as well as second hand smoke, is a health hazard. The privilege of smoking in public places is being increasingly restricted by many local governments, businesses and universities. For customer health and employee medical insurance reasons, it even seems likely that most restaurants will eventually ban smoking in their dining areas.



Protest delays CCSU ban on smoking

By SANDRA DAVIS

Angela Manuel, a student, presented President Ferguson, who was there to answer the students' questions, with a petition signed by 155 frustrated smokers. Smokers, as well as non-smokers, were upset about the lack of student input in the decision which affects many of them.

Ferguson agreed to delay the no-smoking ban until outdoor smoking is made more comfortable. He said that better furnishings would be placed in the courtyard outside the Student Center and delay the ban until the materials can be provided.

TUITION MAY BE 6 TIMES HIGHER IF BILL IS APPROVED

By ED GLAZE

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

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

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

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

The bill passed the Senate and is referred to the House subcommittee. Please call Ashley Smith, the Chair of the Higher Education Committee at (512)663-0696 to comment on this bill. Irma Rangel is the vice-chair of this committee. Write them at: c/o Capitol Station, POB 2910, Austin TX 78711. THE BILL IS NOT LAW. YET AND TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE.



TX Bill status (1800)253-9693

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CCSU is gone — Long live A&M-CC

The name change is official and the last students to have CCSU on their diplomas have already walked across the stage. It seems fitting that with the change of names comes enough construction on campus to allow us to visualize that the university is really taking on a new identity. In a few short years the transformation will be of such a scale as well as surely amaze alumni who have long been away.

But what do we call our University now? The full name of Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi is way too long. The obvious abbreviation of TAMU-CC doesn't have the easy sound that CCSU did. The student newspaper, or at least its editor, supports A&M-CC for the nickname. If you have a preference then you ought to let others know, like the administration, the *Island University News* (noe change name and graphics) or the student government members.

Spring phone registration begins Nov. 9

By Bobby Peña

A new 12-line phone registration system will be available for student use for early Spring registration.

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

"I am excited about the system," said Dr. Paul E. Orser Jr., associate vice president for academic affairs. "I think it works pretty well," he said.

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

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

The registration system will be convenient if students are careful to follow the instructions they receive. "The instructions are straight forward and easy to read, but it is best to read through the directions, complete the worksheet and familiarize yourself with the process before dialing the phone number," said Registrar Dr. Larry Yester.



card Students who will be filing for short-term loans (emergency loans) will also be using phone registration.

"We changed the rules on the short-term or the emergency loans. If a person brings the bill to the financial aid office, they will be able to do the paperwork for that type of loan. This way if you don't have the money by the payment deadline (Dec. 29) you stop in and arrange for a short-term loan, so you don't have to worry about losing your courses," said Orser.

"We have tried in a lot of ways to make it easier and tried to work through the situations so it becomes less of a hassle," Orser explained.

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

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

The signing up for classes during regular registration will be held in the Faculty Center. Paying for scheduled courses will be done in the Administration (Round) Building.

Students are encouraged to use the phone registration system because it will be much easier, faster and more convenient than waiting through the regular registration process.

Island Waves gets funding

By ED GLAZE III

Soon there will be two computer systems in use in producing the paper. Both are 486/33s and one will be for desktop publishing and the other for word processing. Hopefully, they will be ready in time to produce the next issue of the *Island Waves*.

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

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

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