

TCCampus News



TCC's Admissions Office was the first to decorate for Christmas. Showing off their yuletide tree are, from the top, Melisse Marely, Sharon Sharp, Melinda Martindale, Cindy Mayo and Tracy Hayman. (Photo by Honda Stovall)

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Holidays!

McMillin Donates TCC Building

By: Amy Cigainero

Seldon McMillin, Jr. has donated a \$183,000.00 building to TCC for its drafting technology program. The building is in honor of his father, Seldon McMillin, Sr.

This course is new to the TCC curriculum. Included in the program are courses involving architectural, structural, piping,

mapping, illustration and electrical drafting.

"We look for enrollment to pick up in the fall semester after the new building is completed," said Richmond White, division chairman.

The building will be 4,462 square feet and will provide a new classroom for drafting students.

Existing space will be used to provide more offices and a computer room.

The TCC Drafting Technology program offers an associate degree of Applied Science in Drafting Technology.

Computers will play an increasingly important role in the drafting and engineering industry, according to White, so TCC uses the LAD computer assisted drafting system.

"We have four computers, digitizers and plotters," said White.

TCC hopes to increase the number of computers when the new building addition is completed.

Construction will begin Dec. 15, and should be completed in the spring.

"We hope to be fully equipped for the summer session," White said.

Anyone interested in this program should go by or call the Engineering, Mathematics and Physics Department.

Campus To Close For Christmas

All campus offices will be closed Dec. 24 - Jan. 4.

They will reopen Jan. 7 at 8 a.m.

Registration dates for the spring semester day classes are: Jan. 8 - 50 or more earned hrs; Jan. 9 - 30 or more earned hrs; Jan. 10 - 14 or more earned hrs; Jan. 14 - 1 or more earned hrs; Jan. 15 - any student; Jan. 16 - any student; Jan. 17 - any student.

Registration will be 8:15 - 11:30 a.m. and 1 - 4:30 p.m.

For the night courses the dates are: Jan. 10 - 14 or more earned hrs; Jan. 15 - any student; Jan. 17 - any student.

These times are 5:30 - 8 p.m.

Tuition fees must be paid at the time of registration. Also, no class changes will be permitted during regular registration except total drops.

All students with six or more hours are required to have a trial schedule approved by a counselor or division chairperson on the day of registration. Counselors and division chairpersons will be on duty during the registration periods.

Students who are unable to register during the day may register for either day or evening classes from 5:30 - 8 p.m.

Classes will begin Jan. 21.



CELEBRATING STUDENT LIBERATION - Steve Mitchell, left, manager of TCC's radio station KTXK, interviews a former student from Grenada who visited on campus recently. The student was here to commemorate Student Liberation Day, marking the first anniversary of the U.S. invasion of Grenada and the rescue of the American students there. (Photo by Candy Garner)



Steven Roach gave a free performance recently in the Texarkana College Student Union Building. He performs on a regular basis at the Executive Inn in Texarkana. (Photo by Cliff McMichael)

Committee Of 12 Advises

The Committee of 12 is an advisory committee to the college.

It consists of three board members: Ben Sandefur, Cecil Phillips and Connor Patman. The other nine members of the committee are Dr. Carl Nelson, Dean Bill Hughes, and Dean Levi Hall, administration; Kerin Reed, Candy Stevens Smith and Mike Buttram, faculty; and Rosie Gurley, Tim James and Kimberley Smith, students.

The committee meets once a month to discuss issues facing the students, faculty, administration and board of trustees. Problems,

new ideas and suggestions for betterment are discussed.

Such issues as public transportation through the Eagle Transit System, improved conditions at the firehouse for the baseball boys, parking, an FCS chapel and the restriping of parking lots have been discussed.

This committee was revived this year after laying dormant for the last few years. Through this committee, the members hope to bring forth many improvements.

If any problems are noted on campus, these are the people to see.

Editorial

Let's Help Mr. Rose

Editor's note: In the first issue we ran an editorial appealing for people to take better care of the potted plants. Since this is the last issue of the semester we thought it appropriate to run this editorial.)

Stop for a minute and look at the campus. Really look at it. Even though fall has started to take its toll on the plants and trees here, it's still very beautiful.

Who do we have to thank for this?

Glen Rose and his team of landscapers. They are literal craftsmen in their work which can be seen by the end product. We have one of the best-looking community college campuses anywhere in the state and it could rival even most major universities.

But beautiful as it may be, it's not perfect. Good as Mr. Rose and his workers are, they can't be expected to clean all the junk that finds its way to the grounds. We can help, though.

For instance, when you're through reading this entire paper, don't throw it on the ground. Share it with someone. Discuss this editorial or some other article or story. Then when you've run out of things to talk about or share from this paper, (which, if we've done our jobs right, should be a little less than a week) put it in a trash can. That's what they're there for, use them - and let's help Mr. Rose keep OUR campus the best anywhere!

Campus News Staff

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Campus Column

'Some Days It Don't Pay To Get Out Of Bed'

By: Hank Harwell

A friend of mine says quite often "some days it don't pay to get out of bed." It was certainly true today.

The day started out innocently enough, but there were omens: I got the bathroom first, I was able to eat my breakfast undisturbed, and I didn't have a (major) argument with my younger brother.

After warming up the car, I noticed a couple of tires looked low. "Great," I said. "No problem." We took it over to a convenience store and inflated the tires. On the way to my brother's school, he mentioned that one tire which looked pretty bad would blow out. Not five minutes after he said this, it blew. Right on a busy highway. Well, we pulled over, put on the hazard lights, and proceeded to change the tire.

After the tire was changed, we climbed back in the car in the desperate hope that we could make it to class on time. As I tried to start the car, I noticed the hazards weren't flashing, in addition to the fact that the car wouldn't start. Because it had happened about five times in the past two weeks, I knew what happened. The battery was dead.

That really made my day. I had just proved that I didn't need to call anybody for help, but here I was going to have to call. So we piled out of the car and started walking to find a phone.

As we walked, we joked about having to walk "miles and miles through wilderness in the dead of winter just for a stupid battery!" Actually, it was only about a thousand yards to the gas station, the "wilderness" was only grass up to about my ankle, and it was in the mid - 50's outside.

Back in the car we waited. And waited. And waited. To pass the time, I pulled out the owner's manual out of the glove compartment and read aloud, and you guessed it, waited.

Finally, we got the thing jump-started. Mark, my brother got to class (about two hours late), and I just decided I wouldn't risk attempting to come to class.

So I went around town trying to get everything in order so this would never happen to me again.

The place I settled on told me it'd cost about \$50 to replace the tire, and my car went up on a hydraulic lift. I sat in the waiting room and read a magazine. A little bit later a guy walked in and told me the brakes on that wheel were shot. "What else?" I thought. He told me the other side was not much better and that the tire on that side was in about as good a shape as the one that blew (although it had air). That's not all: the reason for the poor condition of the tires was a lousy alignment. Prognosis: \$200-250, and that's not counting the new battery I need!

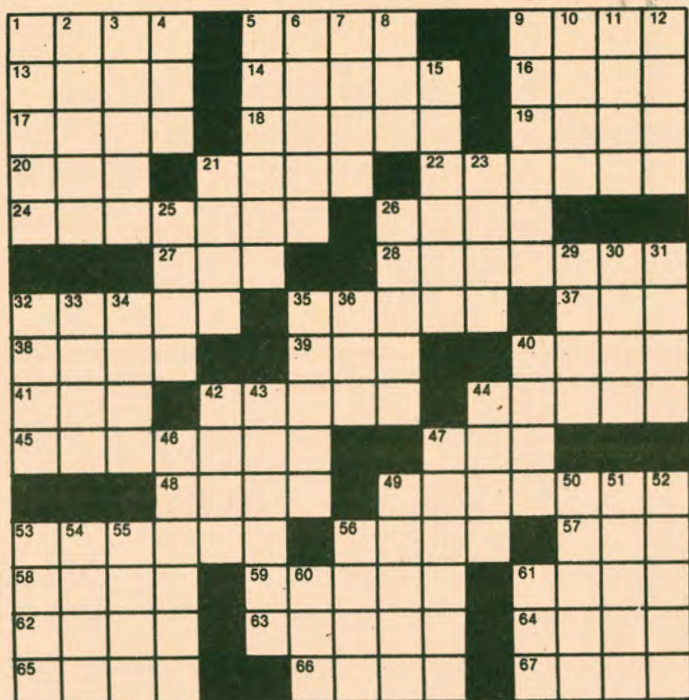
On top of all this, I was going to pick my brother up from school in my dad's car and guess what? A tire blew.

There's an interesting addendum to Murphy's Law (Anything that can go wrong, will go wrong.) "When it rains, it pours." It really poured on me today.

For Happy New Cheer

ACROSS

- 1 _____ a new leaf (2 wds. with 5A)
- 5 See 1A
- 9 Thing mentioned
- 13 Butter substitute
- 14 Appeases
- 16 Spy Mata
- 17 Med. sch. subj.
- 18 Fasten
- 19 Evelyn, to friends
- 20 Downcast
- 21 Post
- 22 One resolves (2 wds.)
- 24 One promises to _____



- 26 Portico
- 27 Some act like one at New Year's Eve party
- 28 Happy _____!
- 32 Two-faced god
- 35 Employer (2 wds.)
- 37 Payable
- 38 12th month of Jewish year
- 39 Raucous cry
- 40 Small compartment
- 41 Poetic contraction
- 42 New Year's Eve affair
- 44 Party food
- 45 Uneasy
- 47 Liquor barrel
- 48 Singles
- 49 Stop smoking, e.g.
- 53 _____ Time
- 56 Lively one at party
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| 64 Dismounted | 10 Possess | 43 Prevents |
| 65 Venture | 11 Opera solo | 44 Mold |
| 66 Alkaline solutions | 12 Row | 46 See 9D |
| 67 London gallery | 15 Annoys | 47 Stanzas |
| | 21 Bulk | 49 Medieval official |
| | 23 Plants | 50 _____ palooza |
| | 25 Carry | 51 New Year's Day action |
| | 26 Winter weather | 52 Fill with joy |
| | 29 Heaven | 53 Wade |
| | 30 _____ Lang Syne | 54 Region |
| | 31 Depend (on) | 55 Rip |
| | 32 Ridicule | 56 Worship |
| | 33 Downwind | 60 Sick |
| | 34 Sisters | 61 _____, drink and be merry |

DOWN

- 1 Hail the new year
- 2 Regarding forelimb
- 3 Prepared
- 4 Negative
- 5 Film awards

TC Players To Present 'Babes'

By: Kimberley Smith

The TC Players will present the fall children's musical "Babes in Toyland," Dec. 7, 8 and 9. Sue McCrossen, TCC's music theatre director, has combined the traditional story and music with Walt Disney's movie version to produce this production for children of all ages, according to Joel Cash.

This children's theatre production is less than one hour in length and will be presented in the Humanities Stilwell Theatre the following dates: Friday, Dec. 7, at 4:30 p.m. and 7 p.m.; Saturday, Dec. 8, at 2 p.m. and 4 p.m.; and Sunday, Dec. 9, at 2 p.m.

Reservations are required and can be made by calling 838-4541, ext. 362 during business hours and 832-7158 at night and on weekends. Tickets are available for \$1 per child and \$2 per adult, according to Cash. All proceeds go to the drama scholarship fund.

The action of the story takes place in Mother Goose Village and centers mainly around the advances of Barnaby, the old miser, to Mary (of quite contrary fame). Mary's mother, the Widow Piper, gets involved in the story due to Barnaby's threats of throwing them out into the street if they don't comply with his wishes to

marry Mary. After a near escape in Spider Forest, the characters find themselves in Toyland where everything comes to an enchanting end.

McCrosen said, "I was five when I first heard the music. It's probably some of the first music I ever learned." She said "Babes in Toyland" is "still one of the most frequently performed of the Victor Herbert operettas."

"The first performance was in 1903 in New York City by a professional company. The continuing popularity of 'Babes' was further helped by the Walt Disney film version starring Annette Funicello and Tommy Sands around 1960," McCrosen said.

A lot of hard work and effort has gone into the set construction and costuming, according to McCrosen.

Cash said, "Through Sue McCrosen's adaptation and blending, we have a delightful storyline with wonderful songs. The cast and I are enjoying putting together this type of production, having just come from the drama of 'The Diviners.'"

"This production is helping all our cast get into the spirit of the holidays and we hope you will come join in our holiday spirit," Cash said.

McCrosen said, "We feel in presenting 'Babes', we're providing the community with fine family entertainment for the holiday season."

"The show is good for children

from preschool age to the young at heart," Cash said, adding, "The dance of the toys, lots of singing and character interaction are included. We hope to see you there."



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Band, Sing (Photos by



Eva Garner, trumpet player, "puts it to it."



The TC Band plays performance.



The guitarist section jams down.



The TC S

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gers perform.

Darryl Akins jams down on his tenor sax.



Murry Alewine provides his services on the sound board.

Why Study Languages?

By: Kimberley Smith

Why would anyone want to study a foreign language? What purpose can be found in studying such a subject?

"Language is an asset to one's education," according to Albert Riusech, professor of French and Spanish at TCC. Learning a foreign language can help the students master their own language and their knowledge brightens job prospects ranging from bilingual secretary to social worker.

Goethe, a famous German author, stated, "He who is not acquainted with a foreign language knows nothing of his own native tongue." TCC offers a variety of courses for its student to become "acquainted with a foreign language."

Elementary and intermediate courses are offered in both French and Spanish. The courses are Elementary I, II, Intermediate I, II and advanced special studies with individualized instruction. "In addition, our department offers non-credit courses in conversation to those interested in traveling abroad. This is offered through the Continuing Education office," Riusech said.

Students do have the opportunity to acquire proficiency in the use of the language skills as they learn to listen with understanding, speak, read, and write the lan-

guage.

"I see a revival in foreign language learning because of the new requirements. In the last decade, foreign language encountered a bad decline. The language requirements have raised the trend," Riusech said. "Many colleges have now reinstated foreign language. The University of Texas, for instance, as of 1985 will not accept anyone without two semesters of foreign language, preferably in college."

Some students are able to participate in abroad programs, according to Riusech. The main objective of the trips is to "enrich the language skills," he said. "I continually search for ways to break the sound barrier in foreign language."

TCC's modern electronic language lab helps students master painlessly the basic skills of the language. Regularly scheduled practices are provided for language students. "Those who are seriously willing to work, do eventually learn to communicate effectively in the target language. The lab is an excellent practicing device for those who cannot afford to go abroad," Riusech said. Students are required and encouraged to use the language lab two hours per week. Two instructors assist in the language lab operation - Gladys Cupp, who has studied abroad, and Joelle Walker from Normandy, France.

Riusech encourages students to



LISTENING INTENSELY - Students in Albert Riusech's language classes spend a great deal of time in the language lab each week. Here the students listen to tapes in either French or Spanish, depending on which class they are enrolled in.

enroll in the right courses. Students who have had two or three years of a foreign language in high school should not enroll in a beginning course. "Instead, they should receive credit for what they know," he advised, adding students can take a placement examination and receive proper credit.

"The students will be happier in the right classes, furthermore, it doesn't take the instructor very long to detect the students who should have been in another class because of previous experience in the language," he said. "Learning a new language is fun and we try to make our classes enjoyable," he added.

Riusech's interest in foreign

languages began early. In the high schools in Latin American countries, students have to have two languages to graduate, he explained. To keep abreast in his field, he has taken new methodology courses and has participated in many study programs abroad.

Schools where he has studied and taught range from Southwest Baptist University, Ouachita Baptist University, the University of San Francisco, Henderson State University and Louisiana State University at Shreveport. He also studied at the Universidad de Guadalajara, Mexico and the Universite' de Dijon, France. He has been at TCC for about eight years now.

Basketball Ends For Intramurals

By: Cliff McMichael

The Intramural basketball schedule was wrapped up last Wednesday as the boys championship and the girls both played their games.

Taking first place in the boys division was the team of Keith Floyd, Steve Cobb, Jim Apel, Kelvin Trotter and Anthony Burks. Coming in second place was Ronnie Johnson, Fred Williams, Bill Brewer and Curtis Griffin.

The girls division was won by Jamie Whitehead, Roxanne Bos-ter and Julie Dill in first place, with Teresa Hubbard, Jackie

Davis and Daphne Day in second.

An ongoing ladder tournament in racquetball is still in progress with the tournament brackets posted in the Pinkerton Health and Recreation Center opposite the doors to the racquetball courts.

Also, volleyball as an intramural sport has been organized and will begin playing at the regularly scheduled intramural time on Wednesdays at 11 a.m.

Director Don McIntosh was pleased with the participation of everyone involved in the basketball games and wished to express his thanks to all those who helped as well as participated in the sport.



The winning intramural basketball team includes Kelvin Trotter, Anthony Burks, Jim Apel, Keith Floyd, and Steve Cobb.

Glen Rose:

He Keeps TCC Looking Great

By: Kimberley Smith

"Whatever progress you may see, (in the plant life at TCC) may be accredited to me, but it shouldn't be. If it wasn't for those six men who help me, it wouldn't be done," Glen Rose, grounds supervisor said. "They deserve a tremendous amount of credit and appreciation."

Modest or not, Rose deserves a round of applause for helping to beautify the TCC campus. He is working on a five-year program for campus beautification.

Rose retired from the nursery business in November three years ago. He was the landscape architect at Twitty Nursery for 32 years. Before working at Twitty, he served in the military. He attended Arkansas Tech at Russellville and the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville.

"I enjoy my work very much," he said. "It's not a work that makes a rich man out of you very quickly. The wealth is from seeing the beauty of nature. It is quite a rewarding field for the viewpoint if you enjoy growing things."

On the average, Rose has a six-

man crew and a foreman. A lot of the work they do is "house-keeping. We go along behind everybody and clean up after them."

The crew is making some changes now because the EMP building is being built, according to Rose. They try to make a foundation of permanent plants to give a nice effect 12 months of the year.

In the spring, according to Rose, after Easter, annuals will be put in the borders until the frost. Then, "We'll have to go in and put pansies for winter and spring," he said. They change out the color beds twice a year. "We are trying to increase the permanent plant life with berries for color and to attract birds on campus," he said.

One of the projects for next spring is the planting of 25 shade trees. They will be trees like maple with fall color and will be nice shade trees for campus beauty, according to Rose.

They are also increasing the number of rose bushes. "Quite often, we have beautiful roses until Christmas. Even though they're color plants, they are permanent," he said.

With a small crew and 40+ acres to maintain and improve, the schedule and progress is slow, he said. Sometimes in one of our crew's 40 hours a week, 30-35 of that may be housekeeping, Rose said.

"We were set back tremendously by last December's freeze. With another year's growth, the plants will return to good appearance," he said. Another project coming up for the crew is the development of the library once it is completed. "We plan to have the campus quite a show place with another two seasons," he said.

In his spare time, Rose enjoys tinkering with carpentry work, fishing, hunting, (and, yes) he likes to work with a lot of flowers around the house. It's like gardening.

"I like to see nature come alive in the spring and all the color in the fall. I like to see the tremendous power of our Maker to give beauty throughout the year," Rose said.

"It's very enjoyable. It's not like punching a clock. Your work stays with you."

His father was a wide-range horticulturalist, so Rose got his love for the field honestly. He

studied it in college and after World War II, he came back and went into it exclusively, he said.

"I've been kidded a lot about my name. I've been in Texarkana for 32 years, and they say I have a very appropriate name for the nursery business. It's a great plant. That's why we're trying to rearrange, regroup and increase the number of rose bushes," Rose said.

"We try to set them where the administration, chemistry, nursing, biology, EMP can see a mass of roses to enjoy. They're a colorful plant from after Easter for a long time during the year," he said.

Here in Texas the long periods of rainy weather makes it hard to keep them sprayed and the black spots off of them, he said. "Roses are one of the best plants for color in America because they continuously bloom."

Glen Rose and his crew are making the trip from class to class a little more enjoyable. Of his crew he said, "They are a good group of men. We're training them to be dedicated to beautification and also to have a job."



Glen Rose, grounds supervisor at TCC, can be seen on a daily basis supervising the crews and checking on the beautification of the campus. (Photo by Honda Stovall)

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Students Win

By: Amy Cigainero

Four students enrolled in TCC's piano preparatory class placed in the 14th annual Mountain View College piano contest Oct. 21 in Dallas.

"This is one of the biggest contests in the United States for students their age," said James Hervin, instructor of the students.

Jamie Gilbert received first in her division; Joe Mayo and Lisa Burke, second in their divisions; and Robin Cope was awarded third in hers.

Other finalists from TC were Parth Rana and Jay Nash.

The students are divided into divisions based on the number of years they have taken piano lessons.

Each student plays the assigned piece for his division.

Other students from TCC who participated were Susannah Mayo and Kara Burke.

The contest is for Texas students and is limited to 400.

"I'm very proud of all of them," said Herrin.

Fashion Show Sponsored

Dillard's, Penney's and TCC sponsored a fashion show, entitled Holiday Enchantment, in November.

"The Little Theater was packed. There were at least 50 people standing," Ruth Ann Loyd, sponsor said.

The foyer of the Humanities

Building was decorated in a holiday theme and refreshments were served.

The show featured gift ideas for the consumer.

Each guest received two gifts and Dillard's and Penney's gave away four \$250 shopping sprees.

"The fashion show was a combination of singing, dancing, elaborate staging and beautiful clothes," Loyd said.



Scholarships Established

The "Jake and Bessie Eldridge Memorial Foundation," has been established to provide scholarships to cover tuition and books and up to a maximum of fifty percent of room and board to worthy and needy graduates of Texarkana Community College. Recipients will be selected by the TCC Faculty Association Scholarship Committee with approval of the TCC Board of Regents.

Scholarships awarded by the foundation shall be for the purpose of attending a fully accredited college or university, which is publicly owned and situated within the State of Texas. The Trustees of the Foundation shall pay the scholarship funds directly to the college or university selected by the recipient during such time as the recipient is in actual attendance at the college for a period of as long as two regular school years.

The Foundation also specifies the following qualifications:

1. The student should have a scholastic record (not confined to scholarship) indicating that continuing college study would be beneficial to him or her and would advance his or her capabilities and intellectual achievement.

2. The student and the student's parents, if any, are financially unable to pay the expenses funded by the scholarship award.

The students will be judged on the basis of their income tax statements for the previous year, according to dean of students secretary, Candy Garner.

3. The student possesses good moral character, and in this regard, specific efforts should be made by the faculty scholarship committee to ascertain the possession of such qualifications by the student, rather than just relying, for example, upon self-serving material of this nature submitted by the student or those interested in the student.

For more information about the "Jake and Bessie Eldridge Memorial Foundation" scholarships and/or Texarkana Community College, contact the Dean of Students office, 2500 N. Robison Road, Texarkana, TX 75501.

CHANGES IN SPRING SCHEDULE FOR SOCIAL SCIENCES

PHE 114c.1 Badminton 8-9:30 will be on **Thursdays**

PHE 213c.1 Competitive Racquet Sports 12:30-2 will be on **Tuesdays**

PHE 219c.3 ... Racquetball ... will be 11-12:30 on **Monday only**

The following course was left out of the schedule **BUT** is offered:

COURSE: PHE 119c.3 Volleyball

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Mini-Courses To Be Offered

TCC will be offering three mini-courses in January. Registration will be Dec. 19, from 8:15 - 11:30 a.m. and 1 - 4:30 p.m.

History 134, second semester U.S. history, will be offered from Jan. 7 - 18. Hours will be 9 til 12 a.m. and 1 to 3 p.m. every weekday.

Political Science 231, which fills certification requirements for public school teachers in Texas, will be offered the same as the history class.

Psychology 235 will meet from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. daily.

All classes will be held in the Social Sciences building.

Tickets On Sale

Final plans for the Snowball Dance were made at a meeting of the Student Senate, Nov. 21.

The dance will be held Dec. 8

from 8 p.m. to midnight in the ballroom on the second floor of the Student Center.

Tickets, which are on sale in the book store, are \$2 for a single and \$3.50 for a couple. One ID per couple will be needed.

Next meeting of the Student Senate is set for Wednesday, Dec. 12 at 11 a.m.

Food Drive Set

T.C.C. Student Senate is sponsoring a food drive for the needy.

Boxes have been placed at various division offices throughout the campus.

Three To Go

Three members of TCC's Student Senate will attend a Student Senate convention near Washington, D.C., Jan. 18-23.

They are Kim Smith, Jeff Seward and Stacy Smith.

While there, the trio will also attend the inauguration of President Ronald Reagan.

Dance Slated

The Snowball Dance is slated for Dec. 8 at 8 p.m. in the ballroom of the Student Center. The dress is semi-formal.

"D.J. Bailey" from KMBQ in Shreveport will be the disc jockey. Refreshments will be provided by the College Inn.

The dance is sponsored and hosted by the Student Senate. Door Prizes will be drawn at the dance.

Tickets are on sale in the TCC bookstore for \$2 single and \$3.50 couple.

"Plan to attend and join in the holiday festivities," Student Senate president Kimberley Smith, said.

Blue Jackets

Spice Islands West Spice Shop will cater the Dec. 12 meeting of the Blue Jackets. They will present the program, and lunch will

be provided, paid for by the Blue Jackets.

Anyone interested in attending the luncheon should contact Elisabeth Shaw in the Counseling Center immediately to reserve a place. "Anyone who would like to come is invited," Shaw said. "It should be a really interesting meeting."

Those signed up should meet in the Counseling Center at 11 a.m. Transportation will be provided.

Next meeting of the Blue Jackets will be in February. A counselor from the Care Unit at St. Michael Hospital will speak.

Cushions On Sale

The TCC Bulldog Boosters Club is currently selling stadium cushions.

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What Does The Season Mean?

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Christmas brings to mind many different memories - all different for each person.

As time draws nearer to that 1984 day of celebration, one is encouraged to recall Christmases past. Mistletoe, holly, fir trees decorated with ornaments and bows, wrapped packages and tinsel. But to the mind of all Christians is added the grace of God. The celebration need not be one day of the year - December 25 is only the official date to celebrate the birth of the Child of Love - Jesus Christ.

Of the TCC students, faculty, and administration interviewed for what Christmas means to them, the reactions were varied.

Here are a few:

"It is a day of meditation that brings back to mind a feeling of brotherhood and humble beginnings." **Mike Danko**

"It is a day of rest." **David Wright**

"It is the day that we celebrate the birth of our Lord. A day of peace and love." **Traci Anthony**

"It is a day of national peace and tranquility. A day in which everyone comes together to exchange gifts and love until the next year in which we all get together again." **Ken Hodges**

"A special time of the year to celebrate Christ's birth." **Tim Lacy**

"A day set aside to celebrate Christ's birth. And it's a time when we get together with all our friends and family and celebrate." **John Huffman**

"A magical time; a time to be with the people closest to me and celebrate." **Elaine Keown**

"Family, traditions, love and celebration." **Barbara Hall**

"Family, food, and friends. Plus the warmth of the season and the birth of Christ," **Joel Cash, Faculty**

"Besides the religious connotation, Christmas means and symbolizes peace and goodwill toward our people. It is a time to reflect on our lives and perhaps to speculate. It is a time to do for others when for the rest of the year we're too busy with the rest of our problems." **Connor Patman, Board of Regents**

"CHRIST'S BIRTH! Everyone getting together sharing the Christmas spirit. Seeing smiling

faces of little children. Being with those you love and are dear to you. Seeing old friends and calling old friends you haven't seen or heard from in awhile." **Shelia Owen, Secretary**

"Christmas means love, giving, telling those around you you care. Christmas is a time to think of others. Christmas is children and their innocence and excitement. It is a time to think about peace and God's love for the world." **Elisabeth Shaw, Counselor**

"Basically, it's family getting together and being able to enjoy each other's company. Giving is the best part - it makes you feel good to make someone else feel good. It's making others feel better about themselves at the holidays, if you can." **Jeff Seward**



"Christmas to me is a time for family - a happy time to stop and thank God for all my blessings and for my family and our health. It's a time when I stop to appreciate the wonderful gift God gave to us in his son Jesus. To know that through Him all eternity can be better than any thing we've ever experienced here on earth." **Betty Smith**

"Christmas to me is a time for families to get together and share the joys of life. It is the time of year for eggnog, mistletoe and Christmas parties. But mostly Christmas is a time to share our fortunes with those not so fortunate." **Stephen Moore**

"Christmas always means different things to me. Last year it meant loneliness. This year it means togetherness - an opportunity to celebrate the birth of Christ with family and friends. Happy Birthday, Jesus." **H. Steven Johnson**

"Christmas is a very special time to me. It is a time that we celebrate that wonderful gift that was given to us. The gift of Jesus from God. We gather together to have a memorable time with our friends and loved ones. Remember, let us not forget the real meaning of

Christmas - the birth of Christ. Have a Merry Christmas." **Trina Warren**

"A time of year that people show their love for others by giving gifts. Christmas is a chosen day out of the year to officially recognize the love of God. A time of year when loved ones get together and feel warm and close. Just like the end of December, so goes the love. The love for God, and feeling God's love, should be recognized and celebrated every moving second of the day. While Christians celebrate everyday, Christmas is a time the whole world celebrates, when they should all the time." **Lee Weddington**

"Christmas is a season of love. It's a special day chosen to celebrate the birth of Christ. Families and friends get together and make Christmas a time for sharing and caring. Above all, it's a time for peace and good will." **Tressa Turner**

"To me, Christmas means: family, love, friends, giving, and a time to reflect on my many blessings." **Ben Sandefur, Board of Regents**

"Food - Family - Granddaughter - Quail hunting." **Levi Hall, Dean of Instruction**

"Christmas is a time of giving and receiving. A season for love to one another. A time for enjoying one's self and his family. One's love for Santa Claus." **John Huckabee**

"Christmas is a time to share with the people who are important to you. Size of the gift is unimportant although polo is always appreciated (hint, hint)!" **Jimmy Downs**



"Christmas is family! This is a highlight in my biological family because that is the time for all to see each other in a happy setting - a time to catch up on each other - a time to share plans, hopes, etc. ... This is a highlight in my Christian family because without Christ there would be no Christmas." **Rolfe Wylie, Humanities Division Chairman**

"To me Christmas is a time for family and close relatives to visit and have a joyous time, and also remember the most important birthday of all - Jesus Christ." **Kim Johnson**

"Christmas, oh, lots of mixed memories of friends and family, seeing people who haven't drifted out of your heart but are not as close as they use to be. And a time to pause and think about all people the world over, for at this time we all tend to be closer." **Brian Goesl**

"Christmas is a time for sharing with the ones you love. It is a time of peace and joy." **Ben Cox, Bookstore Manager**

"To one Christmas means a great time of celebration for the family to unite and enjoy the birth of Christ. It is a time for joy and happiness." **Estelle Parsons**

"Christmas to me is a time for family and since I'm older, it's not Santa Claus anymore, it's a time for Christ. A time for sharing and caring - not just your family. I worked at the Salvation Army for a while. It's also for sharing our good will for those less fortunate." **Debbie Cogell**

"Christmas means family to me. Everyone coming together for sharing and getting in touch with one another during the season." **Brenda Cook**

"To me Christmas is a break from reality. It is a fantasy world of fulfilled wishes and genuine warmth. The problems of the world disappear that one day but return too soon." **Rick Cottle**

"Christmas is a time of love. A celebration of the birth of Jesus. Memories of Christmas's long ago and Christmases to come." **P. Whitehead**

"Christmas is a time for giving. A time to share with others and spread love." **Tim James**

"Christmas means family and giving. If I were a millionaire, I would buy everyone I know a Christmas gift." **Candy Stevens Smith, Faculty**

"Christmas means giving gifts to the people I love. It's a time of enjoyment and celebration throughout the world." **Rosie Gurley**

"Christmas means spending time with family and giving gifts." **John Delo**

