

MLK Events

Again, Collin County Community College District (CCCCD) and the city of Plano will be honoring Martin Luther King Jr.'s vision and mission during a bevy of activities.

This year's theme is "His Vision, Our Mission" and the college theme is "Coming Together, Equality for All."

The CCCC Power Leadership Breakfast is slated for 8 a.m., Monday, Jan. 17, at the Spring Creek Campus, 2800 E. Spring Creek Parkway in Plano.

The event will bring together Plano city leaders to answer questions from a MLK Celebration Committee and from the audience.

Other activities include:

Saturday, Jan. 15

10 a.m.
Parade in downtown Plano
11 a.m.
City hall program and Health Fair
12 p.m.
Free lunch at the Douglass Center

Sunday, Jan. 16

7 p.m.
"An Evening Celebration" at the Custer Road United Methodist Church

Monday, Jan. 17

8 a.m.
Power Leadership Breakfast
10:30 a.m.
Youth Leadership Forum at the CCCC Spring Creek Campus

Thursday, Jan. 20

7 p.m.
Plano ISD Program at Plano Centre, 2000 E. Spring Creek Pkwy.

All activities are free and open to the public. For more information, visit www.planomlk.org or contact Earl Simpkins at 972.422.0012.

King's dream still rings true today

By Sydney Portilla-Diggs, Student Correspondent

On August 28, 1963 at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington D.C., Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. delivered the now famous "I have a Dream" speech. In his address, he said, "Five score years ago, a great American, in whose symbolic shadow we stand signed the Emancipation Proclamation...one hundred years later, we must face the tragic fact that the Negro is still not free."

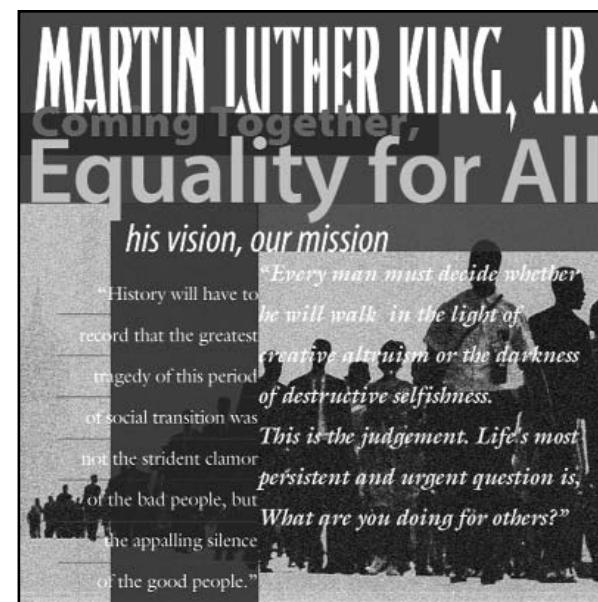
250,000 civil rights protestors witnessed his speech, and in the eyes of many, he was a champion of the African-American freedom struggle—and a patriot. A charismatic speaker, Dr. King used various references to the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution in his powerful oratory. He preached the morality of nonviolent social change. He embraced and encouraged a "love your enemies" philosophy of civil disobedience as a way to improve the

democratic republic—for all. By the time Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was assassinated in 1968, Wall Street had begun hiring its first African-American bankers, and President Lyndon Baines Johnson had signed the Civil Rights act. Yet, the question resounds to the present day—is the African-American free? CCCC students had many opinions on the question.

"If you ask me if the [African-American] person in the USA is free, I tell you NO! Perhaps the only way for our society to truly understand what it is like to live as an African-American, is to be an African-American for a while," suggests CCCC student Adele Bailey. When Bailey came to the United States for the first time, she looked for a house to rent. She found her

prospective landlords particularly cheerful and friendly. Perhaps, they were charmed by her engaging English accent. However, when she explained that she was South African, the houses suddenly became unavailable. Bailey says, "I could not understand this but I soon learned that they would rent a house to me if I told them I was of Dutch descent—it meant I was white."

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2005 will be exciting time to be at CCCC

According to college President Cary Israel, the new year will mean new projects, a renewed focus and the critical duty of creating a bright vision for the future. Following is a summary of a few of the highlights ahead for 2005.

New Strategic Plan

Collin officials will begin the year by creating a new three-year strategic plan. A new "Committee of 100" – composed of community volunteers, business people, college officials and students – will meet and develop a plan for the future.

The Collin Board of Trustees will then take that input and finalize a new strategic plan. This is the third three year planning cycle that the college has embarked upon. The former two changed the college dramatically by promoting technology, civic engagement and

student retention as well as by creating the dual admissions program easing the transition for Collin students to make the jump to local universities.

Texas Legislature

Of course, no other event in January is as important as the 79th Texas legislature convening in Austin.

Last session, community colleges took a 16 percent hit from the state. Already this year, the legislature has asked all Texas community colleges, including Collin, to submit their budget at 95 percent funding.

The Texas Association of Community Colleges (TACC) is promoting two agenda items to counter the funding cuts:

The state will be asked to restore funding to community and technical colleges. TACC is requesting that an additional \$357.9

million be injected into those schools.

The legislature will be asked to fully fund employee benefits for community and technical college faculty and staff.

TACC recommends that the state not shift the health insurance cost burden to college employees and instead adequately fund the Employees Retirement System (ERS). ERS recently increased health insurance premiums 5 percent for family and dependent coverage.

"This will be a difficult session. It is not our legislator's fault, but there will be some challenging issues this year. The trustees and I plan to be in Austin keeping a tab on proceedings affecting the college and discussing options with our elected officials,"

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Caleidoscope

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Student NEWSbits

Spring semester registration continues through Monday, Jan. 17.

Telephone registration is available at 469.452.2222 in Collin County or 469.757.2222 in Rockwall. Students may also register online @ www.ccccd.edu. Students can register everyday from 8 a.m.-11 p.m. until Jan. 17. Late registration will be Tuesday, Jan. 11, from 9 a.m.-7 p.m. in person at the Central Park, Spring Creek and Preston Ridge campuses. For students seeking advising for the upcoming semester, the contact numbers for

campus advisors are: Spring Creek, 972.881.5782; Central Park, 972.548.6782; and Preston Ridge, 972.377.1778. For more information or to register, visit the district's website at www.ccccd.edu.

CCCCD student **Hillary Burgess** was honored by the Association for Women in Mathematics for her outstanding achievement in the 2003-04 AMATYC Student Mathematics League Competition. Hillary was named top female in the Southwest Region.

College wraps up lecture series with two speakers

The United States is, indeed, a melting pot of many cultures, religions, ethnicities and races.

The same could be said for CCCCD as the definition of an "American" was discussed during the finale of a three-part series titled "What it Means to be an American" Nov. 17 at the Central Park Campus' Pike Hall.

The speakers were Hanny Shehadeh and Zaina Zatar.

Shehadeh founded Global Careers, Inc., a search firm focused on helping professionals. He also is an Arab-American born to Palestinian parents in Lebanon.

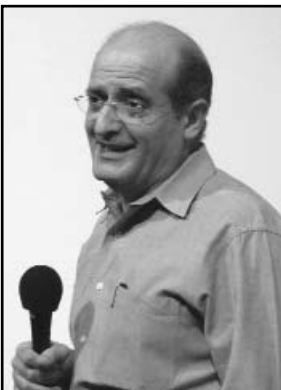
Zatar, 19, is a freshman at CCCCD and moved to the United States at age 11 after being born and raised in Saudi Arabia to Palestinian Muslim parents.

The theme of the event was tolerance. The speakers revealed anecdotes and tidbits on their culture and how it affects them as Americans.

Zatar said she revels in the freedoms she has in America compared to her strict upbringing and the cultural values Saudi Arabia holds on women.

In her native country, she was forced to cover her body. School included about five religion classes, 19 total subjects and prayer. Also, women have "no say" in Saudi Arabia and are required to stay at home and take care of the children, according to Zatar.

While attending high school in the United States, Zatar said her parents didn't allow her to stay out late at night or attend certain events like prom.



Hanny Shehadeh (pictured), a Palestinian born in Lebanon, spoke during the third installment of the "What It Means To Be An American" lecture.

However, she said she loved high school because she made new friends and joined the wrestling team in order to gain more freedom and interact more in the high school arena.

"I love it," Zatar said of high school sports. "Back in Saudi Arabia, you didn't have girls basketball or girls volleyball. You have physical education for 45 minutes and then you went back to the classroom."

Shehadeh, husband of Tatiana Shehadeh who works in the International Students office, preached understanding and tolerance. He is a Palestinian Christian and respects everyone despite their religion.

"Two or three of my best friends in Plano are Jewish," Shehadeh said. "I have the utmost respect for people born in the image of God whether they are Jewish, Muslim, Christian, Buddhist or atheist."

One of Shehadeh's anecdotes included a story of his visit

The Collin College Gingerbread House competition yielded some big winners and tasty concoctions. CCCCD student winners were Kimberly Kaes, culinary arts, first place; and China Hulen, education, second place. CCCCD faculty winners were Ann Williams and Terri Karlsend, Preston Ridge Campus reference librarians, first place; and Jyotsna Pai, student development associate at Allen, second place. High school entry winners were Girl Scout Troop No. 2392, first place; and Aileen Kao, Jasper High School, second place. Judges were culinary arts Professor Brook Brantley, Vice President of Academic Affairs Thom Chesney, The



Lemmons Company Chef Consultant Marty Cummins, Cooperative Work Experience Coordinator Lydia Gober and Hospitality and Foodservice Management Program Chair Karen Musa.



Brooke Brantley, right Lydia Gober

to Israel in 1995. There, he was stripped naked and his bag was dumped out and searched at a road checkpoint.

Shehadeh said he wants to breakdown stereotypes that Americans believe regarding people from the Middle East. One is that not all Arabs hate Jews. However, he warned attendees against the dangers of the media, which skew the true feelings of Muslims and Arabs.

For example, after the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks, Shehadeh was appalled to see news footage of Palestinian women cheering and clapping the United States' misfortune when a majority of Arab-Americans were mourning.

Shehadeh said he fell to his knees and cried as did other Arab-Americans – something the media didn't air. He urged attendees to take the media with a grain of salt and to research issues themselves.

King's dream

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Jeffrey Van Dyke, a CCCCD student at the Rockwall campus, has lived in Texas, Florida, and Maryland and grew up surrounded by different nationalities. When he becomes a parent, he says he wants his children to learn tolerance and inclusion from him. But he fears that if the injustice in society does not change, his children may be taught the wrong message by society.

"MLK was a leader for the African-American community who wanted to get everyone involved—but more importantly, he wanted equality for everyone across the board," says Van Dyke. He believes any progress made in the area of equal rights and equal employment thus far has been a mere "attempt" in most cases. "There are only a few minorities in management position [in the large retail chain] where I work... [I think] everybody should be given a chance to make his or her lives better," he concludes.

CCCCD students Melissa Viator-Cole and Mehreen Kouser believe that Dr. Martin Luther King's Jr.'s values have touched all of America. In the opinion of Kouser, who was born and raised in Pakistan, there is a contrast between the 1960s and the

2000s. "I wouldn't disagree with the statement [that the African-Americans are still not free] because in the time it was said, African-Americans didn't have the basic civil rights. But now things have changed a lot," Kouser reflects.

Melissa Cole's paternal great grandfather was a Frenchman living in Spain; her maternal grandfather was from Barcelona, Spain and her maternal grandmother was an American Indian from Oklahoma. Cole feels, "With the advances that have been made in today's society, I believe the opportunities are out there for all minorities to seize." Cole has worked with many people of different nationalities in the past including African-Americans, Indians and Pakistanis. Cole states, "They have all chosen to rise above [the issue of race], become very successful and have proven to be worthy of their successes." However, she is convinced that any discrimination she has experienced has been based on her gender rather than her multi-ethnic background.

Despite the differing opinions and perspectives, most people agree that Dr. Martin Luther King's Jr.'s legacy affects everyone today because it is a

work in progress. Dr. King laid claim to the promise that "all men would be guaranteed the unalienable rights of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. His cause had the underpinnings of inclusion and equality for all peoples: "The marvelous new militancy which has engulfed the Negro community must not lead us to distrust of all white people, for many of our white brothers, as evidenced by their presence here today, have come to realize that their destiny is tied up with our destiny and their freedom is inextricably bound to our freedom. We cannot walk alone...We cannot turn back."

Mehreen Kouser has not yet lived in the United States for one year but she believes, "One thing is for sure that neither I nor my family members have been discriminated against because of Dr. Martin Luther King's Jr.'s work." However, she feels that prejudice is rooted in human nature: "First, there were the Native Americans, then African-Americans, now it is homosexuals. After them, there will be someone else... Prejudice is unavoidable but impartiality is achievable."

SMU dual admission deadline Jan. 5

The deadline for spring Southern Methodist University and Collin County Community College District pre-admission program is Wednesday, Jan. 5. The program is limited to 20 students per year with a group being chosen in the fall and the spring. The pre-admission application and information sheet are available at www.smu.edu/admission/apply.asp.

CCCCD has five dual admission programs with SMU, Texas A&M-Commerce, Texas Women's University, University of North Texas and University of Texas-Dallas. For more information about the CCCCD dual admission program, visit www.ccccd.edu/student-services/transferuniversitypartners.html.

SMU pre-admission students must have maintained a grade point average of 2.95 in transferable courses if they have less than 30 semester credit hours. Pre-admission students must have maintained a GPA of 2.7 in transferable courses if they have 30 or more semester credit hours.

CCCCD garners worldly awards

After weeks of preparation, a group of CCCCD students did an award winning Canadian impersonation during a Model UN session in Washington, D.C. Nov. 10-13.

Thirteen CCCCD students portrayed America's neighbor to the north, Canada, during the Invitation Model United Nations. They were one of two community colleges at the event.

According to advisor and professor Didi Wendel, the students spent weeks researching Canada's stance on issues such as nuclear proliferation, trade, human rights and the environment. Wendel advised the students along with Professor Hope Williams.

The students also researched each UN committee, operating rules and practiced speeches.

The CCCCD representatives participated in six of the seven committees along with 35 other universities and colleges, including Southern Methodist University, De La Salle University, Texas Christian University, Manhattan College, University of Texas - Dallas and five international delegations.

Delegations were judged for overall performance with CCCCD taking home five of seven awards as "Outstanding Delegation." The CCCCD group also achieved "Outstanding Delegation" for the entire conference with two other schools.



The **2004 Living Legends** (from left): Dr. Erwin and Elisabeth Pink (of Frisco), Gerry Ruschhaupt (of McKinney), and Dr. Myrtle and Professor John Hightower (of Plano) were honored at the Living Legends Tribute held Nov. 13 at CCCCD.

For more information about the Model United Nations, call Wendel at 972.377.1631.

Campus Events

CCCCD is hosting an information session on its Teacher Certification Program.

The session is from 10-11 a.m. Jan. 15, at CCCC at Allen, 300 Rivercrest Boulevard. The information session will cover the same topics including an overview of CCCC's Teacher Certification Program, application requirements for Summer 2005 track, alternative routes to teacher certification in Texas, certifications offered, the CCCC application process, training provided in the program, training schedules, cost, information about teacher job opportunities in the Metroplex and a question-and-answer forum. The session is free and pre-registration is required by calling 972.377.1060.

The Fine Arts Department is hosting an **art show** titled "Alloys and Echoes" by Chris Morgan Monday, Jan. 17-Saturday, Feb. 5 at the Spring Creek Campus. Call the Fine Arts Department at 972.881.5107 for more information.

The annual CCCC **Auteur Film Series** for 2004-2005 continues Monday, Jan. 31, at 7 p.m. with "Osama." The series is held in room C104 at the Spring Creek Campus. The film is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Carolyn Perry at cperry@ccc.edu or at 972.881.5140.

The Vagina Monologues will be presented by the **Quad C Theatre** at the colleges Black Box Theatre, 2800 E. Spring Creek Parkway, Plano 75074. Performances are Feb. 11 and 12 at 8 p.m. and Feb. 13 at 2:15 p.m. Tickets are \$10 General Admission and \$7 for Students and Seniors (age 55+). Tickets for the raffle (held at each performance) are \$1 each. All proceeds from tickets sales will benefit Hope's Door and Women of Iraq, Under Siege. For tickets, season subscriptions and other information call the Quad C Theatre Box Office at 972.881.5809. NOTE: A TDD information line for deaf patrons is available at 972.881.5950. The performance on Friday, Feb. 11 at 8 p.m. will be sign-interpreted for the Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing.

Student Question

What is your New Year's resolution?



Sylvia Garcia
Sophomore, Plano

I haven't given much thought to my New Year's resolution. I'm trying to get through with this semester of school. I want to finish my two years at CCCC. I'm looking forward to finishing my associate of arts and continuing to a teaching degree.



Estelle Martinez
Freshman, Allen

My New Year's resolution is to maintain a 4.0 GPA. I'm working on my master's in nursing. I'm doing my prerequisites now.



Naureen Merchant
Freshman, Plano

My New Year's resolution is to be expecting a baby in May. I'm taking spring semester and after that I'm having a baby.



Kenny Vernon
Freshman, Plano

My New Year's resolution is to save more than \$1,000 in my bank account. I'll be selling an E-Mac G4 for \$800 on Ebay.



Katia Grebennikova
Sophomore, Frisco

I want to bring myself up on my feet so I can help others stand up also. It means people should help others before they help themselves first. I want to educate myself first of all which is important to survive in this world.



Michael Cooper
Frisco

I would like to get accepted to Stanford in the fall 2005 and I'd like study chiropractics. I'm doing dual credit. I'm still in high school, a senior.



Rosa Rodriguez
Sophomore, Frisco

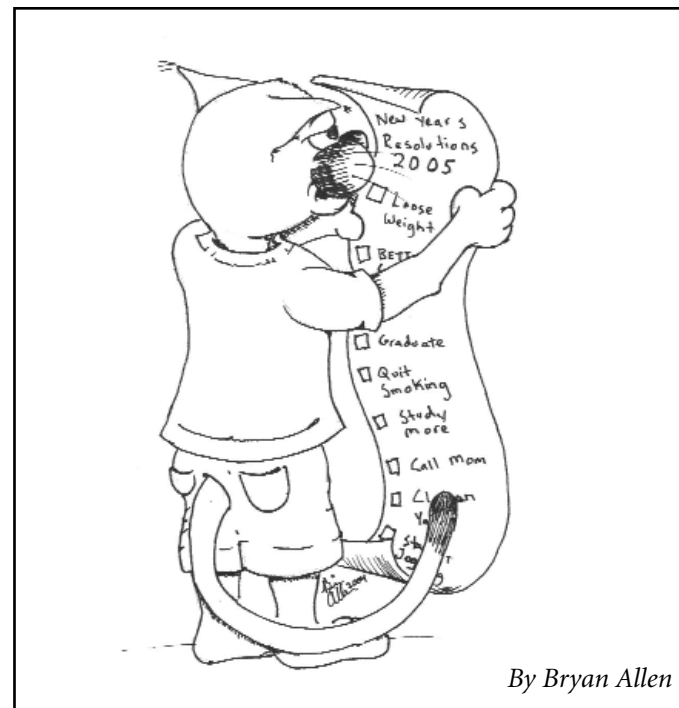
My New Year's resolution is to spend more time relaxing and not being under pressure and taking things to seriously. With studying, I tend to overdue it.



Goly Adhamy
Sophomore, Plano

This summer I plan to go backpacking through Europe. Mainly France, Italy, Germany and Vienna, Austria because I was born there. I have cousins in France that I want to see and I have relatives in Germany.

Cougar on Campus...



By Bryan Allen

CCCCD students support Army nurses

By Jerilyn Harris, Student nurse, CNSA Second Vice President

What began as a local T-shirt designing contest for the Collin County Nursing Student's Association (CNSA) gained the interest of the U.S. Army Nurses during the November mid-year conference of the National Student Nurses' Association in Daytona Beach, Fla. The T-shirts were intended as a fundraiser for CNSA, yet members felt a need to contribute and give recognition to nurses serving in Iraq.

CNSA President Stacie Murphy created the concept of the T-shirt.

The winning design states support for nurses in Iraq and a portion of the proceeds from the sales went to the International Support Services through the American Red Cross.

These funds will provide medical supplies and other necessities for the nurses serving in Iraq. CNSA will be recognized in both the United States Army Nurses newsletter and the National Student Nurses' Association magazine, *Imprint*. If anyone is interested in supporting CNSA and the nurses in Iraq, T-shirts are available for \$15.

For more information or to buy a shirt, call Jennifer Desmond at Jend4009@yahoo.com.



The U.S. Army Nurses recently recognized Collin County Community College District student nurses for their T-shirt fundraiser during the National Student Nurses' Association in Daytona Beach, Fla. CCCC student nurses pictured are Collin County Nursing Student's Association (CNSA) Fundraising chair Jennifer Desmond; CNSA President Stacie Murphy; Liana Banales; Lori Neely and faculty advisor Lori Wastlick.



January Birthdays

Stephen R. Hardy	01	Donald Lennert	16
I-Tai Kao	01	Jessica Weisel	16
Jimmy King	01	William Blitt	17
Joyce Miller	01	Tony McRae	17
Selena Lujan	02	Raymond Deskins	18
James Berry	03	Marina Jarvis	18
Jennifer Archer	04	Ronnie Langford	18
Michael McConachie	04	Jason Evans	20
Barbara Rickert	04	Benjamin Espey	21
Diana Sage	04	Kathleen Potvin	21
Ralph Long	05	Lori Armstrong	22
Shawn Stewart	07	Deborah Cardenas	23
Nasreen Ahmad	08	Pamela Love	23
Peter Brierley	08	Penelope Throop	23
Randy Culver	08	Jacob Banner	24
Tracey Elliott	08	Thomas Mobley	24
Barbara Stroden	08	Holly Mullins	25
Paula Ballew	09	Gillian Braziel	25
Roberta Jackson	09	Sepideh Kafaei	25
Lydia Lugo	09	Julian Pittman	25
Barbara Lusk	09	Shannon Sager	25
Kelly Putnam	09	James Sigona	25
Cynthia White	09	Anthony Ayers	26
Mark Langford	10	Brenda McNease	26
Kent Scott	10	Paulette Miller	26
Sonja Andrus	11	Carole Morgan	26
Donna White	11	Sandra Herron	27
Gerald Jewison	12	Sabine Madriguera	28
Karen Musa	12	Ralph Hall	30
Thomas Marvin	13	Thomas McAuliff	30
Molly Boyce	14	Tammy Obier	30
U. L. Jones	14	Lawrence Stern	30
Irene Luna	14	Allan Garrison	31
Kanetia Williams	14	Billy James	31
C. Kenyon	15	Lillian Meason	31
Carolyn Perry	15	Torrey West	31
Peter Dawson	16		

Texas legislators talk issues during luncheon at CCCC

The Texas Junior College Student Government Association (TJCSGA) is ready to get their elbows dirty in Austin.

With the 79th Texas state legislature ready to convene down south on I-35, the TJCSGA wants its collective voice heard on bills that affect everything from textbook prices to funding for community colleges.

TJCSGA exemplified its effort with a Region II luncheon Nov. 19 on the Spring Creek Campus at CCCC featuring two members of the state House of Representatives, Brian McCall of District 66 and Jerry Madden of District 67.

The event was an opportunity for Region II SGA members, college presidents and board trustees to hold fellowship and also was a medium for attendees to gain understanding about what issues might pop up in state government this session.

McCall said about 5,500 bills will be introduced ranging from public safety, transportation, public school finance, health care and higher education.

Over the years, state funding for community colleges has decreased.

The number one legislative priority for the Texas Association of Community Colleges is to restore funding to community colleges, as it requests the legislature dole out an additional \$357.9 million for the fiscal year 2006-07.

TJCSGA Region II President James Nunn said state funding is an issue from top to bottom at CCCC.

Representative Jerry Madden (left) and Brian McCall (right) spoke at CCCC on Nov. 19.



Other items that might come up on the house floor are sky-rocketing textbook costs and a bill that may affect how students transfer to a four-year schools, according to Nunn.

Now the discussion hinges on revenue and how the state can restore funding for public services. Alternatives include an increase in the sales tax, a business activity tax and a "sin" tax on alcohol and cigarettes.

"We're going to generate revenue this session. That's why it's important for you to get your input into the legislation to get your piece of the pie," Madden said.

TJCSGA Region II President James Nunn said there are about four or five other bills that will "directly affect" community colleges.

Nunn also is chair of the TJCSGA Legislative Affairs Committee that will examine legislation that potentially affects community colleges.

A message board on the TJCSGA website, at www.tjcsga.org, also will be available for those interested in voicing their opinion.

TIPS for Transfer Students

No. 2, Part A

Understand How Your CCCC Courses Will Transfer

The state of Texas uses the Texas Common Course Numbering System (TCCNS). That means that similar courses taught at public colleges and universities during the freshman and sophomore years are identified with common numbers. The common numbers are not used on each public college or university campus, but each college identifies the common numbers in their catalogs. If you don't know what your major will be these are often the best courses for transfer students. See a CCCC academic advisor, who can help you make the correct selections for your desired program and/or major.

For more information, please call Transfer Programs at 972.985.3734.

Cougar Movie Reviews

NATIONAL TREASURE



If you like action, if you like history, if you like a little mystery and you can't stand Nicholas Cage, then get in the car, drive to the movie theater and see "National Treasure".

Action, history and mystery rope viewers into this film, which is strong enough to not be brought down by Cage's inept acting. The plot revolves around Cage's character Benjamin Franklin Gates, who is enamored with the prospect that some 200 years ago, the founding fathers of the United States buried a treasure of Biblical proportions.

This treasure had eluded Gates' father, portrayed by the always-cheery Jon Voight, and his grandfather, played by Mr. Von Trapp himself, Christopher Plummer. Gates eventually finds a scent and is chased by foe Ian Howe (Sean Bean) and the FBI because they stole the Declaration of Independence along the way because it had a secret map on the back.

Mix in the Masons, clever quips by Riley Poole played by Justin Bartha and the gorgeous Diane Kruger playing Abigail Chase, and you have a mammoth adventure. Not great, but good. The acting and writing lag at times, but anytime you include the Knights Templar, it makes up for it.

Three out of Five Paws

FINDING NEVERLAND



It's January, so the Oscar hunt officially begins. Johnny Depp has been mentioned as a possible best actor contender for his role in this film, in which he plays J.M. Barrie, the author of "Peter Pan." In the role of the late author, Depp manages a respectable Scottish accent. His performance is subtle and understated, certainly a reversal from his performance in "Pirates of the Caribbean." (Most of the publicity material shows Barrie dressed as a pirate, playing make-believe with children.) Depp may receive a nomination for this particular role, but he will likely not receive an Academy Award for best actor. Why? His character, J.M. Barrie, is a rather cold fish throughout most of the film, giving the actor very little range of emotion to explore.

Here's the story: Barrie's last play was a flop, so he makes friends with four neighbor boys to inspire his next play, "Peter Pan." As Barrie's relationship with his wife dissolves, his love grows for the boys' mother, Sylvia. Sylvia, herself a widow to cancer, is dying of some lung ailment, probably tuberculosis. The movie ends as his successful play, "Peter Pan," opens, and the boys' mother dies. The film poignantly parallels her death with the mystical voyage to Neverland.

The theme of the movie seems to be revealed in a line of dialogue that Barrie himself repeats several different times throughout the movie, in different ways: "Little boys should never be sent to bed," he says sadly, "because eventually they wake up to be men." When Barrie confesses that his older brother died when he was just a child, we can begin to understand this line, and the idea behind "Peter Pan" as well: Never grow up.

Three out of five paws.

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Israel said.

Textbook costs

In addition to issues maintaining the college's affordability, Collin officials are seeking a solution to sky-rocketing textbook costs.

President Israel plans to testify during legislative hearings to help develop a plan relieving textbook costs. This nationwide problem places a heavy burden on students and affects not only their ability to achieve academically, but also places a roadblock to them affording a higher education.

In some cases, the textbook costs more than the class. For example, an introduction to chemistry classroom and lab textbooks cost about \$135 while the class costs \$142. This problem must be addressed.

Affordability & Fundraising

Another issue the college must tackle is affordability. With the downturn in economy affecting everyone, scholarship fundraising is becoming critical.

"Fundraising is a major initiative for the college, and we need to take this issue to a higher level," Israel said. Part of that initiative is the upcoming Plain and Fancy Ball in February, which will help raise money for scholarships. The college raised more than half a

million dollars in the last four years and assisted nearly 800 students through scholarships, but student need continues to climb.

Campus Expansions

The Preston Ridge Campus expansion will open in January for spring classes as a part of the strategic plan to make the Frisco campus comprehensive in its educational potential.

With the expansion, students and faculty will find a new fine arts area, general purpose classrooms and a magnificent new 50,000-square-foot library. The new classrooms and common areas will open up an educational opportunity like no other in the region.

Living our Values

The CCCC of 2005 certainly has a new look and a new attitude; however, the underlying values this college and its faculty, staff, board of trustees and students remains true.

Collin represents a dedication to Learning, Service & Involvement, Creativity & Innovation, Academic Excellence, Dignity & Respect and Integrity.

No matter how many buildings we construct or new years pass, those core values will be what Collin County Community College truly exemplifies.

Health & Fitness

Everything from cancer awareness to low-fat strawberry smoothies were points of discussion during a recent meeting of the Student Leadership Academy (SLA).

The student organization focused on health issues – diet, exercise and medical maladies – during a meeting Nov. 19 at the Preston Ridge Campus in Frisco.

SLA consists of five groups, which must present a program on an assigned topic, according to SLA student Cyndi Chennault.

She, along with group members Ana Zenteno, Pamela Veltman and Devin Gulliams, spoke to the group about stress relief.

According to Veltman, ways to handle stress include: keeping a log of activities, time management, communicating clearly, nurturing oneself on days off, setting aside one evening for recreation, getting sleep, remembering to laugh and, if need be, seeking professional help.

"What I hope the rest of the class got out of today's presentation is how to establish your priorities by setting boundaries for yourself, finding the best balance in your life, new ideas on how to reduce the stress load in your life and how to deal with stress," Chennault said. "Incorporating fitness and watching what you eat is a good beginning of how to deal with these issues and connecting all of these aspects together and finding your spirit and the power of yourself."

Next, Dr. Jane Chihal visited the class preaching the gospel of health and wellness. She said that

advancements not only in technology and medicine, but also treatment techniques have improved health over the years. Now, doctors have a proactive approach to treating patients and focus more on preventive medicine.

Dr. Chihal tied health and fitness to the business world and how it can improve a company or even one's family life. "It's a very important concept if you are going to lead a business or lead a household," she said of health and fitness.

She cited that, for businesses, healthy employees, greater productivity, equate to less sick days and a decrease in insurance costs.

Dr. Chihal cited several ways to improve one's health, including: a good diet, exercise, sleep, stress reduction, a healthy work environment and medical tests.

She said more and more companies are offering tests ranging from bone density testing in women over 50, blood pressure monitoring, mammograms, cholesterol screening and blood tests detecting prostate cancer.

Rhonda Peters from Bally Total Fitness also spoke about integrating fitness and exercise into one's daily lifestyle to not only lose weight, but to lead a healthier life.

Peters led the students in a mini-workout and told them to incorporate strength, cardiovascular and interval training into their workout schedule.

Zenteno, Veltman, Chennault and Gulliams also cooked a number of food items including vegetables, low-fat brownies, gingerbread and smoothies to promote healthy and delicious foods.

Phi Theta Kappa welcomes new members

Phi Theta Kappa Induction Ceremony was Nov. 21, 2004 in the John Anthony Theatre.

Phi Theta Kappa is an international honor society for two-year institutions. Phi Theta Kappa is the largest honor society in American higher education with more than 1.5 million members and 1,200 chapters located in 50 united states, U.S. territories, Canada and

Germany. To be eligible for CCCC'D's Alpha Mu Tau Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, one must have a GPA of at least 3.5 and have completed a total of 12 credit hours at Collin County Community College District.

Julie Abraham	Melissa Ann Cole	Mike Giles	Sokaribo George Lawson-Jack	Farrah Qureshi	Darlene Suarez
Michael Sean Aday	Matthew Collins	Kara Good	Mallory Lineburger	Syed Shadman Rahim	Aimee Suen
Shannon Lindsey Ainsworth	Karlee Crawford	Daniel Goode	Tonya Malek	Todd Reimer	Dan Tache
Matthew Douglas Akers	Josh Curlett	William Gough	Beatrice May	Marilyn Rice	Ashlee Talburt
Shirley Craun Allen	Gesina Cuvi	Thomas Graham	Autumn McClanahan	Laurie Richardson	Sze-Hui Tan
Chris Baird	Tony Davidson	Crystal Haddox	Samantha McComas-Baker	Laura Robinson	Anigail Nicole Thomas
Kari Ann Barrett	Jeanie Derum	Amanda Hafliger	Debra McGuire	Leandra Roesch	Olivia Todaro
Logan Alan Barron	Alan Jay Diamond	Donna Hall	Gracey McKennon	Sandra Rowe	Kari Tolle
John Elwin Barskdale	Abdel Diawara	James Hatfield	Meghan McKern	Sara Samadi	Gary Trammel
Heidi Hall Bass	Michael DiPiazza	Cheryl Henderson	Connie McMann	Teres Monique	James Turner
Deana Patricia Bell	Ashley Edwards	Chase Higgs	Donald McQuade	Rose Samaniego	Michael Valentine
Tamara Bennett	Jillian Edwards	Joshua Hora	Michelle Melancon	Lena Sarar	Tyler James Vano
Debbi Black	Lindsay Ellason	Christina Janiak	Mary Milleson	Jennifer Ann	Heather Overbey Whitney
Amanda Kay Blakley	Kelly Ellis	Elizabeth Janis	Joanna Mineart	Marie Schimelman	Beverly Jennifer Wicken
Michael Boone	Saloumeh Esmaeili	Claudine Johnson	Kenji Miyajima	Lynda Schitzius	Kristofor Waid Wiggins
Monica Boyd	Kristi Esposito	Karen Johnson	Mary Ann Monnin	Shahina Shad	Ashlea Wiley
Laura Bradford	Victoria Fain	Wendy Jones	Linda Mosley	Salovmeh Armaiti Shahidi-Fitzgerald	Latonya Woodhouse
Lesley Brooks	David Fallin	Kenneth Judd	Sheara Mulbah	Alexio Sherman	Hao Yang
Camille Bryant	Christine Fasolino	Arundati Karthik	Andrea Orsborn	Shannon Shuflat	Chrissy Yung
Herbert Bryant	Anna Farris	Marc-Oliver Katele-Kone	Nita Overcast	Cher Smalling	Brain Zadorozny
Jennifer Burke	Beverly Fetterman	Cathy Keeton	Elizabeth Petterson	Jeffery Smith	Zeeshan Zeeshan
Catherine Burkel	Elizabeth Fisher	Gail Renee Killon-Lawson	Lynette Ponce	Yvonna Smoot	Adam Ziegler
William Carpenter	Jenna Fisher	Mehreen Kouser	David Pouges	Romoncito Solis	
Martina Charlton	Aubrey Flanigan	Kelly Ann Kozloski	Kseniya Parakhina	Brian Spinks	
Rhonda Chirafisi	Allisa Gambara	Andreza Kurgan	Ian Priestley	Cathy Stang	
Indira Ruth Chrisman	Sheila Gilani	Kristina Lake-Bell	Nancy Prodnuk	Shawn Stark	
Christina Cloxton	Emily Giles	Alicia Lawrence	Giang Quach	Elizabeth Steinmetz	

Quick Facts

The 2004 Noel Levitz Survey, administered to CCCC'D students last spring, provides satisfaction scores for the following college services which are listed in the order of importance attributed to them by students. On a scale of 1 to 7, CCCC'D's student satisfaction scores are compared with national data for other community, junior and technical colleges. If the

difference between CCCC'D scores and the comparison group is a positive number, CCCC'D students are more satisfied than the comparison group; if it is a negative number, CCCC'D students are less satisfied. Asterisks associated with difference scores indicate that the differences between CCCC'D and the national comparison group were statistically significant.

Scale	CCCC'D Means	Natl. Comparison Group Means	Difference
Instructional Effectiveness	5.43	5.31	0.12***
Registration Effectiveness	5.44	5.31	0.13***
Academic Services	5.48	5.30	0.18***
Academic Advising/Counseling	5.00	5.10	-0.10*
Concern for the Individual	5.16	5.13	0.03
Safety and Security	5.23	4.81	0.42***
Campus Climate	5.34	5.19	0.15***
Service Excellence	5.25	5.13	0.12**
Student Centeredness	5.38	5.26	0.12**
Admissions and Financial Aid	5.03	5.00	0.03
Campus Support Services	4.99	4.85	0.14***
Responsiveness to Diverse Populations	5.55	5.37	0.18***

[Source: Noel Levitz Survey Spring 2004]

For the detailed report see IRO's intranet site:

<http://intranet.ccccd.edu/iro/information/reports/index.html>

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*Significant at .05 level.

**Significant at .01 level.

***Significant at .001 level.

Employee Recognition Nominees

Shane Ammons	Tiffany Kellerman
Nell Ard	Jean Lafollett
Tiffanee Arnold	Kenny Lanus
Mary Auwen	Debbi Livingston
Brad Baker	Heather Webb-Losh
Kris Berg	Sheri Mackey
Doug Boliver	J'Anna Mann
Diana Browning	Tom Martin
Sharon Burnett	Diana McKee
Thom Chesney	Marlene Miller
Heather Darrow	Tri Nguyen
Leslie Dempsey	Gilbert Padron
Jack Denton	Ruth Payton
Andy Duckworth	Linda Qualia
Doug Dunlap	Sandra Snyder
Barbara Fox	Joanne Stevens
Mary Jane Gibbons	Jon Stones
Shannon Green	Glenda Trammell
Marilyn Hall	Gloria Tyler
Mary Lou Hennessy	Jeff Watson
Tom Hull	Henry Whalen
Ceilidh Charleson-Jennings	Vicki York

First Impressions Are Lasting

What impression do YOU want to make?

At a lunch interview with a company executive, she sat down and immediately began to eat her salad. She looked up and noticed the hiring supervisor had not yet picked up his fork. He stared at her. "I knew by the look on his face he was not going to hire me."

In our time of fast food and casual dress, etiquette is making a surprising comeback. Several generations have not been taught manners. The rebellious '60s, the greedy '80s, the all-about-me '90s may be clichés, but clearly etiquette has not been a priority in the last few decades. Students do not realize they should have firm handshakes and look others right in the eye.

If you feel you need assistance in learning proper etiquette, review the following 10 suggestions. They should help you make a painless transition to the business world.

Dress for the job.

Be aware of dress requirements at whatever company you're considering for employment. If you don't like what you have to wear at the job, you may not enjoy working there. Dress codes often reflect a company's atmosphere. Large firms that work closely with the public prefer more conservative dress. Smaller firms and hi-tech may favor casual dress. For interviews, invest in quality clothes. Be clean and well pressed.

Show enthusiasm.

People respond well to someone who is secure, happy and friendly. The business market is tough today, but that is your problem, not theirs. Do not let your anger, frustration and fear show. Few people get excited about the jobs they are interviewing for, or the projects they are given once hired. You have to do it and be sincere.

Be clear and concise.

Candidates who talk too much or talk too little have problems in an office environment. A response to any question should be between two and six sentences. It does not take six paragraphs or six words. Avoid slang or such expressions as "you know" or "like". Show respect at all times. Do not use first names without permission. The older, more senior executive should be introduced first.

Learn to listen.

When you listen, you learn. If you listen to others carefully, you flatter them by showing that what they are saying is important. How will you know the supervisor's needs if you do not listen?

Career Services & Cooperative Work Experience

PUTTING EDUCATION TO WORK

What can you do?

In the corporate world-which is based on "we", not "I"-it is more important to emphasize what you can do for the company, not what can the company do for you! Now is the time to emphasize your skills, abilities and what you can do for the employer

to make a contribution.

Good table manners.

The supervisor wants to schedule a lunch meeting. It is not because the supervisor needs a lunch companion. The supervisor wants to get to know the "real" you in a social, relaxed setting. Example of common table mistakes:

- Not waiting for everyone to be seated and follow the lead of host/hostess.
- Failure to place napkin in your lap, once seated.
- Talking with food in your mouth.
- Beginning to eat before everyone is served.
- Chewing with mouth open.
- Using wrong utensils.
- Not being on time.

You may have gotten by in school by being 10-15 minutes late, but that is not going to enhance your chances of success in the work place. If you have a problem being on time, then allow the extra 10 minutes. Make a list how being late has hurt you to reinforce why you should be on time.

Have a friendly attitude.

People who appear happy and interested in others inspire a sense of goodwill and affect the happiness of others around them. You will be remembered as a nice person and an inspiration to be around.

CCCCD faculty, staff cook up chili wins

CCCCD hosted its 13th annual Chili Cook-off Nov. 12, at the Central Park Campus. About 300 people attended to sample a bevy of chili choices.

The winners of the cook-off were:

- Golden Spoon - Overall Best Chili - Laurie Gibson, student life assistant
- Roadkill Award - The Records Management Group: Tammy Brown, Peggy Browning and Rhonda Bolton (CPC)
- Hottest Chili - Mike McConachie, professor of government (CPC)
- Wimpiest Chili - Marie Buettner, associate faculty, Study Skills (CPC)
- Faux Chili - PRC Learning Resources Center: Ann Williams and Terri Karlseng (PRC)
- Best of Show (Table Decorations) - Debra Lamb; Theme: Americana (PRC)

College NEWS

The North Central Texas WorkForce Board approved the grant titled "Warehouse Management/Process Improvement Training Project" in the amount of \$157,638 to CCCCD. This grant will benefit 165 employees of three companies in our service area: Telecom Electric Supply Company and Geo-Marine, Inc. in Plano, and Special Products & Manufacturing, Inc. in Rockwall. The college received more than a million dollars in workforce grants in 2004.

More than \$1,500 was raised for the CCCCD Children's Holiday Fund and Back to School programs during the Chili Cook-off and All College Council Bake Sale held at the Central Park Campus. Chili bowls created for the Chili Cook-off raised \$840 for Hope's Door, the women's shelter in Plano.

Bobbie Long, executive director of the Central Park Campus Learning Resource Center, and LRC staff were designated a Consumer Health Information Center.



Laurie Gibson (left) won the Chili Cook-off Best Overall Chili. (Right) Professor Gordan O'Neal.



From left Judges Cheri Jack, Jeff Walter, and Cameron Neal sample chili at the Chili Cook-off.