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## Ground breaking for new CESS building Regents visit TAMU-CC campus

The Texas A&M University System Board of Regents, State legislators and officials, Corpus Christi Mayor Mary Rhodes and Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi officials lined up to move the first spadeful of dirt at the site for the new Center for Environmental Studies and Services building at the TAMU-CC campus June 30.

The CESS building, to be constructed at a cost of over \$10 million, will house TAMU-CC's Center for Coastal Studies, National Spill Control School, Water Supply Center, Bioremediation Research Institute and Environmental Research Consortium. Also to be housed within the 100,000 sq. ft. of offices are 14 other state agencies involved

in environmental issues. Coupled with the offices will be 12,000 sq. ft. of storage space for marine vessels. It is anticipated the CESS building will be completed in early 1996.

Prior to taking shovels in hand and placing hard hats on heads for the symbolic ground breaking, many of the dignitaries voiced their enthusiasm for the new building.

"What we're witnessing here is evidence of this university becoming a leader in matters related to oceanography, coastal issues and the environment," said State Senator Carlos Truan. "This is an historic occasion that will make Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi the center for leadership on environmental issues."

State Representative Todd Hunter stated, "We're entering a new era, a new time period for the university with this dedication, but this is just the beginning. You're going to see us fighting for more environmental degree programs and growth to truly make this facility a leader in environmental issues."

State Representative Robert Early added, "Let's face it, colleges are competitive and what we can offer here with this new building makes us all the more competitive and attractive to top students and faculty."

"This is a beautiful building and it's a natural for Corpus Christi," said Corpus Christi Mayor Mary Rhodes. "Whatever is good for this university is good for the city 10 times."

Corpus Christi Chamber of Commerce President-elect Al Jones said, "The development of this university has been a focal point of the chamber and will continue to be a focal point."

Director of the Center for Coastal Studies at TAMU-CC Dr. Wes Tunnell and Projects Management

Chief for the General Services Commission John Patterson both pointed to the advantages of housing related agencies in the same building. "A consolidated location creates a recognizable location and findable address for the people and organizations who work with the agencies that are going to be in this building," said Patterson. "I've heard many people praise this concept of a one-stop shopping center for permits and consultation on environmental issues."

Tunnell added, "This is a win-win situation for all of the parties involved. If you haven't seen the old building, I'd encourage you to walk through and see the ceiling tiles falling down and the walls warping. At the same time, the people who work there don't want to leave because it's such a functional facility. I think this co-location concept will be a model for the nation."

Alluding to the recent adverse publicity toward some administrators of the Texas A&M University System, Board of Regents Chairwoman Mary Nan West exclaimed, "Texas A&M is alive and well. Texas

'94 COUNTDOWN:

**45**

days to first class day  
of four-year status



The Texas A&M University System Board of Regents visited the Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi campus June 30 for the new CESS building ground breaking, hear status reports on construction and programs and tour the campus. Above regents (at table facing camera left to right) Mary Nan West, Guadalupe Rangel, John Lindsey, Bill Clayton, Raul Fernandez and Michael O'Connor.

## TAMU-CC officials visit Washington D.C.: Alumni Club established; Support sought for Federal wing on Center for Environmental Studies and Services

Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi President Robert Furgason, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Tito Guerrero, Vice President for Institutional Advance-

ment Ken DeDominicis and Director of Special Projects Dr. Robert Bezdek were in Washington D.C. recently to discuss a federal wing for the new Center for Environmen-

tal Studies and Services (CESS) with See "D.C." continued page 2

## Dr. Diana I. Marínez is new dean of College of Science and Technology

Dr. Diana I. Marínez has accepted the position of dean of the College of Science and Technology at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi. Marínez is currently a Professor of Biochemistry at Michigan State University where she has also served as chair of the Department of Natural Science and as Education Pro-

gram Director of the Julián Samora Research Institute. She begins her duties at TAMU-CC Sept. 1.

Marínez has also worked as consultant for the W.K. Kellogg Foundation, the National Academy of Science, the National Institutes of Health, the National Science Foundation, the American Association for the Advancement of Science and the National Institute of Education. She is currently an advisor for the Kellogg National Fellowship Program.

A native of Texas, Marínez received her Bachelor of Arts degree in Chemistry at Incarnate Word College. She received her Ph.D. in Biochemistry from Indiana University.

Marínez will replace Dr. Ruth Bakke who has announced her retirement effective Sept. 1. Dr. Roy Ellzey is serving as interim dean of the College of Science and Technology until Marínez arrival.



Dr. Diana Marínez



U.S. Congressman Solomon Ortiz was honored by Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi officials during the recent Washington D.C. trip with a rendering of the future view of the campus. In Ortiz' office for the presentation are (left to right) President of the Washington D.C. Alumni Club John Forehand III, Director of Special Projects Bob Bezdek, Provost and Dean of Student Affairs Tito Guerrero, Ortiz, President Robert Furgason and Vice President of Institutional Advancement Ken DeDominicis.

## University parking fees to increase as of Sept. 1

University parking fees will increase Sept. 1 for students, faculty and staff. "The parking rates have increased since last year, but they're still affordable and we hope this move does not offend anyone," says University Police Chief Kent Butler. "We are still one of the least expensive paid parking campuses

in the state and I do have statistics to back that up if anyone is interested."

**New rates will be: \$25 (per year) for faculty and staff; \$15 for students in the fall Semester; \$15 for students in the Spring Semester; \$5 for students per each summer session (dorm and motorcycles included); \$15 for students in**

**dorms per semester and \$10 for students with motorcycles per semester.**

Butler continues, "We are proud of the new available parking as the lots are much more convenient than before. We have not increased the amount for fines and have taken all See "Parking Fees" on page 2

## LaDonna Perry Johnson and Maria Maricela Fuentes tabbed Assistant Deans of Students

LaDonna Perry Johnson and Maria Maricela "Mari" Fuentes have been named assistant deans of students at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi.

"One of the issues confronting higher education, especially institutions in South Texas, is diversity," says TAMU-CC Dean of Students Dr. Eliot Chenaux. "We were fortunate to find two qualified nominees with experience in student services."

Chenaux continues, "LaDonna previously worked with John Gardner, creator and author of 'The

Freshman Year Experience." She also brings a wealth of experience here from the University of South Carolina at Spartanburg, especially in the area of students with disabilities."

While at the University of South Carolina, Johnson served as Coordinator of Minority Student Affairs and Director of Disabled Student Services. She received her Master of Education in Student Personnel Services in Higher Education Administration at the University of South Carolina in Columbia. She received a Bachelor of Science in

Psychology at the University of South Carolina at Spartanburg.

"Mari came from Notre Dame where she served as coordinator of Multi-Cultural Affairs," says Chenaux. "She has extremely good program ideas for us to implement here."

Fuentes also served as assistant director of the University of Notre Dame Alumni Association and minority student recruiter. She obtained both her Master of Science in Administration and Bachelor of Arts in History/Business Administration from the University of Notre Dame.



LaDonna Perry Johnson



Maria Maricela Fuentes

## Wakashige new Library Director

Benjamin T. Wakashige has accepted the position of Director of the University Library at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi, effective Aug. 8, 1994.

Wakashige has been serving as director of the Miller Library Western New Mexico University for the past seven years. During the 1989-90 academic year, he served as acting vice president for Academic Affairs. Wakashige has also supervised the implementation of an integrated library automation system at Western New Mexico University.

Prior to joining Western New Mexico University, Wakashige served as director of the Library at the University of Albuquerque and as library media specialist at both the Albuquerque Academy and the

Zuni School District in Zuni, New Mexico. He also worked as a librarian at the University of New Mexico, the New Mexico State Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, the Maine State Library and Southern College in Birmingham, Alabama.

Recent honors received by Wakashige include election as president of the New Mexico Consortium of Academic Libraries, the New Mexico Library Leadership Award in 1993 and selection as a Fellow in the Academic Leadership Academy of the American Association of State Colleges and Universities.

Wakashige has a Bachelor of Arts degree from Western New Mexico University and a Masters degree in Librarianship from Emporia State



Benjamin T. Wakashige

University. He has also pursued doctoral work at the University of New Mexico.

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precautions against complicating the parking regulations."

**Parking fines are: \$5 for first time offenders who park in a no parking zone or loading zone, have the wrong permit for a parking zone, park on the wrong side of the street, park on or over a line and back into parking areas; \$10 for first time offenders who park in a fire lane zone, park in a handicap zone without permit, park in a reserved space without a permit, park in a visitor space without a permit, fail to register and display current parking decal and those who display an expired decal.**

He adds students will continue to

be allowed to park in faculty and staff parking spaces after 4 p.m. weekdays and on weekends. Butler notes this excludes handicap parking spaces. Unauthorized vehicles parked in handicap spaces will be towed away. Parallel parking for all commuters, except handicap is forbidden regardless of the color on the curb.

Also, unregistered vehicles are required to display a temporary decal. The temporary decals are available at the information kiosks and the University Police Office.

The 24-hour police phone number is 991-8031. The police extension number is 2320.

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federal officials, legislators and their staff. During the same visit, a Washington D.C. Alumni Club was established.

A June 30 ground breaking ceremony marked the kick off for construction of a new CESS building. The \$10 million facility is funded by state monies and at its completion in early 1996, will house only state agencies. The current CESS building, scheduled for demolition at completion of the new facility, houses both state and federal agencies. For the past several months the advantages of having state and federal environmental agencies within close proximity of each other for resource and expertise sharing has been outlined to federal legislators and their staff. Last April and June, groups of congressional staffers visited the campus to hear from federal personnel and others about the need for a federal wing to the new CESS building.

"Federal agencies are under a great deal of pressure to hold the line on spending," said Furgason after the Washington D.C. trip. "It is very competitive atmosphere for projects seeking funding. Projects are not funded just because they are worthy."

Bezdek added, "We now have a better feel for what we need for our

presentation for the whole package for a federal wing to the CESS building. We are in a better position to make an argument for the facility and we made some very good contacts."

According to Furgason, once the new CESS building is completed, the Secretary of Interior will receive official notification agencies under the Department of Interior jurisdiction vacate the present CESS building. "The current building will be demolished when the new building is completed," Furgason affirms.

Both Furgason and Bezdek had praise for Congressman Solomon Ortiz and his staff for their efforts in introducing the TAMU-CC delegation to federal agency representatives and other legislators and arranging meeting space for presentations to these persons. Texas Congressman Greg Laughlin was an attentive ear during one of the sessions, leaving only when it was necessary to cast his vote on the U.S. House floor.

Furgason says, "We are guardedly optimistic, but not to a point where we feel it is a sure thing."  
**WASHINGTON D.C. ALUMNI CLUB ESTABLISHED**

A Washington D.C. Alumni Club of the Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi Alumni Association has

been established. The group held their first meeting and elected officers during the recent visit to Washington D.C. by TAMU-CC President Robert Furgason, Provost and Vice President of Student Affairs Tito Guerrero, Vice President for Institutional Advancement Ken DeDominicis and Director of Special Projects Bob Bezdek.

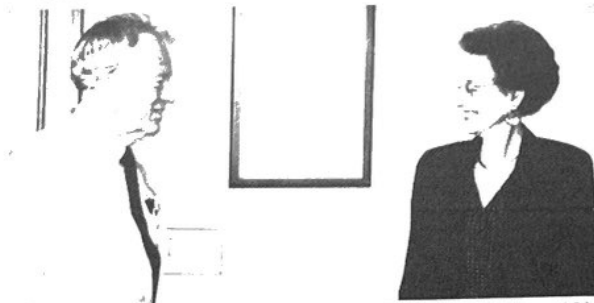
"We've certainly got a gung-ho group of alumni and friends that will be beneficial to our projects, especially with federal involvement," says Furgason of the Washington D.C. Club.

Officers of the Washington D.C. Alumni Club board are President John Forehand III, Vice President Jackie Soliz-Chapa, Treasurer Marlene Rodriguez and Secretary Kenneth Solis.

Other members of the board are Jim and Cynthia Ayers, Jackie Barna, Angus T. McLean and Dave and Fran Walton.

Approximately 100 TAMU-CC Alumni live in the Washington D.C. area.

The Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi Alumni Association now has four alumni clubs with groups in Corpus Christi, San Antonio, Houston and Washington D.C. Efforts are underway to organize clubs in Austin and Laredo.



John Chapman and his wife, Louise, (above) had lunch with Texas A&M University System regents and TAMU-CC President Robert Furgason June 30 in the conference room adjacent to the President's Office. At this time the room was dedicated as the "Chapman Conference Room" in recognition of Chapman's contributions and support to the university.

## "La Estudiantina" returns from visit to Spain

La Estudiantina, established as the musical and goodwill ambassadors of Texas A&M University System and Corpus Christi, became international representatives of South Texas with a recent 14-day tour of Spain. Of the trip, the group's sponsor, Dr. Leo Carrillo understates, "It was a pretty full agenda. We killed many birds with one stone."

The sometimes exhaustive trek included instrument shopping, researching the roots of "Estudiantinas," making contacts with Universidad de Extremadura, visiting with three potential TAMU-CC students from Sevilla, and numerous performances including one at Aldeacentenera, the birthplace of Alonso de Pineda, who named Corpus Christi Bay.

The group researched their roots at Santiago de Compostela, considered the birthplace of Estudiantinas, during the first week of their journey. Still very visible at Santiago de Compostela are the ancient roads used during the Crusades. Carrillo adds, "James the Apostle is buried at Santiago de Compostela. This is the most know Christian shrine in the Old World outside the Holyland."

"Aldeacentenera was one of the highlights of our trip," says Carrillo. "In the morning, the people greeted

us beautifully and served us breakfast. This was followed by a press conference with municipal officers and representatives of Universidad de Extremadura."

During this special day the group also visited the Monasterio de Guadalupe where they saw Zubaran paintings. "There was a lot of excitement here," says Carrillo. "The Queen of Spain was to be there the next day to receive three restored El Greco paintings."

Also during the cultural celebration at Aldeacentenera, citizens of the community wore traditional attire and danced to the sounds of "La Estudiantina" and two other "Tunas." At one point, all three groups of musicians performed together. The celebration moved into a restaurant and lasted till 4 a.m. The American visitors had to be packed and on the bus for the next leg of their trip at 8 a.m. "Sometimes we slept on the bus," notes Carrillo.

While in Sevilla the group encountered Carolyn Moyer. Moyer, a teacher and English tutor, is a TAMU-CC graduate and daughter of Dr. J.G. and Freddie Casillas of Corpus Christi. With Moyer were three of her students who delivered to Carrillo applications to attend TAMU-CC.

Stops were also made in Granada, where the tombs of Ferdinand and Isabella and Palace of Alhambra were visited and in Toledo, Corpus Christi's sister city in Spain.

Probably most visible in a video made about La Estudiantina's Spain visit was Madrid. Performances were captured on video at The Prado, the Plaza Mayor, the Palace of Phillip II ("Escorial"), the bull fighting ring and through downtown traffic. "The people cooperated so well," recalls Carrillo. Traffic was halted to allow the musicians through the street. There were no irate drivers yelling nor car horns blaring.

La Estudiantina was treated to a "fine meal" and sang their finale at the Hotel La Puerta de Toledo in Madrid. The final note was followed by prolonged applause.

The video production and transportation were provided by Fundacion Octavio, a Spanish civic organization.

Members of "La Estudiantina" are: Eddie Rosas, Greg Rubio, Belinda Valderas, Dirk Gootjes, Karen Gootjes, Andres Garcia, Tricia Martinez and Carrillo.

Accompanying the group were TAMU-CC students Tom Hydrick and Yolanda Godsey.



Dr. Leo Carrillo, director of La Estudiantina, received a copy of a book outlining the history Aldeacentenera from local officials and dignitaries including the Presidente Deputados de Aldeacentenera and Decano de Filosofia y Letras of the University of Aldeacentenera during the group's recent visit to Spain.

## Professional Notes

### Dr. Leo Carrillo named Presidential Fellow at TAMU-CC

Dr. Leo Carrillo, Professor of Hispanic Studies and Assistant Dean and Graduate Advisor at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi has been designated Presidential Fellow at the University effective June 1, 1994.

The purpose of the Presidential Fellowship is to provide a selected member of the faculty with exposure to University-wide administrative matters and incorporate the perspectives of that faculty member into the decision-making process.

The Presidential Fellow has a term of one year and it is anticipated it will continue in subsequent years. An application solicitation and review process will begin in the 1994 fall semester for selection of the next Presidential Fellow.

### Dr. Howard G. Blount to work with NASA JOVE Program

The NASA/University Joint Venture (JOVE) Program has announced Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi will participate in the program. The research program is designed to build research capabilities at U.S. institutions of higher education which have had little or no involvement in the Nation's space program.

Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi will participate through the JOVE program in the area of planetary geology. Dr. Howard G. Blount, associate professor of Environmental Science at TAMU-CC and a planetary geologist, will collaborate with Dr. Alfred S. McEwen of the U.S. Geological Service on the high resolution spectral analysis of CLEMENTINE sensor data from extraction of lunar cratering age data.

This summer, Blount will spend 10 weeks in residence at a research

site. An electronic network link between TAMU-CC and the research team at the NASA-sponsored facility will be established. The joint research, curriculum development and outreach will begin in the fall and continue for three years.

The total monetary support from NASA will be about \$110,000 spread over three years. The JOVE premise is to make the excitement, the challenges and research opportunities of NASA's missions available to a broader spectrum of colleges and universities.

### Dr. Moustafa Abdelsamad named to St. James Episcopal School Board of Trustees

Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi Dean of the College of Business Administration Dr. Moustafa Abdelsamad has been selected to serve on the St. James Episcopal School Board of Trustees for 1994-97.

In a letter to Abdelsamad asking him to serve on the board, St. James Episcopal School Headmaster R. Jay Dewey, writes, "It would be very helpful for St. James to have not only your business expertise, but also your knowledge of higher education."

Abdelsamad's nomination to the board was approved during the board's April meeting.

### Dr. Nadina Duran participates in Promoting Mathematics to Females and Minorities Seminar

Dr. Nadina Duran, professor of Mathematics, director of the Mathematics Integration Program and coordinator for Special Programs in Mathematics participated in the April 15 Houston seminar, "Promoting Mathematics to Females and Minorities." During the seminar, Duran made a presentation entitled, "The Way Mathematics is Taught Determines Who Succeeds."

## Summer Mathematics Course on USS Lexington took participants to Mars

Recently, high school and middle school mathematics teachers from throughout the Coastal Bend stepped aboard the USS Lexington and blasted off for a simulated trek to the planet Mars. While enroute to the red planet, May 31-June 27, participants faced a number of problems that were solved through mathematics.

This innovative approach to teaching mathematics was 11 years in development by Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi Professor of Mathematics and Coordinator for Special Programs in Mathematics Dr. Nadina Duran. Duran describes this approach as "Situational Mathematics." According to her, "Situational Mathematics" uses a global-holistic, instead of a linear-sequential, framework. She adds, "This was developed to convey meaning to the abstract way most teachers and students experience middle and high school mathematics."

She continues, "This is the only program in Texas we know of its kind. It is an approach where the teacher will work as a coach or catalyst rather than stand in front of a class and lecture."

"A Space Trip to Planet Mars" is just one part of the program. Area math teachers solved their intergalactic problems in the mornings and during the afternoons, worked with area high school and middle school students to incorporate teaching methods they acquired in the morning.

Duran adds, "There is a concern about the gap between middle school and high school algebra. An additional objective of this course is networking development between middle school and high school teachers. This will hopefully build a bridge

for kids between teachers."

The "Trip to Mars" was just the first of two summer sessions coordinated through the Mathematics Integration Laboratory (MIL) at TAMU-CC. The MIL is a collaborative effort of TAMU-CC, Education Service Center, Region II, TexPREP at Del Mar College and the Corpus Christi Independent School District to expand resources and improve teaching techniques for schools in the Coastal Bend. Duran is the director and Dr. Alex Sadovski is the associate director of the MIL. Sadovski, an associate professor of Mathematics at TAMU-CC, and Duran will teach the summer

programs.

The second session, now underway through Aug. 1, takes place at the Texas State Aquarium, the Laguna Madre and the Marine Science Institute with the theme, "Environmental Issues of our Planet." This session integrates mathematics with science as problems are put into mathematical terms concerning Carbon Dioxide and Red Tide.

The MIL summer programs are sponsored by the Eisenhower Grants Program.

For more information about the programs contact Duran at 512-994-2367.

## C.C. Army Depot & TAMU-CC establish training partnership

The Corpus Christi Army Depot and Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi have formed a working partnership for improving supervisory skills in CCAD's Leadership Development & Proficiency Program.

A pilot course began last March and recently concluded. According to Charles Walker, training supervisor at CCAD, "The classes taught by TAMU-CC were excellent. The quality of information presented as well as the instructor (Dr. Bill Alvarez) were outstanding."

In opening remarks to those participating in the pilot course, Colonel David J. Fowler, commander of CCAD, said, "We need to modernize our management and leadership skills."

The review and assessment portion of the program will be taught by TAMU-CC and consist of 11 work-

shops.

Walker says, "The program was developed by CCAD supervisors, TAMU-CC and other sources." Walker attributes much of the development of the program to concepts put forth by Dr. Tom Krepel, dean of University Outreach at TAMU-CC.

Fowler adds, "We are working with Del Mar College in a number of technical arenas. It is to our interest to use available resources. We have flexibility in these types of working relationships where our workers are taught what we feel they need to be taught."

For Krepel, the establishment of the program with CCAD is a strong example of how the university can serve the community. "The university has made a commitment to working with the community and industry and that is through outreach," he says.

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During the afternoon, the regents heard status reports on the Core Curriculum program, freshmen and transfer admissions and construction projects. This was followed by a tour of the campus and a reception at the home of Regent Guadalupe Rangel.

Regents visiting the campus were West, Rangel, John Lindsey, Bill Clayton, Raul Fernandez and Michael O'Connor.

# U. Theatre opens comedy, "I Hate Hamlet"

The University Theatre at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi will open the hilarious comedy, *I Hate Hamlet* by Paul Rudnick, Thursday, July 14 at 8 p.m. at the Wilson Studio Theatre at the Center for the Arts. Other 8 p.m. performances are scheduled for July 15, 16 and 21-23. There will be two Sunday matinee performances at 2 p.m. on July 17 and 24.

*I Hate Hamlet* is a fast-paced, uproarious comedy about a young and successful television actor who relocates to New York from Hollywood to do Shakespeare in the park while his television career is in limbo. His agent gets him the opportunity to do Hamlet, but the young

actor has misgivings because he hates Hamlet. He has rented a gothic, medieval apartment formerly inhabited by actor, John Barrymore. The comic complications progress when the ghost of Barrymore appears to teach the young actor how to perform Hamlet.

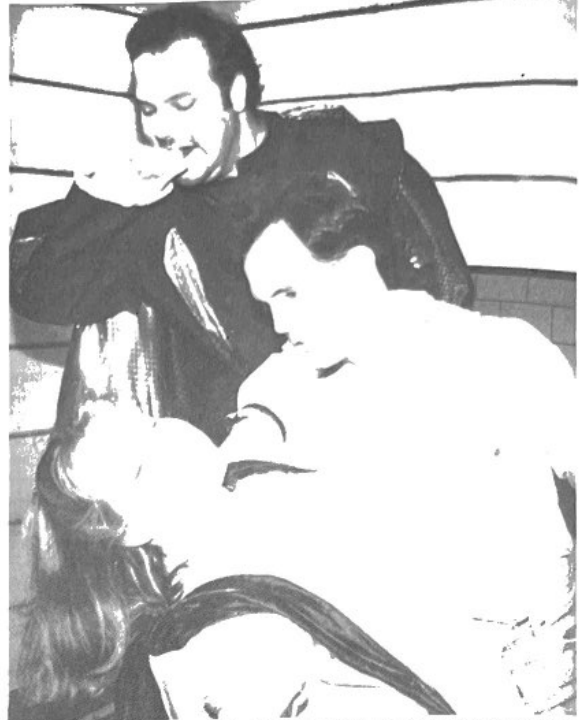
The cast of actors and characters are: David DuBose as television actor Andrew Ralley; Joel Early as the ghost of John Barrymore; Rachyll Dempsey as Felicia Dantine, a New York real estate agent; Kelly Grochow as Andrew's girlfriend Dierdre McDavey; Elizabeth Clark as Andrew's talent agent Lillian Troy and Douglas C. Holcomb as Hollywood producer Gary Peter

Lefkowitz.

The production is being directed by James W. Carlsen, TAMU-CC professor of Communications and Theatre and director of the University Theatre.

General admission is \$6 for the general public, \$3 for faculty and staff and \$1 for students. For ticket reservations, call the University Box Office at 994-5800.

Advanced tickets may be purchased in the Center for the Arts Office Mon., Wed. and Thurs. from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tues. from 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Fri. from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Box Office opens at 6:30 p.m. for evening performances and 12:30 p.m. for Sun. matinees.



*"I Hate Hamlet" opens July 14 at the Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi Wilson Studio Theatre. Above, Andrew Ralley (David Dubose) holds his sweetheart Dierdre McDavy (Kelly Grochow) in warm embrace as the ghost of John Barrymore (Joel Earley) looks on. For more information about production dates and times, call the University Theatre at 994-5800.*

# Dr. Hector P. Garcia Plaza committee launches fund-raising campaign

The Dr. Hector P. Garcia Plaza steering committee has met to begin preparations for a \$300,000 fund-raising campaign to build a major plaza on the university campus to honor Garcia for his lifework on behalf of justice and human rights.

The campaign was formally announced by committee Chairman Oscar Ortiz at the 54th annual banquet of the Corpus Christi Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, June 22 at the Marriott Bayfront Corpus Christi.

"I have a special reason for being committed to this effort," Ortiz, Nueces County commissioner-elect for precinct 3, said during the meeting. "About 42 years ago, Dr. Garcia brought me into the world. My parents were migrant workers, and we were pretty poor, so we didn't have the \$50 Dr. Garcia charged for the delivery. As far as I know, we still owe him that \$50, so I am honored to be part of a project to honor this great man."

The plaza will house a 9-foot bronze statue now being completed by Kingsville sculptor Roberto

Garcia Jr., following a successful fund-raising campaign led last year by Dr. Julio Vega and attorney Albert Huerta.

Located at a major thoroughfare on the university campus - between the library, student services building and faculty center - the plaza also will have a gazebo/grandstand, wrought-iron benches and lamp posts. Encircling the tile and landscaped plaza patio will be a 12-foot stucco wall displaying large plaques tracing Garcia's life, including his contributions as a longtime Corpus Christi physician, human rights leader and founder of the American G.I. Forum. The committee expects the plaza and statue to be dedicated in the fall of 1995.

"The buildings are great, but this is like putting a soul on the campus," said Ken DeDominicis, vice president for institutional advancement at the university. "Everyone I have talked to about this project has been excited and wanted to know how they could get involved."

The plaza steering committee is seeking a lead donor to contribute

\$100,000 to \$200,000 to anchor the fund-raising campaign. Also, tiles will be sold for \$75 or \$100 to be placed in the plaza patio with inscriptions from the donors and larger, hand-painted tiles will be sold for \$500 to be placed in the wall.

"For a lot of people, especially those who most identify with Dr. Garcia's work, even the smaller tiles will be a significant investment. But if they approach it as a family, it will be possible for anybody to be a part of this project," said Yolanda Olivarez, a lender with Nationsbank and member of the plaza steering committee. Other members of the steering committee are: Leon Bazar, Human Resources Manager of Hoechst Celanese Technical Plant; Servando Caballero, General Manager of KORO-TV; Amador Garcia, attorney; and Aurelio Valdez, Superintendent of Corpus Christi State School.

Brochures describing the project and tile order forms are being printed now and will be distributed to businesses and organizations throughout the community. For more information, contact the Office of Institutional Advancement at the university by calling 994-2420.



*The gavel is passed from past Student Body President Arnoldo Peña (left) to President Sergio Olivares after recent swearing in ceremonies at the Glasscock Memorial Student Center. Also sworn in were Vice President Kerense Harryman and Senator Jerry Guzman, representing the College of Education. Michelle Reyes has been elected senator of the College of Business Administration and Clayton Jones, senator of the College of Science and Technology.*

# University Bookstore News

Faculty are reminded to order their rental regalia for the Aug. 5 Commencement Ceremony by July 15 from the University Bookstore.

Student caps and gowns go on sale July 18 at the University Bookstore.

The University Bookstore and ArtCarved Class Rings are holding a sale from July 25 through Aug. 5. Save up to \$100. Delivery takes about four weeks.

You still have time to order our official Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi personalized graduation announcements. Beat the last minute rush. Announcements are \$8.95 per 10.

# Microcomputer classes held for faculty and staff

TAMU-CC Microcomputer Services is offering a series of classes to improve computer skills for faculty and staff. All classes will be held in CCH 101. For more information about the courses call 2690. The courses are as follows:  
Intro to DOS: June 21, 2 p.m.-3:30 p.m.  
DOS Harddisk Commands: June 23, 2 p.m.-3:30 p.m.  
Common Network Menu Items: July 5, 3 p.m.-4:30 p.m.  
WordPerfect 5.1 for DOS-An Introduction: July 7, 2:30 p.m.-4 p.m.  
WordPerfect 5.1 for DOS-Mail-Merge - Part 1: July 12, 2:30 p.m.-4 p.m.

WordPerfect 5.1 for DOS - Mail-Merge - Part 2: July 14, 2:30 p.m.-4 p.m.  
WordPerfect 5.1 for DOS - Tables: July 19, 2:30 p.m.-4 p.m.  
WordPerfect 5.1 for DOS - Macros and Special Characters: July 21, 2:30 p.m.-4 p.m.  
WordPerfect 5.1 for DOS - Graphic Boxes and Fonts: July 26, 2:30 p.m.-4 p.m.  
Lotus 1-2-3 version 2.4 for DOS - Part 1: Aug. 2, 2:30 p.m.-4 p.m.  
Lotus 1-2-3 version 2.4 for DOS - Part 2: Aug. 4, 2:30 p.m.-4 p.m.  
WordPerfect Office E-Mail: Aug. 9, 2 p.m.-3:30 p.m.

# Financial Assistance Corner

Source: Texas Family Business Scholarship Foundation  
Deadline: August 1, 1994  
This scholarship is for persons who own, are an heir to, or an em-

ployee of a family business.  
For more information about this and other scholarships, call the Financial Assistance Office at 994-2338.

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