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## CLOC building featured on cover on new SW Bell telephone directory

Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi President Robert Furgason received the first copy of the 1994 Southwestern Bell Telephone Corpus Christi Bay Area directory last week from Southwestern Bell Telephone Regional Manager Jeff Jung in front of the Classroom Laboratory Office Complex. The CLOC building, now under construction

and due for completion in July, is featured on the cover of the new directory.

"It is fitting to feature Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi on the cover of our directory in 1994 with its new beginning as a four year university in Corpus Christi and the Coastal Bend area," said See "Directory" on page 4



The Classroom/Laboratory Office Complex building is featured on the cover of the new area Southwestern Bell Telephone Directories. Above, TAMU-CC President Robert Furgason (second from left) receives the first copy of the new directory from Southwestern Bell Telephone Manager Jeff Jung (second from right). Also present are Southwestern Bell Telephone Yellow Pages Sales Manager John L. Bretz and TAMU-CC Vice President for Institutional Advancement Ken DeDominicis.

## Phone registration underway - call now!

Early phone registration, known as PhonReg, for both Summer sessions and the Fall 1994 Semester is underway.

According to TAMU-CC Registrar Larry Yeater, approximately 70 percent of the students currently enrolled used PhonReg in its debut last winter. Yeater adds that other advantages of PhonReg include the early opportunity to enroll in desired classes, and the chance to avoid registration lines.

Summer and Fall 1994 class schedules, available in the Student Services Center, have complete detailed instructions for using PhonReg. Instructions for PhonReg can also be picked up in the Registrars Office.

Persons using PhonReg can access the system six days a week, Sunday through Friday from 8 a.m.

to 7 p.m.

For those enrolling for Summer Session I, PhonReg ends May 5. For those enrolling in Summer Session II, PhonReg ends June 9. The deadline for PhonReg for the Fall 1994 Semester is Aug. 7.

Those enrolling as freshmen should contact the Core Curriculum Office at 994-5748.

For more information on PhonReg, contact the Registrar's Office at 994-2632.

'94 COUNTDOWN:

**136**

days to first class day of four-year status

## Congressional staff tours campus

# Cooperation of agencies seen as role of new CESS building

"There needs to be a federal wing on the new Center for Environmental Studies and Sciences Building," TAMU-CC President Robert Furgason told a group of Congressional staff members touring the campus recently. In his opening remarks, Furgason emphasized the advantages of having federal, state and university agencies at one location to share resources, knowledge and information.

With state mandates requiring only state agencies being housed in state funded buildings, the Federal agencies housed in the current CESS building could be without a home when the new CESS building is complete.

The visitors included David Dye of the Natural Resources Committee, Cliff Humphrey, legislative director for Congressman Jack Kingston, Gerald Sawyer of Congressman Solomon Ortiz' local office and John Forehand III, a university alumni.

After being welcomed to the campus by Furgason, the group heard Roy Perez of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service outline concerns with manpower for the Corpus Christi field office which services 34 South Texas counties including 250 miles of the Gulf Coast and the U.S.-Mexico Border from Eagle Pass to Brownsville. Charts presented by Perez showed the Corpus Christi office receiving approximately the same annual funding since 1991 while demands for endangered species consultations have climbed from just over 150 in 1991 to almost

350 this year. Another chart showed USFW offices in Sacramento, California, Olympia, Washington and Chesapeake, Maryland each receiving over three times the funding the Corpus Christi office does.

Adding weight to the argument for more funding and personnel for the Corpus Christi office is the North American Free Trade Agreement. "With NAFTA, increases in development could overwhelm the personnel in the permitting agencies," said Perez.

He added cooperation with state and university resources and per-

sonnel were a factor in lower operating costs from the Corpus Christi office.

Robyn Cobb, a wildlife biologist with the local USFW office and a graduate of the university, explained how having federal, state and university environmental offices at one location had been a tremendous help in her studies. She added her experience as an intern in this cooperative atmosphere had been a key factor in her current employment.

Dr. John W. Tunnell Jr., director of the TAMU-CC Center for Coastal See "Federal" on page 4



The need for a federal wing to the new CESS building was emphasized throughout the day while U.S. Congressional staff visited the campus recently. Together during the early portion of the group's tour are (left to right) Gerald Sawyer, of Congressman Solomon Ortiz; Corpus Christi office receiving approximately the same annual funding since 1991 while demands for endangered species consultations have climbed from just over 150 in 1991 to almost

## \$andDollar\$ ID cards will have multiple uses

This fall a Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi ID card will do more than confirm a student's identity for access to campus services and activities. The "\$andDollar\$" cards will serve as declining balance, or debit cards, for purchases at the book store, vending areas, the food service area, the soon-to-be-constructed convenience store and other on-campus areas. The cards will also work as a security device in the future.

Director of University Services Larry Barton says, "The cards will have a magnetic strip and have a color image of the student. A pre-deposit of money at the cashier's office will activate the card. The cards will be processed in the cashier area of the Student Services Building."

He adds, "The card readers will be similar to credit card readers. At the point of purchase, the balance of the cardholder's account will be shown and the amount due subtracted and shown on a digital read-out. With the card, a student will need to carry only a minimal amount of cash on campus."

For students living in the Miramar University Apartments, the cards will allow students through the security kiosks at night.

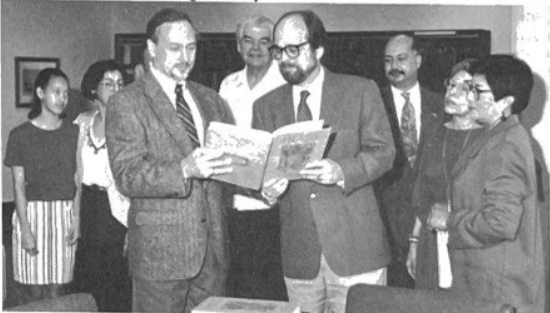
The food service complex, operated by ARA Services, is offering discounts for card holders based on the amount of the initial deposit.

Barton notes a student will also be able to access their records with the card.

Possible future applications of the card include accessing security

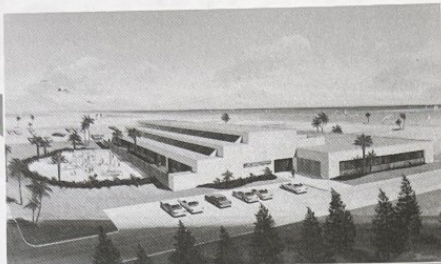
sensitive services, such as the computer labs, on-campus elections, athletic events, special events and conferences.

Barton says, "This is the first step toward later applications. We anticipate video imaging, door access and other security uses for the cards in the future."



"Las Siete Partidas," texts originally written in Spain in the 13th Century, were donated to the TAMU-CC University Library by Dr. Nicholas Kraus, director of the Conrad Blucher Institute for Surveying and Science. Accepting the three-volume set is Dr. Thomas Kreneck, acting director of the University Library. Based on Roman Empire law, the laws these texts describe were used in the civil and public life of Spain for several centuries. Kraus and the Blucher Institute have an interest in these volumes because the marine and river boundary laws in Texas are determined in part by legal precedents and usage based on the Partidas. Kreneck obtained a copy of the 1555 edition of "Las Siete Partidas" while on a technical tour of the coasts of Spain.

# Riding The Wave of the Future...



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  - 47 office spaces
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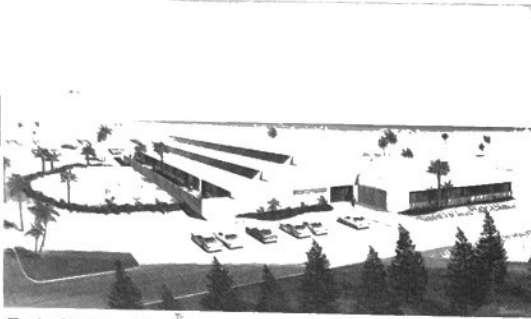
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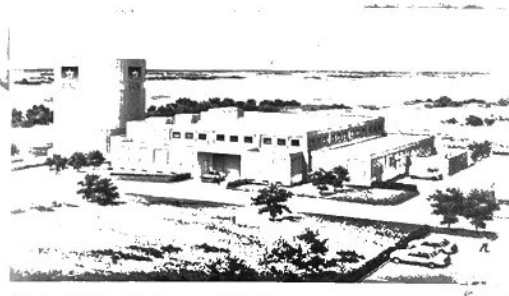


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## Who's in Charge?

Below are contacts for current construction projects on campus:

Facility/Project	Contact
Administration Bldg. Conversion to Student Services Center Center for the Arts	Dr. Eliot Chenaux, Dean of Students, 994-2612 Dr. Paul Hain, Dean of College of Arts & Humanities, 994-2659
Center for Environmental Studies and Services	Dr. Wes Tunnel, Director of Center for Coastal Studies and Professor of Biology, 994-2768
Center for the Sciences	Dr. Alan Berkebile, Chairperson, Division of Sciences and Professor of Geology, 994-2741
Central Utilities Plant	Building Maintenance Supervisor, 994-2325
Classroom East Renovation	Dr. Moustafa Abdelsamad, Dean of College of Business Administration, 994-2655
Classroom/Lab Office Complex Corpus Christi Hall Renovation	Dr. Berkebile, 994-2741 Mr. C. Ray Hayes, Exec. VP for Finance & Administration, 994-2321; Dr. Robert Cox, Dean of College of Education, 994-2660
Early Childhood Development Center	Dr. Jane Wilhour, Director of Teacher Resource Center and Professor of Education, 994-2440
Faculty Center Renovation	Dr. Hain, 994-2659
Field House Renovation	Dr. Cox, 994-2660
Furniture	Dr. John Richards, University Transition Officer, 994-5715
Glasscock Memorial Student Ctr.	Mr. Larry Barton, Director of University Services, 994-5712
Infrastructure	Mr. Hayes, 994-2321
Instructional Equipment	Dr. Hain, 994-2659; Dr. Ruth Bakke, Dean of College of Science & Technology, 994-2350
Library Automation/Classrooms	Dr. Tom Kreneck, Interim Director of University Library, 994-2644
Recreational Fields/Tennis Cts.	Ms. Ann DeGaish, Director of Recreational Sports, 994-2454
Seabreeze Hall Renovation	Dr. Richards, 994-5715
Support Services Bldg.	Mr. Hayes, 994-2321
Student Housing	Mr. Hayes, 994-2321
Temporary Parking	Mr. Tazh Fonville, Director of Physical Plant, 994-2422
University Center	Mr. Barton, 994-5712



**Student Housing**  
**Projected completion: August 1994**  
**Approximate cost: \$6 million**

- On-campus housing for an additional 500 students
- Water views from many rooms
- All units available in August 1994



**University Center**  
**Status: Seeking funds**

- Funding campaign is underway
- Will house an executive training center, food vendors, a mini-mall concourse and housing accommodations
- Will serve as a central gathering point for the student body
- Will also be a focal point for community involvement and outreach programs, including seminars and conferences

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