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UCSS

University Committee on Student Services will meet August 11 at 12:15 p.m. in Glasscock Memorial Student Center conference room II (GMSC II).

Parking Appeals Committee

The Parking Appeals Committee will meet August 19 in GMSC I from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. to hear appeals to parking citations. File an appeal with the Office of Student Life, GMSC 130, 994-2707.



A fish tale...

by Becky McNamara
Student Writer

The lobby of CCSU's Center for the Sciences has taken on a new look with the addition of three aquariums set up during Summer Session I by Aquarium Science (BIO 491) students. Three teams of students were responsible for selecting fish and plants appropriate to and creating the right water conditions for a particular aquatic habitat.

Each freshwater display includes posters with pictures of the fish and plants to look for in the aquarium and information on the aquatic habitat simulated in the tanks. The aquariums provide students and faculty alike with a glimpse at aquatic life in a stream in the Amazon rain forest, the backwaters of Southeast Asia and the Zaire (Congo) River rapids. Water conditions are simulated to make the aquariums feel like a home-away-from-home for the fish and water plants native to those regions.

Seen above, Herschiel Tuley (a graduate student in mariculture) and Jamie Jamison (marine biology major) test the water in their team's tank. Tuley and Jamison were on the team setting up the Zaire River rapids aquarium in which a number of pumps are required to create a current.

Haas to address Summer graduates

Rene Haas, local attorney and former judge of the 94th District Court, will speak on how "Life Goes On" when she delivers the summer commencement address to 299 CCSU candidates for graduation Friday (Aug. 14) at Memorial Coliseum.

"We must always remember to continue reading, growing and participating," said the prominent local attorney. "Learning is not over with graduation; it is a lifelong process."

A graduate of W.B. Ray High School, the Corpus Christi native

attended Wellesley College in Massachusetts, receiving her bachelor of arts degree in economics in 1970 from the University of Texas. She was admitted to the Texas Bar in 1975, followed by admittance to the U.S. Court of Appeals, 5th and 11th Circuits and the U.S. District Court, Southern District of Texas.

Currently a partner in the Corpus Christi law offices of Perry & Haas with husband David Perry, Haas is board certified in criminal law and family law, but spends most of her professional time prac-

ticing personal injury trial law. She began her career as an associate with Spann, Perry and Smith before serving as assistant district attorney for Nueces County. Haas started her own practice in 1980. She served as Judge of the 94th District Court from 1983 until 1986.

A dynamic community leader, Haas is board member of the CCSU Foundation and a member of the President's Council, both groups of distinguished citizens dedicated to the advancement of the University. She was recently ap-



pointed a member of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board and currently serves as director on the board of Corpus Christi National Bank and as board president for Communities in Schools of Corpus Christi Inc.

Haas is a member of the Association of Trial Lawyers of America, the Texas Trial Lawyers Association, the Texas Academy of Family Law Specialists, the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, the Texas Criminal Defense Lawyers Association and a fellow of the Texas Bar Foundation.

Commencement ceremonies begin at 7:30 p.m., to be followed by a reception for the candidates.

Environmental bachelor's approved

The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board unanimously approved a new bachelor's degree in environmental science for CCSU on July 17. This marks the second successful round waged by CCSU in recent months to increase course offerings in South Texas.

In April, the Coordinating Board approved a request by CCSU for a master of science in environmental science. With the recent green light for the undergraduate program, students can begin enrolling in the environmental science baccalaureate program immediately for the fall 1992 semester, said President Dr. Robert R. Furgason.

The bachelor's degree program is designed to provide appropriately trained scientists in the foundational areas of environmental science. Structured with a core of interdisciplinary science courses, students may elect an academic concentration in environmental biology, environmental chemistry

or environmental geology.

The new degree is particularly appropriate for CCSU as the University is situated in a metropolitan area where important environmental questions are constantly being addressed both by industries and state and federal agencies, according to Dr. Ruth Bakke, dean of the College of Science & Technology. Several state and federal agencies are currently located on campus, including the Department of the Interior's Minerals Management Service, offices of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the Texas General Land Office and Texas Parks and Wildlife.

In addition, immediate access to the coasts and estuarine environment offers many opportunities to apply scientific principles to the study of the environment, explained Bakke.

Coordinating Board members also discussed the proposed \$12 million laboratory/classroom facili-

ty to be constructed on campus before 1994 when freshman and sophomore students will begin enrolling for the fall semester.

The July 17 discussion on the facility followed a recent visit to campus by the Board's Campus Planning Committee. During the visit, Committee members reviewed the University's Master Plan, and needs for 1994, expressing favor with plans and developments to date, Furgason said. Final approval for the new facility is expected at the October meeting of the Coordinating Board.

Fall early reg. enters final week

Current and prospective CCSU students have a final week in which to take advantage of early registration for the Fall 1992 semester before the onslaught of regular registration.

Early registration for the fall ends this Friday, August 14, at 3

p.m. and is being held at the Admissions Office, Administration Building, during regular office hours: Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Tuesday from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Friday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. See "Registration," page 2.

It's a family affair. Literally. This Friday at Memorial Coliseum,

a trio of Eads will cross the commencement stage as two generations of family members, who have earned the right to don cap and gown, announce to the world, "We've done it!"

Bob Eads (father), Mark Edward Eads (son) and Shanna Lynn Eads (son's wife) will walk across the stage together during Summer '92 Commencement ceremonies slated for 7:30 p.m. August 14. Bob Eads is graduating with a master's degree in curriculum and instruction; Mark has earned his master's in educational administration; Shanna is graduating with a bachelor of science in nursing (BSN).

Yet the graduation celebrations don't stop there. Number two son, Nick Eads, graduated from the University of Texas in San Antonio (UTSA) on August 8 with a bachelor's degree in English. And, Shan-

na's sister, Christie Terry, graduated from Texas A&I in May. That's five—count 'em—five graduates in the family in a single summer.

"My daughter, Twila Johnson, has just returned to college," informed Bob. "She is attending school in Kingsville."

This odyssey into "family education" began in 1988 when Bob's day care business went bad and the family went into bankruptcy. That year Bob and wife Emma Ruth made a momentous decision: he would re-enter college at age 50 to get educated for a career change. Emma, meanwhile, went to work to help finance that re-education.

It was a tough year. Between mowing lawns and taking school loans, Bob was able to help contribute to Emma's wages to keep the family's head above financially turbulent waters. He graduated

in 1989 from CCSU with a bachelor's degree in education and is now an earth science teacher at Calallen Middle School.

"Emma really orchestrated all of our educations, taking minimal dollars and getting the maximum

possible out of each penny. This is as much her success as anyone's," said Bob. Even after going to work as a teacher, Bob continued mowing lawns for the extra cash needed to send son Nick to college. "It See "Family affair," page 4.



Bob Eads (center) straightens son Mark Eads' (left) graduation garb while Shanna Eads (Mark's wife) looks on.



It's the 'write' kind of summer

Anne Marie Brown of George West diligently updates her journal at the Fountain Plaza. One of two dozen budding young authors, Brown was on campus this summer for CCSU's fourth annual two-week summer writing camp.

Entitled "Authoring Can Be Fun," the writing camp is designed to provide a literary spark for children entering grades four and five. The program helps students learn to become independent, self-confident and fluent authors through a variety of directed experiences, both within and outside of the classroom. By the conclusion of the camp on July 30, each student had authored his or her own book as well as contributing to a class-generated magazine.

Each morning, students were introduced to a variety of subjects through presentations followed by walking tours of the campus to collect items for the camp's "Ward Island Museum" and for the students' journals. The presentations, walks and collection expeditions provide subject matter for the children's literary work.

Nursing students recognized

CCSU's Division of Nursing held a special graduation and recognition ceremony May 9 to honor its Spring and Summer 1992 nursing graduates. Several graduates were recognized in a number of areas of academic and performance achievement.

Leadership awards were presented to Gloria Denise Meza, R.N., Jose Antonio Meza, R.N., and Linda Lee Thompson. These students initiated student projects displaying creativity and leadership skills in developing, implementing and evaluating these projects. They also promoted goodwill between the University and the community throughout the project implementation, all the while demonstrating

high scholastic ability.

Derek Mitchell Wittliff was recognized as the outstanding generic nurse senior and Patricia Ann Walker, R.N., received the award for outstanding registered nurse senior. Outstanding seniors are selected by the nursing faculty based on involvement in professional and student organizations, initiation of student projects, promotion of goodwill between the University and the community and scholastic ability.

Martha Adriana Barrera and Kathy Dechonn Price received awards for most caring behaviors.

May 1992 graduates receiving their Bachelor of Science in Nursing included: Ynocensio Alcoser,

Martha Adriana Barrera, Sharon Coveyou, Susan M. Dodson, Connie Lajeune Durham, Joseph Arnold Marroquin, Janice Kay Martin, Emilia C. Medrano, Gloria Denise Meza, Jose Antonio Meza, Julia Ann Pina, Douglas Evan Price, Kathy Dechonn Price, Patricia M. Quagliata, Cynthia Nelda Reyes, Stephen B. Riddlebarger, Susan Diane Segura, Linda Lee Thompson, Patricia Ann Walker, Joan Mendicino Wanek, Chance Wade White and Derek Mitchell Wittliff.

Michelle Beckett, Donna Brown and Kandy Stanley were recognized as nursing students who are scheduled to receive their baccalaureate (BSN) degrees in August, 1992.

Rose Caballero, a member of the Texas State Board of Nurse Examiners, delivered the keynote address at the ceremony.

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Students who need to alter their Fall 1992 schedule can also add or drop classes through August 14 at the Registrar's office during regular office hours.

Regular registration for the Fall 1992 semester will be August 26-27 from 8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. in the CCSU Field House. A special add/drop day for students who have early registered will be held August 25 in the Field House from 1 to 6:30 p.m. Fall classes start August 31.

Late registration will run August 31 through September 16, though any classes added after September 5 will require the college dean's permission. There is a \$5 late registration fee assessed beginning August 31.

Grad student finds mussel invasion

by Mary Mabry

It didn't seem important at the time. What's another small mussel or two found among the aquatic life proliferating on the Port Aransas jetties. But subsequent research has proven that the 2-centimeter specimens CCSU biology graduate student David W. Hicks found in February of 1990 were in fact the very first evidence of the invasion of the edible brown mussel into northern waters.

A student of Dr. Wes Tunnell's "Biology of Estuarine Organisms" class at the time of the discovery, Hicks worked for over a year to identify the mussels. "I figured out pretty quickly these specimens were not from the U.S., so that opened up the rest of the world. I finally wrote to Thomas R. Waller of the Smithsonian Institute who confirmed I had indeed found *Perna perna*, the edible brown mussel." Hicks' original collection of some half dozen mussels currently resides with the Smithsonian's collection.

Hicks reported that while the

mussels are common in South American waters as well as along the Southern coasts of Africa and the coastal waters of India and Sri Lanka, his discovery marked the first time *P. perna* had been found in North American waters. "It's called a biological invasion," he explained, "and while the introduction of any non-indigenous species can have potentially devastating impacts on native ecosystems, right now we can't really say if the invasion is good or bad. The mussels will have to be monitored for a while before we can make that determination."

According to Hicks, the edible brown mussel grows faster and larger than the indigenous, non-edible species, the native scorched mussel. Since first discovering the mussel, Hicks has documented its subsequent colonization of the intertidal zone of the jetty rocks at Port Aransas, the Corpus Christi Water Exchange Pass (fish pass), and the Port Mansfield Pass where mussel densities are as high as fifty individuals per quarter meter square. With the Port Aransas and Port Mansfield jetties some 145 miles apart, Hicks predicts the mussels will be along the bayfront in less than a year. He is currently monitoring areas along the ship channel, the T-Heads and L-head.

Hicks and Tunnell, director of CCSU's Center for Coastal Stu-

dies, have co-authored a research report about the mussel invasion which will be published in the scientific journal *The Veliger*. The report outlines some of the problems associated with biological invasions as well suggesting a number of ways in which the mussel might have been introduced to the area. Many of those introduction avenues are linked to shipping traffic through the Port of Corpus Christi.

"So far the 'invasion' doesn't seem bad," said Hicks, who noted that the local climate is almost perfect for the new aquatic resident. "It could out-compete the



Hicks displays one of the invaders.

native species since it grows faster." Yet, because the mussel is thin-shelled, he pointed out, it is a potentially excellent food source for fish populations.

Windinfo line supplies current weather stats

by Becky McNamara
Student Writer

Planning a beach picnic? Want to do a bit of windsurfing, fishing or sailing? CCSU's Windinfo line at 992-3581 can provide the latest information on wind speed and direction as well as the current air and water temperatures.

The report on current conditions is a service of the Conrad Blucher Institute for Surveying and Science where a computerized report is available 24 hours a day. A touch of the phone button brings information for the Lawrence Street T-head, Port Aransas or Bird Island.

"Response has been good," said Dr. Gary Jeffress, director of research and education at the Blucher Institute. "About one in ten callers leaves a message and the comments have been positive. There have been requests to know what the weather will be like for the following day, but the service can't predict the conditions; it only reports on current conditions."

According to Jeffress, information is updated every 15 minutes as reports come in by radio from the monitoring stations. A recent re-

port shows that on a single day (June 29), a record number of 396 calls was received on the Windinfo line. The average number of daily calls is 106.

The information is part of the data collected by CCSU for The Texas Coastal Ocean Observation Network, informed Jeffress. The data collected in real time is made available to wind surfers, sailors, fishermen and other recreational users as a public service and has been available through the Windinfo number since October of 1991.

CCSU graduate computer student Don Waechter designed the software for Windinfo and his voice was used for the message format. Waechter works as a research assistant at the Blucher Institute.

According to Jeffress, the Blucher Institute is currently looking for a sponsor who will underwrite the Windinfo public service project; until one is found, the Institute will continue to keep the lines open. The sponsor's name and other information could be added to the computer message heard by callers to the Windinfo line.



CITGO gift supports CCSU

Joan F. Atkinson, human resources representative for CITGO Corpus Christi Refinery, presents a \$3000 check to CCSU President Dr. Robert Furgason. A spring '92 graduate with a BBA in management, Atkinson said CITGO is "pleased to participate with CCSU in providing quality education." Atkinson also reported that CITGO management is very enthusiastic about recent visits with Dr. Furgason regarding CCSU's role in serving the educational needs of refinery personnel. "CCSU is very appreciative of the donation from CITGO," responded Furgason, "and of this organization's continuing, visible support of the University."

Courses added for Fall '92

ENG 360C, 7-9:30 Th
ENG 470B, 7-9:30 M
MUS 404A, 10-10:50 MW
MUS 343A, TBA

THE 423B, 7-9:30 M
ACC 434A, 12:30-1:45 TT
SED 486A, 8-8:50 MWF
SED 486B, 9-9:50 MWF



TCB places 20/20 reader in Library

Ronald Marlow (left), rehabilitation counselor for the Texas Commission for the Blind (TCB), points out the uses of the new 20/20 Optelec Low Vision Reading System to CCSU Librarian Richard O'Keeffe (seated) as Dean of Students Eliot Chenaux (center) and Gerald Alexander, career development specialist for TCB, watch.

The 20/20 Optelec, located in the University Library, enlarges printed material making it easier for persons with low vision to read books and other printed materials. The machine uses a closed circuit TV system and is being made available to CCSU students and faculty through a lend agreement with the Texas Commission for the Blind.

Chenaux said the Optelec will help the University meet the needs of disabled students and comply with the requirements of the American Disabilities Act.

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Overeaters Anonymous

Overeaters Anonymous will meet August 13 from 4 to 5 p.m. in GMSC II.

Parking Decals

Faculty and staff parking decals for the 1992-93 year are currently available at the University Police office. Faculty and staff parking permits are \$15 and the decals are valid for Sept. 1, 1992 through August 31, 1993. Decals should be in place by September 1. If you

have more than one vehicle, check with University Police for extra decals.

Student Reading Council

On June 20, CCSU Student Reading Council representatives attended the Texas State Reading Association South Region Leadership Workshop. SRC President Mary Lynn Carbone, Treasurer/Recording Secretary Freida Koerner and faculty advisor Dr. Helen Gill represented the CCSU club.



It floats!

Joe Martinez, Eric Morin and Gabriel Gomez were three of some 50 area middle school students who experienced first-hand the smoke and "magic" of science. Seen above, the trio watches as liquid nitrogen introduced into water creates a misty vapor.

The 7th and 8th grade students were part of a two-week special summer class held at CCSU as part of a University Outreach summer program called Academic Enhancement Partnership (AEP). The program concentrates on encouraging students to continue their education in the sciences and mathematics.

The summer class participants witnessed several experiments in low-temperature physics utilizing liquid nitrogen, which has a temperature of about 300 degrees below zero. One experiment demonstrated superconductivity via the midair suspension of a magnet.

CCSU program supports new teachers

by Becky McNamara
Student Writer

When many first year teachers in grades K-12 step into their new classrooms this fall, they won't be on their own. Instead, they will be receiving counseling and guidance from a veteran teacher through CCSU's Induction Year Program. Initiated last year, the program is a series of three graduate-level education courses designed to help first and second year teachers transition successfully into their new careers.

"National figures show that 30 percent of new teachers get discouraged and leave within the first two years," reported program coordinator and assistant professor of education Vickie Moon-Merchant. "Another 50 percent of beginning teachers leave during the first four years."

CCSU's Induction Year Program provides additional training in classroom techniques, individual in-class observation sessions and stress management lessons, as well as offering a support group of teaching professionals who can share their classroom experiences.

"I benefitted immensely from the program last year," reported

Donna Rodenberg, who teaches first grade at Lamar Elementary. "mainly because we as new teachers were able to come together with a common goal: being the best teachers we can be." Rodenberg said participants in the program met to share and help each other. "I had a vision when I started (teaching), but felt overwhelmed by paper work my first year. The group was supportive and positive," she explained.

"A camaraderie forms among the Induction Year Program participants because they create a support system and a network of new teachers from all grade levels," said Moon-Merchant.

Beginning topics for the program

include "How do I get these kids to do what I want them to do?" "The first minute, hour, day and week of school (or the big day has finally arrived)," and "How and where do I put it so I can find it again?"

First or second year teachers who want to begin the program this fall can register through September 16 in Faculty Center Room 201. Fall courses for the Induction Year Program are ED 563B and ED 585. The program continues in the spring semester with ED 585.

The Induction Year classes can be applied toward a masters degree in education at CCSU. For more information, contact Vickie Moon-Merchant at 994-2437.

Calendar

Monday, August 10

Early Registration, Fall '92: through Aug. 14, ADM, regular hrs.

CPA Review: through Oct. 21, CS 103, MW, 6-10 p.m. \$990, 991-1440.

Tuesday, August 11

UCSS: GMSC 2, 12:15 p.m.
Student Teachers Meeting: WT, 2-4 p.m.

Thursday, August 13

Overeaters Anonymous: GMSC 2, 4 p.m.

Friday, August 14

Commencement: Memorial Coliseum, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, August 19

Parking Appeals Comm.: GMSC 1, 12:30 p.m.

Thursday, August 20

Piano Workshop: CA 136, 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Free. 855-4314.

Friday, August 21

Financial Aid Check Disbursement (Fall '92): CCH 117, 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

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

Tuesday, August 25

Adds/Drops, Fall '92: for students who early registered only, FH, 1-6:30 p.m.

Faculty Meeting: WT, 9 a.m.

Wednesday, August 26

Fall '92 Registration: FH, 8:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m.

Thursday, August 27

Fall '92 Registration: FH, 8:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m.

Friday, August 28

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

Monday, August 31

Classes begin for Fall '92 Semester
University News: next issue out.

Lost

Seiko watch. Stainless steel rim with black face, tachymeter bezel, black 11 mm base watchband, digital analog. Last seen in the property room at the Field House, July 8. \$50 reward. No questions asked. Steve, 888-3346.

David Alaniz Memorial Scholarship Fund

A scholarship fund has been established in memory of David Alaniz, a 1991 CCSU graduate who passed away on July 22, 1992. Contributions to the fund can be sent to the David Alaniz Memorial Scholarship Fund, c/o CCSU Advancement Office, 6300 Ocean Drive, Corpus Christi, Texas 78412, or contact the Advancement Office by calling 994-2352 or dropping by Administration Room 210.

Explorer Scouts

The Exploring Division of Boy Scouts of America is interested in starting an Exploring Post at CCSU and needs volunteers.

Exploring at CCSU can encompass almost any field of endeavor from computers to marketing to engineering or teaching. The program brings together knowledgeable leaders in career fields with young adults interested in gaining first-hand experience. The program involves a full-time commitment made jointly by the sponsoring agency as well as the Explorer Scout and can ultimately lead to student internships or full-time employment after college.

For more information, contact Doug Feinberg at 994-2787.

Summer Science Institute gets 'trashy'

Dr. David McKee, assistant professor of biology, kneels beside "Polluted Paul the Pirate and his Pesky Parrot Polly," a beach trash sculpture created by elementary teachers participating in CCSU's Seventh Annual Summer Science Institute. The eighteen area educators were enrolled in McKee's "Marine Science Concepts for Elementary Science Teachers," one of five classes offered through the Summer Science Institute. In addition to learning new ways to incorporate marine science into their curriculum, the teachers were given \$150 in science materials.

Through conducting a scientific "beach trash experiment," said McKee, the teachers cleaned a designated stretch of beach, classifying the types and amount of trash. They then created their "object d'trashé" to artistically demonstrate the scope of garbage on the beach.

The Summer Science Institute was designed to help teachers learn new, creative avenues of science instruction to get area youth excited about learning math and science.



'Father of Bilingual Education'

CCSU receives Mireles collection

He was called the "father of bilingual education." She was known as a walking encyclopedia of Texas folklore. Together they were authors of the Spanish book series *Mi Libro Espanol* which received nation-wide acclaim.

They were Edmund Edwardo Mireles and Jovita Gonzalez Mireles, a most unique South Texas couple who throughout their lives promoted education and learning.

CCSU is now home to a collection of personal papers, correspondence, writings, pictures and scrapbooks chronicling the achievements and struggles of this extraordinary duo. The first 25

boxes of the E.E. and Jovita Gonzalez Mireles Papers recently arrived at CCSU where Special Collections Archivist Dr. Tom Kreneck and his staff will begin the task of preserving and cataloging the collection for future use.

"E. E. Mireles was the driving force behind the development of a program to teach Spanish in Corpus Christi elementary schools—believed to be the first program of its kind in the nation," said Kreneck. "Jovita Mireles was known for her vast knowledge of the legends and folklore of Hispanic country-folk. This collection represents a treasure trove of history for South Texas."

Mireles launched his promotion of bilingual education in 1940, at a time when instruction in a foreign language in primary grades was illegal in Texas and had been since 1917. Instead of bemoaning the law, Mireles set about orchestrating its downfall. He enlisted the aid of national figures including U.S. Representatives Richard Kleberg and Lyndon Johnson, Eleanor Roosevelt and Nelson Rockefeller. By 1941, the law had been repealed and Mireles was appointed coordinator of the

Spanish program in Corpus Christi's public schools. He spent the next forty years teaching Spanish and promoting education for Mexican Americans in Texas.

"I wanted to be a teacher so I could devote my life to the education of the Mexican people," said Mireles in a 1983 interview with the *Corpus Christi Caller Times*, "because I felt that the Mexican people were so far behind because of their inferior training."

E.E., as he was known by his friends, was not the only notable in the Mireles family. In addition to helping her husband write the *Mi Libro Espanol* series and textbooks on the instruction of Spanish, Jovita Gonzalez Mireles spent 21 years teaching at Miller and Ray High Schools. She was the first Mexican American woman to be president of the Texas Folklore Society, holding that position when the famed humorist/historian J. Frank Dobie was secretary.

The collection was donated to CCSU by Ms. Isabel Cruz, a long-time Corpus Christi resident, through the efforts of Nueces County historian Ray J. Garcia.

Cruz worked for E.E. Mireles beginning in 1959. Upon his death in 1987, she found herself owner of a sizeable collection of personal papers, scrapbooks, etc.



Tom Kreneck, Isabel Cruz and Ray J. Garcia review portions of the Mireles Papers.

Palm tree gift enhances campus

University personnel recently removed thirteen Sago palms (*Cycas revoluta*) from the home site of Mr. & Mrs. Reese Rowling. The Rowlings donated the mature palm trees to CCSU, which then arranged for and financed the removal of the plant materials. The Sago palms will be replanted on campus.

Ranging in age from 35 to 40 years and in height from four to seven feet, the palm trees are valued at \$500 to \$600 each in the local South Texas market, making the value of the donation between \$6500 and \$7800, according to Randy Haaker, CCSU grounds supervisor.

CCSU landscape personnel hand-dug the area around each palm to prepare the trees for removal. Fox Tree & Landscape donated a portion of the cost of using a crane to load the palms for transportation to campus, where the trees will be utilized throughout permanent areas of the University and for future development, according to Haaker.

Haaker developed the plant donation/removal program to obtain mature plant materials at a minimal cost. "Large Canary Island date palms, for example," stated Haaker, "are worth \$100 per trunk foot. It would not be uncommon to move this variety of palm with 20- to 30-foot trunks. And while such palms range in value from \$2000 to \$3000 each, the University would be obtaining them for be-

tween \$100 and \$150 in removal costs. Since many palms are unwanted, this program provides an opportunity to save existing trees and utilize them in a way to benefit the community. And the donations are tax deductible to boot."

"Generous plant material donations have been and will continue to be a major factor in landscape renovations taking place on campus," Haaker continued. "With community support through donations of unwanted mature palms and other specimen plant materials, CCSU will quickly have the ability to develop a world-class image at very little cost. It is possible to almost immediately achieve a look similar to some west coast universities such as U.C. Berkeley, UCLA and Stanford, which are known for their unique atmosphere largely created by masses of mature palms and landscaping."

"This is truly a win-win program for the community and the University," said Jane Roetzel, director of public affairs. "Area residents can donate their extra healthy plants, while CCSU acquires much needed landscaping material at minimal cost to the State."

Haaker identified a number of hardy local palms which can be transplanted along with their approximate value:

California fan palm (*Washingtonia filifera*) \$14/trunk foot; Canary Island date palm (*Phoenix*

canariensis) \$100/trunk foot; real date palm (*Phoenix dactylifera*) \$50/trunk foot; Pindo palm (*Butia capitata*) \$50/trunk foot; Chinese fountain palm (*Livistona chinensis*) \$25/trunk foot; Mediterranean fan palm (*Chamaerops humilis*) \$400/large clump; Florida sabal palm (*Sabal palmetto*) \$17/trunk foot; Texas sabal palm (*Sabal texana*) \$45/trunk foot; windmill palm (*Trachycarpus fortunei*) \$40/trunk foot.

Anyone interested in donating plant materials to CCSU should call Randy Haaker at 994-2328.

Recreational Sports

CCSU's Recreational Sports program finishes up this week for Summer Session II. Fall activities will begin August 31. Field House hours through August 13 are: Weekdays, 8 a.m.-10 p.m.; weekends, 9 a.m.-8 p.m. Hours between August 14 and 28 are: 8 a.m.-4 p.m. weekdays, closed weekends.

The University Pool will continue to be open 12-7 p.m. daily. For more information, contact Ann DeGaish at 994-2545 or stop by the Recreational Sports Office in the Field House.

Summer results will be published in the August 31 issue of *University News*.

Tailgate thieves hit campus

CCSU students are urged to watch their tailgates.

University Police Chief Kent Butler reported a rash of tailgate thefts from pick-ups parked on campus. Investigating the matter, Butler discovered from the Corpus Christi Police Department that a ring of tailgate thieves has been working throughout Corpus Christi and is particularly active in shopping mall parking lots. Spare tires are also being hijacked, although no tire thefts have been reported on campus.

Butler is urging students to be on the lookout for the possible return of the tailgate thieves and to report any suspicious behavior at once to the university police.

"These people are pros," said Butler. "They know what they are doing and our best possible protection is for all of us on campus, students and staff alike, to be alert. University police are patrolling but, we need as many eyes as possible on the lookout."

The four daylight heists all occurred within a twenty minute period the afternoon of August 3 in parking lots on the West and South sides of the campus, reported Butler.

The vehicles hit on campus are late model pick-ups with tailgates that were in good condition, no doubt resulting in a high resale value.

When Garcia discovered Cruz was in possession of such a wealth of historical information, he suggested she donate the collection to the CCSU library where it could be preserved and studied.

"It was Mireles' wish for students to learn from his teachings," said Cruz upon donating the collection. "At CCSU the papers will continue to educate."

"Mireles was not interested in politics," Garcia said, "but he and Mrs. Mireles made a contribution to the community. I am glad to see

that they are being recognized."

The collection includes copies of the little known publication *Texas Mexican Gazette*, which Mireles edited in the 1940s. The materials also include textbooks which both the Mireles' wrote and a *Time* magazine from 1944 which carried an article about Mireles' work.

The Mireles Papers will be housed in the Special Collections unit of the CCSU Library and will be available for review by scholars and students as soon as it is processed and cataloged.



CCSU employees Jimmy Burris, Sam De La Rosa and Danny Salazar help remove 13 donated palm trees from the home of Mr. and Mrs. Reese Rowlings.

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was a means to supply a need," he stated. "Nick needed to go to school full-time."

Would he do it all again? "It's a tough word to say—failure," said Bob, referring to the 1988 bankruptcy, "and I can say I know something of failure and disappointment. But all evaluated, as I

walk away, I have my master's degree and my sons are well equipped to take advantage of the opportunity for success. In fact, Mark is now assistant principal at Tuloso Midway. It's been a fruitful year and we couldn't be more pleased with our success. This graduation is a great moment in our lives."



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