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Alumni Newsletter



TRINITY VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE • HENDERSON COUNTY JUNIOR COLLEGE

Let's Get Together Reunions set for 2002

Two reunions are set for the coming months at TVCC. The classes of 1961 through 1964 are scheduled to meet in July, and the Cheerleaders from 1946 on are coming together during homecoming weekend in October.

Classes of 1961-64

The Cardinal Reunion for the classes of 1961, '62, '63 and '64 is scheduled for July 26-28 at the Best Western Inn in Athens.

This class group had similar events in 1992 and 1997 and is celebrating their 40th anniversary this year.

The itinerary includes an informal social on the 26th, golf for all skill levels, including spectator, entertainment featuring tunes from the '60s on the 27th and one more informal social for breakfast on the 28th.

For more information, or to get on future mailing lists for these classes, contact Jim Underwood at 817-462-8994, 817-614-9287 or at choctawfence@aol.com.

Cardinal Cheerleaders Reunion

TVCC hopes to bring together Cardinal Cheerleaders from every year for the first Cheerleader Reunion.

The event is scheduled for 11:30 a.m. October 12 in the Student Union Building Ballroom in Athens.

Cheerleader Coach Shannon Davidson and former coach Connie Russell have been working to contact cheerleaders since last fall.

If you're a former cheerleader or know someone who is, be sure to pass the word along. We will also be looking for memorabilia from past cheerleader teams. If you have something

you'd like to share, or if you want to be sure to be on the mailing list, contact Shannon at 903-675-6353 or by e-mail at s davidson@tvcc.edu.

Alumni Picnic

TVCC will host a picnic for all alumni at 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 12 in front of the Administration Building.

We'll provide the food and the entertainment.



1964 Cardinal Cheerleaders



TVCC's first football team held a reunion on the campus during Homecoming last year.

LAST YEAR'S REUNIONS

The '82 Cardinals

The 1982 Cardinals were one of the most successful men's basketball teams in the college's history, finishing the season 33-3 with a third place finish at the NJCAA tournament in Kansas.

Eight of the 13 players on the team traveled from around the country and even from overseas to attend their 20th anniversary.

They had an informal reception, were honored during the basketball game in the evening and had a party at the Lake Athens Marina.

The First Football Team

Football players from 1947-49 gathered during last year's Homecoming celebration. Eighteen men attended the event, as did former assistant coach Vic Lewis, the football sweetheart, a cheerleader, and a couple classmates who weren't on the team.

The team gathered for a luncheon and was honored during the Homecoming game.



TVCC names Homecoming Alumni Award recipients

Colleen Doolin Skinner Distinguished Alum

Colleen Skinner graduated from TVCC in 1973 and now runs her own family law practice in Dallas.

Following her education at TVCC, Skinner pursued a career as a journalist, receiving her master's degree in journalism from the University of North Texas. She worked with several newspapers, including a stint with the Associated Press.

In 1985, she received her doctoral degree from Cornell Law School and entered the law practice as Assistant Henderson County Attorney.

She served 13 years as Assistant Dallas County District Attorney. She also worked as an adjunct professor of law at Southern Methodist University for two years.

She left the D.A.'s office in 1999 as a partner in the Doolin & Wheat law firm, and opened her own practice in December 2001.



Lawrence "Barney" Barnhill Special Award

Barney Barnhill was among the first students of Henderson County Junior College and a guard on the college's first football team.

Following his education at TVCC, Barnhill spent several years coaching high school football before opening his own successful insurance business.

Last fall, he organized a reunion for his former teammates that was attended by 18 players. His energy inspired TVCC to organize and encourage more reunions for its former students.

The Whitaker Family Special Award

Three generations of Whitakers have attended classes at TVCC, a family tradition that began in the 1950s with David Whitaker.

His son, Charles, and wife, Betty, both attended TVCC in the mid 1970's, as did Charles' wife, Sarah. When Charles' daughter Ashlee began college, she got her start at TVCC - Terrell, as well.

David had a long career in education and retired as superintendent of Fairfield ISD. Betty still works for Fairfield in the school library. Charles is Chief of Staff for State Sen. David Cain. Sarah is a secretary at Terrell Middle School, and Ashlee is a political science major at the University of Texas at Arlington.



Kenny Crumpton Red and White Award

Kenny Crumpton serves as the live feature reporter for FOX 8 *News in the Morning*. His *Kickin' It With Kenny* adventures have taken him all over the greater Cleveland, Ohio area.

Since moving to Cleveland, he has wrestled a bear, reported atop Tower City Terminal (575 feet), and "cut the rug" with Broadway dancers.

Crumpton has also worked as a reporter in Fresno, Calif. and in Wichita Falls, Texas. While in Texas he earned two first place awards for "Best Spot News Coverage" and "Series Reporting." In California, he covered stories receiving national attention including Introduction of Violent Crime Suppression Unit (V.C.S.U.) hitting the city streets of Fresno.

Homecoming 2002 Activities

Thursday, Oct. 10

Carnival - 4:30 p.m. in front of the Administration Building.

Pep Rally, Bonfire - 6 p.m. The pep rally will be held in front of the Administration Building and will move to the practice field for the bonfire.

Friday, Oct. 11

TVCC Foundation Reception - 7 p.m. in the Administration Building Lobby.

Saturday, Oct. 12

Homecoming Parade - 10:30 a.m.

Cheerleader Reunion Luncheon - 11:30 a.m. in the Student Union Building Ballroom. Enjoy lunch, fellowship and a stroll down memory lane.

Alumni Picnic - 11:30 a.m. in front of the Administration Building. Bring your family and friends and enjoy a festive time before the game visiting with old friends and enjoying the entertainment that will be provided.

Luncheon for Award Recipients - Noon in the cafeteria.

Pre-game - 2:30 p.m. at Bruce Field. Crowning of the Homecoming Queen.

Game - 3:00 p.m. at Bruce Field. TVCC takes on N.E.O. Half time will feature the Alumni Award recipients, former cheerleaders and TVCC performing groups.

2002 Football Schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
Aug. 31	@Butler County College	El Dorado, KS	7:00 p.m.
Sept. 7	Navarro	Athens, TX	7:00 p.m.
Sept. 14	@ Paul Quinn	Dallas, TX	7:00 p.m.
Sept. 21	OPEN		
Sept. 28*	Cisco <i>FAMILY DAY</i>	Athens, TX	7:00 p.m.
Oct. 5*	BYE		
Oct. 12	NEO <i>HOMECOMING</i>	Athens, TX	3:00 p.m.
Oct. 19*	Kilgore	Athens, TX	3:00 p.m.
Oct. 26*	@Blinn	Brenham, TX	3:00 p.m.
Nov. 2*	Tyler <i>FALL PREVIEW</i>	Athens, TX	3:00 p.m.
Nov. 16	1st Playoff	TBA	TBA
Nov. 23	SWJFCFC Championship	TBA	TBA
Dec. 7	Red River Bowl Game	Pennington Field Bedford, TX	1:00 p.m.

*Southwest Junior College Football Conference Games

Hubbard named to head new office

Greetings from the Office of Development at TVCC!

As the newly designated Development Officer for Trinity Valley Community College, I will not only be responsible for all TVCC Foundation fundraising activities, but I will also have a definite role in alumni relations.

Our alumni and their involvement with the college is one of our greatest assets, and I want to see that relationship grow like it has never done before.

Having a long history and a personal relationship with our alma mater, (my sister was a cheerleader and a member of the class of 1956, and I was in the band, Student Senate and a member of the class of 1971), I am always enthused to get to know others who love and cherish the memories of our times at HCJC and TVCC.

I look forward to visiting with many of you in the coming months and especially to seeing you at Homecoming 2002. Please let me know

how my office can assist you in any way as we all work together to enhance the vision for the future of our students and our great college.



David Hubbard, 1971 HCJC graduate, and TVCC Development Director

With warmest regards,

David W. Hubbard
Director, Office of Development

P.S. Watch for your Alumni Web Page coming soon!

TVCC eyes new master building plan

TVCC has completed \$12 million in new construction and renovations over the past decade and is now making plans for more growth in Athens, Terrell and Palestine.

TVCC President Ron Baugh said the plans are still in a preliminary stage, but said the plan will address needs identified by each campus dean.

In Palestine, the greatest need, he said, is for a new maintenance building, and in Terrell, a new library. He said the Health Science Center in Kaufman is in need of expansion as well, but the property there belongs to Memorial Hospital, so no plans have yet been developed for expansion there.

Most of the new construction will be on the Athens campus, where the plan calls for a new technical building, new gymnasium and field house, expansion of the Fine Arts Building, and renovations of the existing Men's Gym and Technical Building. Alton Tompkins Gym, the last of the old army barracks buildings moved to the campus in the 1940s would be demolished.

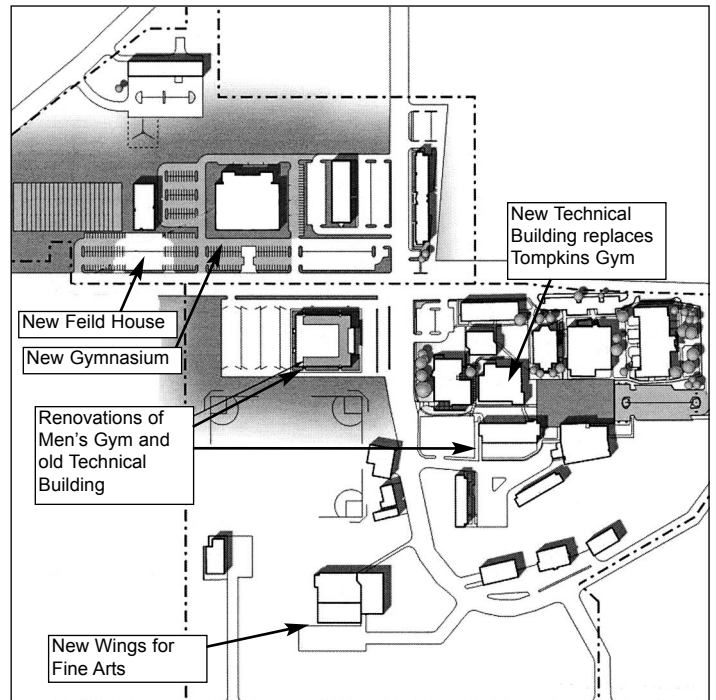
Baugh said there will be other maintenance needs at the campuses that will need to be met, such as the heating and air conditioning system at the Palestine campus, but said the plan addresses current construction needs of the campuses.

In Palestine, Baugh said the need for the new maintenance building could be met by locating a pre-engineered building on the campus.

The plan proposes a 32,000 square-foot library for the Terrell campus that would include distance education classrooms, offices and the learning resource center. How the space of the current library would be used has not been determined.

Construction in Athens has been divided into four phases. What's completed in each phase is still in discussion, but the final building plans were expected to be ready for board approval by its July meeting.

Under the current plan, a new Technical Building will replace Tompkins Gym, and a new gym and field house will be constructed near the football practice field. The Fine Arts Building would receive one, or possibly two, new wings, and Men's Gym would be renovated for student activities and to meet the needs of the Cardettes and



The possible future for the Athens campus

Cheerleaders.

Over the past 10 years, TVCC has completed construction of a new maintenance building, academic building, learning resource center and a residence hall, as well as renovated other buildings on campus, including the administration building.

TVCC entered its first master building plan in 1990 with no funds set aside for construction. The college used reserve funds to quickly build a \$4.1 million building fund and began construction in 1992. TVCC completed all new construction without borrowing a penny and while maintaining a low property tax rate and low tuition for its students.

Alumni Updates

Kenya Larkin (1998-2000), former Lady Card basketballer, wrapped up her collegiate career with the Lady Longhorns at the University of Texas at Austin. The Lady Longhorns advanced to the NCAA Tournament.

Kara Brown (1997-1999), obtained (the title of Miss Rodeo Texas in June, 2001, and then became Miss Rodeo America 2002 in December in Las Vegas.

James Williams (1983-85) is in his 13th year in the Air Force. James is a Tech Sargent and lives in Cheyenne, Wyoming.

Wendy Brantley (1983-85) came through Athens for a visit. She currently lives in Scurry, Texas.

Fred Spence (1952-53) remembers riding the bus from Eustace EVERYDAY for two years during his days at HCJC. Fred is a pharmacist and owns Post Oak Pharmacy of Houston, the largest independent pharmacy in Texas. Fred remarked, "he could have never done it without HIC-JIC."

Melinda Dean Johnson (1960-62) teaches in Hallsville, Texas. Melinda was a Cardette for two years and a lieutenant in 1961.

Tom Lasater (1950-51) retired from Galveston ISD in 1990. Tom was a coach, teacher, assistant principal, and principal during his days with Galveston ISD. Tom obtained his BS and MS from the University of Houston. Tom currently likes to travel and play "as much golf as possible." He is also on the Appraisal Review Board in Galveston.

Reggie Brewer (1994-97) remembers his days on the Dean's List at TVCC. Reggie is currently a missionary to Kenya.

April Meese (1992-95) relocated to New York City in early September, 2001. April reports "my life has been crazy, and the city is great." April is an aesthetician (skin specialist). April's memories at TVCC include serving as Student Senate president and vice president, and performing as a Cardette. April was Homecoming Queen in 1994.

Jimmy Edward Barnes (1988-94) obtained an auto mechanics certificate at TVCC, and also studied art. Jimmy now lives in Waxahachie. He enjoys racing MG midgets, and painting home murals. He is employed as a mortgage broker originator with American Mortgage Financial in Southlake, Texas.

Kynan Forney (1996-97) played football for the Cardinals. He transferred to the University of Hawaii and played there also. As a late draft choice of the NFL Atlanta Falcons, Kynan started as an offensive guard in his rookie season.

Oscar Comeaux (1996-97) played football for the Cardinals. He transferred to Northwestern State University (LA.) and completed his collegiate career there. Oscar has hopes of continuing to play football in the professional ranks.

Debra Presha Allen graduated from Texas A&M University - Commerce in December, 2001, with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Speech Communications. Presha was a former Cardette at TVCC.

Terry Westmoreland (1968-70) celebrated his 30th anniversary in August. Terry is a proud father of three and grandfather of two. He has been a principal in Westmoreland Architecture for five years.

Dr. N.D. Geddie (graduated in 1981) reports he is alive and well at the age of 75. Dr. Geddie was recognized as an Outstanding Ex-Student of TVCC in 1986. Dr. Geddie has retired from his medical practice in Athens, and he enjoys farming, fishing, and "fish stories."

Barbara Hipp (1988-93) is a grandmother of two, and works with East Texas Medical Center's Gun Barrel City Clinic. Barbara lives in Eustace.

Herby Carr (1961-63) has retired from Wichita Falls ISD after thirty-four years - six years were spent as principal of Wichita Falls High

School. Herby was a co-captain of the Cardinal Football Team, and also gained All-American honors as an end. He went on to graduate from the University of North Texas in 1965.

Linda "Evon" Frater (1996-98) is attending the University of Texas at Tyler. She is studying elementary education. "Evon" fondly remembers spending her TVCC days at the Baptist Student Ministry. She was also on the Dean's List and the President's List.

Trisha O'Connor (1999-2001) was a cheerleader and Student Senate member at TVCC. She is currently attending and cheering at Stephen F. Austin State University in Nacogdoches. Trisha's sister, Meghan, was a cheerleader at TVCC during the 2001-02 year. Both O'Connors were members of National Championship Cheerleading Squads at TVCC.

Mel C. Pirtle (1959-61) resides in Palestine. He became director of Career Technology at Palestine High School in August, 2001.

Shon Franks (1997-1999) married Billy Ray Wright on September 8, 2001. Shon, a former Cardette and Student Senate member, is from Grand Prairie. She is now employed by Walgreen's Pharmacy.

Laurelle Denning-Campbell (1990-92) is married and resides in Little Elm. Laurelle obtained a BA and MS from the University of North Texas. Laurelle was a former Cardette, and Phi Theta Kappa member at TVCC. She is employed by WorldCom Communications, and, along with her husband, Vann, has a line of handmade cards and candles.

John R. Owens (1949-51) was the quarterback and punter on the football team. John now lives in Canton, TX and still vividly remembers beating Navarro on Thanksgiving Day during his playing days.

Barry Salmon (1970-71) resides in Mesquite, and is employed as a Federal Corrections Officer at the Federal Prison in Seagoville.

Tracy (Jones) Montgomery resides in Tyler and is the co-owner of Debbie and Tracie's Hair Salon in Chandler. At TVCC, Tracie was a member of Phi Theta Kappa, and she was enrolled in the cosmetology program.

Linda J. Duggan (1984-85) resides in Forney. After TVCC, Linday obtained a BS and MS from the University of Texas at Dallas, and Texas A&M - Commerce. Linda is a licensed professional counselor in private practice in Forney. She works primarily with children and families.

Jim Underwood (1961-62) is the owner of Choctaw Fence Company in Arlington. Jim continues to organize reunion activities at TVCC. Jim participated in basketball and football while at HCJC, and was selected Best All-Round Male Student in 1962-63.

Amy (Medrano) Fowler (1990-92) is the mother of three boys. She remembers her days as a Cardette and Student Senate officer at TVCC.

Kelly (Keith) Smith (1986-88) is a "stay at home mom" in Sachse. She has a son and a daughter and is active in the First Baptist Church of Sachse. Kelly was also a Student Senate and Cardette officer.

Teri (Bitter) White (1993-95) now lives in the Austin area. She has two children and is employed with Arrowhead Bank of Llano. Teri was active in Cardettes, Student Senate, and the Theater Department at TVCC.

Suzanne and Ray Beddingfield live in Frankston. Ray is employed with Hunt Oil Company in Louisiana, and Suzanne is a physical therapy assistant at Physical Therapy Services in Tyler. They have two sons. The oldest graduated from Frankston High School in May, 2002.

Sheri Bowens (1983-85) lives in Phoenix, Arizona. Sheri is employed as a trainer/facilitator with Bank of America. She has been with BOA for seven years. Sheri was Homecoming Queen in 1984.

Alumni Updates

Kurt Holiday is a missionary in South Africa. Kurt and his family were featured in a Baptist Standard article in December, 2001. Kurt is pictured in the story teaching youngsters to play baseball.

Susan (Holiday) Pierce is the director of the Sylvan Learning Center in Frisco. She maintains an interest in the interactive education software company she helped found, istation.com.

Karen (Adams) Herrington (1982-83) is living in Altus, OK. Karen joined the Air Force in 1986, and was stationed in Portugal. She is now employed by the Civil Service Administration, and is working toward a business administration degree. Karen was a former Cardette, and had a twin sister.

Jac (Bramlett) January is "not in the witness protection program, " even if she does live "in the middle of nowhere" in West Texas. Jac is married to Larry January and she is the mother of two girls. She is home-schooling the girls, and "loving every minute of it."

Joe Broom (1986-88) lives in Louisville, KY. Joe, a former cheerleader, Student Senate member and Phi Theta Kappa president, is president of his own firm. He obtained BSBA and MBA degrees from Louisville University.

Didget (Disney) McKenzie is married and living in Plano. Since leaving TVCC, Didget has lived in Washington, D.C., where she was a Red Skinette. At TVCC, Didget was in the Student Senate, and a Cardette.

Lauren Manning(1999-2001) is attending Oklahoma State University and majoring in public relations. During 2001-02 she was a cheerleader at OSU. At TVCC, Lauren was Student Senate president, and captain of the National Champion Cheerleading Squad.

Scott Buttler (1994-97) is living in Denver, CO. He graduated from Oklahoma State University in 1999 with a degree in business. He is employed with Otis Elevator Company. Scott was a member of the 1996 National Champion Cheerleading Squad.

Daryl Randle Davis lives in Fort Worth. He graduated from Dallas Institute of Funeral Service in May, 2001. He is presently a provisional funeral director for the State of Texas. He is the father of five children.

Patrick Folks is a Naval Reserve recruiter in Silverdale, WA. Pat, who came to TVCC from Greenville to be a cheerleader, dropped by the campus in October, 2001.

Marty Moore (1986-88) was hired to be head football coach at Union Grove High School in May. Marty was quarterback of the football team at TVCC. Marty received his bachelor's degree from Stephen F. Austin, and he has previously coached at Livingston, Barbers Hill, and Chapel Hill. Marty is married and the father of a daughter.

Jim Rosebrock, Ed.D. is Director of Educational Services with M.B. Flippin and Associates in Temple. Jim is a former TVCC assistant basketball coach, and he along with his wife and family attended the 20 year reunion of the 1982 Cardinal Basketball Team.

Jim (1964-66) **and Carolyn (Newton) Boller** (1965-67) reside in Corpus Christi. They have been married for 31 years. Carolyn was a former Cardette officer, and Student Senate member. She obtained her masters degree from Texas A&M-Corpus Christi in 1999. Jim was captain of HCJC football team, and received honorable mention All American in 1965. Jim is president and CEO of Jim Boller and Associates - a commercial real estate sales company.

Kevin Coble (1986-87) lives in Sacramento, California and works as a Network Engineer at Hewlett Packard. He is also an independent television producer and has started his own television show. He was a member of the Cardinal Singers at TVCC and named to the All-State Choir.

Nick Van Exel (1989-91) was acquired by the the Dallas Mavericks last February in a trade with the Denver Nuggets. Van Exel, an All-Star in 1998, has played for the L.A. Lakers and Denver in his nine-year career.

WEDDING BELLS

Melanie Stuart and Scott Risko were married in Richmond in May. Melanie was a TVCC, and Texas Longhorn cheerleader. She obtained her bachelor's degree in education from the University of Texas in May. Melanie will teach in the Forney Independent School District. Scott played football at TVCC. He obtained his bachelor's degree from the University of North Texas. He is a sales representative at Schering-Plough Pharmaceuticals.

Mandy Gunter and Jason Weber were married in June in Athens. Mandy graduated from Mary Hardin Baylor. She is a kindergarten teacher in the Eustace Independent School District.

Kelley Partridge and Brandon Bachtel were married in Athens in May. Kelley, a former Cardette and Student Senate member is majoring in education at Texas A&M University in Commerce. Brandon, who played football for the Cardinals, is also attending Texas A&M in Commerce. He is employed as minister of students at the First Baptist Church in Wills Point.

Brad Parker and Karen McDaniel were married in July in Brownsboro. Brad plans to graduate from East Texas Baptist University in December, 2002. He is employed with Hybernian National Bank in Marshall. Karen plans to enroll at ETBU in the fall.

Paul Cates and Christy Manning were married on June 5 in Denton. Paul is a fire fighter/paramedic with the City of Richardson. Christy is a student in the TVCC Nursing Program.

IN MEMORIAM

J.R. Boyd passed away in April, 2002. Mr. Boyd was a resident of Athens his entire life. He owned and operated service stations in Athens for 17 years. He retired from Curtis Mathis in 1981 and was a member of Athens Masonic Lodge.

Wayne "Bubba" Burkhalter Jr. passed away March 30, 2002. Wayne served TVCC as agriculture and ranch management instructor for 15 years and was awarded the college's Extra Mile Award in 2001.

William Joseph "Jody" Jones passed away March 31, 2001 in Stillwater, OK. Mr. Jones was a member of TVCC's first football team and later played for the U.S. Air Force. He flew 100 missions over North Vietnam in 1967.

Pat Hartnett passed away this past year. Mr. Hartnett played for TVCC in 1956-57. Following his years here, he attended ETSU. He owned a wrecker service in Galveston, where he also served as a city councilman.

Vic Lewis passed away Feb. 18, 2002, in Malakoff. He graduated from East Texas State College in Commerce and was a lieutenant air navigator in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He retired in 1974 as the head of the history department at Henderson County Junior College, where he was also a football coach.

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