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A Word from the Director



For many of us, we have always referred to our alma mater as HCJC or "Hic Jic". For students today, our beloved school is referred to as "The Valley"...so what better name for our new magazine than that! Our goal in the Office of Alumni Relations continues to be one of not only reaching as many former students and alums as possible, but also placing them in contact with old friends as well as keeping everyone informed regarding upcoming events and the many outstanding things happening on our campuses.

Our office wishes you well and looks forward to hearing from you regarding your comments and suggestions for future activities and publications.

Please feel free to contact me by e-mail at dhubbard@tvcc.edu or call (903)670-2620 and I will be glad to assist you in any way possible.

Happy Fall 2004 and enjoy THE VALLEY!

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P.S. Don't miss Homecoming 2004-October 23rd and Remember to visit our Alumni Web Page, www.tvcc.edu/alumni.



HCJC/TVCC's Musical Heritage

TVCC to honor former music students at homecoming



Music was a part of Henderson County Junior College from the beginning, but it took several years for the department to develop into anything similar to the robust band and choral programs TVCC enjoys today.

This year, TVCC is honoring its proud musical tradition and inviting all former choir and band members to a reception in their honor during the homecoming celebration Saturday, Oct. 23 (see back cover for schedule).

In 1946, HCJC offered music theory and a one-hour credit for choral music. Ben Shew, who divided his time between the college and Athens schools, was the first music instructor and founded the Choral Club.

By 1949 Shew had rounded up a 10-member band, but resigned from his post at the college in 1950. Over the next few years,

HCJC changed music instructors often. The longest serving director in the 1950s was Paul Cox, who served as director from 1952 to 1956, when Shew returned as an interim instructor.

Under Cox, the band altered its military-style uniforms to a more "Texas" look, complete with cowboy hats and bolo ties.

In 1957, Edwin Hart took over the program and the students had a new band hall in which to rehearse. It was one of four new buildings erected that year. New girls and boys dorms and the Engineering Building also now graced the campus landscape.

The Choral Club became a full-fledged college program – the Cardinal Choir in 1964. The band in 1964 was a well-traveled group, performing in Palestine, Waco and Dallas, as well as at Mardis Gras in New Orleans.

Through '64, one instructor directed both band and choir, but in 1965 director Robert Cody got a helping hand from assistant Charles Herring who directed the newly formed Wild Cards Stage Band and HCJC Combo. The choir presented its first musical production *Down in the Valley*.

1965 was also the year the band, now 75 members strong, received national recognition, performing at halftime for the televised 20th Junior Rose Bowl in Pasadena, California. The band made a return trip to Pasadena in 1966 for the Junior Rose Bowl, and performed at a televised Houston Oilers' game.

In 1968 Don Turner took over as band director, and for the first time, choir had its own director in Hubert Wilbur.

In 1972, Tommy Downing was the band director, and Cardinals fans were treated to a new form of entertainment at halftime – Cardinals and Company. This 150-member group of Cardinal Singers, Cardinal Band and Cardettes performed twice on national television. The group also performed at Mardi Gras in 1973.



Although Cardinals and Company disbanded after 1973, the modern structure for the music department was set, and the groups have continued to entertain audiences at home, around the state and around the nation as the music programs continue to grow.

Under current band director Will Fairbanks, the band presents innovative and entertaining shows and offers students opportunities to perform not only with the Cardinal Band, but in a jazz ensemble, Dixieland Combo, or brass, wind and percussion ensembles.

The choir program, now under the direction of Dr. Byron McGilvray, includes 60 members in the Cardinal Choir, Chamber Singers and the vocal jazz ensemble, Encore 2004. Encore traveled this summer to California, where they were featured in performances in and around San Francisco.



Band and Choir Reunion, 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 23, 2004. Call 903-670-2620 or e-mail dhubbard@tvcc.edu for reservations.

TVCC HONORS "DOC" Risinger

During TVCC–Terrell LRC Groundbreaking Ceremony

Naming the new learning resource center at Trinity Valley Community College–Terrell after the late Dr. M.L. Risinger was the easiest decision the board ever made, board President Bob McDonald said.

His comments came during the May 21 groundbreaking ceremony for the new facility, which attracted more than 200 people from the community and college.

"His quiet leadership and guidance served the college well," McDonald said. "More than being a good board member and a good friend of the college, he was simply a good man."

The facility, which will house a new library, classroom and office space for TVCC–Terrell, is the first construction project in the college's new long-range building plan and the first construction project on the Terrell campus since the two existing buildings were erected in the mid 1980s.

The TVCC Board of Trustees in April awarded a \$3,012,500 contract to Songer Construction of Dallas to construct the new learning resource center (LRC).

At the same meeting, the board unanimously voted to name the new building in honor of Risinger, who served the board representing the Terrell area for 19 years, the past eight years as board president.

"I'd like to think that all of you are here because of your love for TVCC, but I'm not that naïve," TVCC President Ron Baugh told the audience during the groundbreaking ceremony. "I know you're here because you love 'Doc' Risinger. That's a common feeling, and I assure you I share that feeling. The 19 years and three

months 'Doc' served on the board were the best years of my life."

Baugh said Risinger was a guiding force on the board and was instrumental in causing many positive things to happen, including the master building plan and the reorganization of the Foundation, which is working to raise \$3 million, primarily for scholarships, by 2007.

The board earlier this year appointed Risinger's son, Dr. Charlie Risinger to finish his father's term. Charlie Risinger said he felt his father would have been honored that his name would adorn the new LRC.

"My daddy loved this place and the people who worked here," he said. "I know that he's honored today."

Risinger said his earliest memories of the college were the Henderson County Junior College (HCJC) buses that carried students from the area to Athens, and later his mother's insistence that he take a typing class. He took the class and a history class from Charles Gann, who now serves as dean of TVCC–Terrell.

"Many of you got your start here and so did your children, just like I did," he said. "My dad understood that wherever a kid wanted to go, it started here."

Richard Sanders of U.S. Rep. Jeb Hensarling's office presented Gann with a flag flown over the U.S. Capitol, and board member Ray Raymond read a greeting from U.S. Rep. Ralph Hall, who lauded Risinger's dedication to the college and community and the legacy he left on both. Risinger, affectionately known as "Doc", was a well-respected leader at the college and in the community and was active in

many church, business and agricultural endeavors.

Risinger practiced veterinary medicine in Terrell for 26 years, having previously run practices in Bryan and Kaufman. He was involved in numerous boards, including serving as president of the TVCC Board of Trustees and vice president of Heritage Bank board of directors up until the time of his death in September, 2003.

In his role on the TVCC board, he was dedicated to providing the necessary services for all students of the college, Baugh said, making the LRC a fitting tribute to his legacy.

The new building is a welcomed addition to the increasingly cramped campus in Terrell, Gann said. TVCC–Terrell's current library is 2,700 square feet. The M.L. Risinger Learning Resource Center will include 11,000 square feet for the library alone.

The building will also contain 11 classrooms, including two designed to accommodate distance learning equipment, a new network room for expanded information technology services, conference room and 10 faculty offices. The building is designed to make expanding the library easier if the extra space is needed in the future.

Construction is expected to be completed prior to the fall 2005 semester. The current library will be renovated to accommodate student support services.

Other building projects planned for TVCC include a new field house, renovations of Men's Gym, a new technical building and renovations to the Fine Arts Building in Athens, as well as a new maintenance building in Palestine.



TVCC administrators and board members join the family of Dr. M.L. Risinger during the groundbreaking ceremony of the new M.L. Risinger LRC

BRINGING IT HOME:

Lady Cards claim fifth national title, 77-66

By Benny Rogers



The Lady Cardinals show their road to victory after winning the 2004 national title. The team finished the season with a perfect 36-0 record.

SALINA, Kan. — Six minutes into the second half of the NJCAA women's championship game, it appeared as though the script might not have a favorable conclusion for the Trinity Valley Community College Lady Cardinals.

But Jennifer Harris had another ending in mind.

The 5-10, Morristown, N.J., sophomore went on a three-point tear — hitting three straight at one point — to enable the Lady Cards to erase a seven-point deficit and go on to take a 77-66 win over Gulf Coast Community College in front of a crowd of around 1,000 at the Bicentennial Center.

"I started shooting because I felt like I had to take control," a teary-eyed Harris said during the postgame celebration. "Nobody wanted to step up, so I felt like I had to carry us."

And carry the Lady Cards she did.

Harris led the Lady Cards with 25 points, including seven three-pointers, as the TVCC women punctuated a perfect 36-0 season — the second in school history — and claimed a fifth national championship.

In addition to Harris' bombardment from beyond the three-point arc, fourth-year coach Michael Landers' TVCC squad used its depth to wear down the defending national champion Lady Commodores (34-2).

"At halftime I felt pretty good, Landers said. "I didn't think we had played all that well, but we had played at a fast pace. We thought we would eventually wear them down."

Despite having not been in top form on either end of the floor in the first half, the Lady Cards were up by one, 34-33.

"I told the team at halftime I felt good about where we were at that point," Landers said. "I knew we hadn't played like we're capable, yet we were still in the lead. Had we been down, say by six, I would have been concerned."

"And I knew they had some kids who had already played a lot of minutes, so I expected with our depth that might become a factor later in the game."

Gulf Coast moved into a 47-40 advantage early in the second half, but once the Lady

Cards put the clamps on, the game began to turn in their direction. Add to that Harris catching fire, and it was a lethal combination. Harris drained a three-pointer from deep in the left corner with 11:43 left to bring TVCC within one, 51-50. In less than a minute, on successive possessions, she hit two more to give the Lady Cards a 56-51 lead.

"Once I made the first one, I had a feeling I was going to keep going," Harris said.

Gulf Coast stayed close, but would never see the lead again. After the Lady Commodores got within two, 58-56, TVCC went on a 10-0 run to get out of harm's way with a 68-56 lead with just over five minutes left.

Harris drained her fifth three-pointer of the second half with 2:56 left to put the Lady Cards into a 73-62 lead. Forty-eight seconds later, after a Vanessa Clementino steal, Gulf Coast Coach Mary "Roonie" Scovel cleared her bench and the issue was decided.

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COMING HOME

Chancellor, Larkin join Cardinal coaching staffs



Corey Chancellor admits never in his "wildest dreams" did he think it would happen.

But it has.

Chancellor, a 1987 Athens High School graduate, has been promoted to defensive coordinator at Trinity Valley Community College and will be reunited with two men who coached him back then.

Second-year TVCC head football coach Mark Sartain was the offensive coordinator at AHS when Chancellor was starring at quarterback.

The story gets better for Chancellor.

Former AHS head football coach John Hacker has also joined the TVCC coaching staff in a part-time capacity this fall. Ironically, Hacker gave Sartain his first coaching job in the fall of 1983 — Chancellor's freshman year.

"Never in my wildest dreams did I ever think I would get a chance to coach with them," Chancellor said. "I can't believe I've gotten the job I've always wanted (defensive coordinator) and it's in the town where I grew up and at the school where I played."

Chancellor played two seasons at TVCC for Carl Andress' squad after a brilliant four-year athletic career at AHS which saw him become one of the most accomplished multi-sport athletes in school history.

"Corey is an impressive young man," Sartain said. "He's a serious-minded, classy person with very strong character qualities. I have wanted to coach with him for a very, very long time. We are fortunate he wanted to return home to coach."

"The goal I envision for our defense at Trinity Valley is to be great at stopping the run," Chancellor said. "We want our defense to dictate to the other team's offense what they can do. Not the other way around."

After graduating from TVCC, Chancellor attended Texas A&M—Commerce, worked in law enforcement and coached at several high schools, most recently at Aleif-Hastings.



Kenya Larkin took the long route back to Trinity Valley Community College, but said she's glad to be "home again."

Larkin, who fans will remember as the wiry guard who helped the Lady Cards to their fourth national title in 1999, has returned to help coach the defending NJCAA national championship team next season.

"I am very excited about this," Lady Cards Head Coach Michael Landers said after hiring Larkin as his assistant. "She is a quality person and has a bright future ahead of her as a coach. She will be a great addition to our program."

After graduating from TVCC in 2000, Larkin spent two years as guard and team captain at the University of Texas. She was MVP her junior year and second team All-Conference her senior year, the same year she helped the Longhorns advance to the NCAA Sweet 16.

The following summer, she worked out with the Phoenix Mercury before shipping out to Israel to play pro ball there.

"I was kind of scared to go, but once I got there I was really surprised how much it was like the U.S.," she said. "But when you play there, you're one of only three Americans, and they expect a lot of you. They expect you to score a lot of points."

She didn't disappoint. She was first team All-Israel and Point Guard of the Year her first year and second team All-Israel her second year.

"It was a good experience, and I'm glad I did it, but being back here feels like I came home again," Larkin said.

Landers said he felt Larkin would bring a new energy and sense of tradition to the team and would be a homecoming the fans would enjoy.

"I'm looking forward to working with her and having her be a part of the Lady Cardinal program again," he said. "I believe our fan base is going to be very excited about this. It's a link to the past."

2004 CARDINAL FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
Aug. 28	Butler County College	7:00 p.m.
Sept. 4	@ Tyler	11:00 a.m.
Sept. 11	Ranger	7:00 p.m.
Sept. 18*	@ NEO	7:00 p.m.
Sept. 25*	Cisco	7:00 p.m.
FAMILY DAY		
Oct. 2*	@ Navarro	3:00 p.m.
Oct. 9*	Blinn	3:00 p.m.
Oct. 16*	@ Kilgore	3:00 p.m.
Oct. 23*	Tyler	3:00 p.m.
HOMECOMING		
Oct. 30	Open	
Nov. 6	1st Playoff	TBA
Nov. 13	SWJCFC Championship	TBA
Dec. 4	Conference Bowl Game	TBA

*Southwest Junior College Football Conference Games

2004-05 CARDS & LADY CARDS BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT		TIME
Nov. 6	Weatherford	M	6:00
Nov. 10	McClennan	M	7:00
Nov. 16	Hill	M	7:30
Nov. 17	@ McClennan	M	7:00
* Nov. 20	@ Navarro	M	7:30
* Nov. 23	@ San Jacinto	W&M	7:30
Nov. 26	@ Hill	M	7:30
* Dec. 1	Panola	W&M	7:30
* Dec. 4	@ Lon Morris	W&M	4:00
* Dec. 8	Angelina	W&M	7:30
Dec. 11	@ Weatherford	M	6:00
* Jan. 8	@ Jacksonville	W&M	4:00
* Jan. 12	Tyler	W&M	7:30
* Jan. 15	@ Paris	W&M	4:00
* Jan. 19	Lee	M	7:30
* Jan. 22	Blinn	W&M	4:00
* Jan. 26	@ Kilgore	W&M	7:30
* Jan. 29	Navarro	M	4:00
* Feb. 2	San Jacinto	W&M	7:30
* Feb. 5	@ Panola	W&M	4:00
* Feb. 9	Lon Morris	W&M	7:30
* Feb. 12	@ Angelina	W&M	4:00
* Feb. 16	Jacksonville	W&M	7:30
* Feb. 19	@ Tyler	W&M	4:00
* Feb. 23	Paris	W&M	7:30
* Feb. 26	@ Lee	M	4:00
* Mar. 2	@ Blinn	W&M	7:30
* Mar. 5	Kilgore	W&M	4:00
Mar. 8	Regional Quarter Finals	W	TBA
Mar. 10	Regional Semifinals	W	TBA
Mar. 11	Regional Championship	W	TBA
Mar. 12	Regional Quarter Finals @ Lufkin	M	TBA
Mar. 13	Regional Semifinals @ Lufkin	M	TBA
Mar. 14	Regional Championship @ Lufkin	M	TBA
Mar. 21-26	NJCAA Nationals @ Hutchinson, KS	W&M	TBA

*Conference games

REMEMBERING Miss Margaret DeHart touched thousands of lives in her years at TVCC



Margaret DeHart receives a standing ovation during the 2000 commencement. She spent 44 years in service to the students of HCJC/TVCC.

For the past 44 years, Margaret DeHart lent her soft-spoken but stern influence on “her children” — the students of HCJC/TVCC.

She taught two generations of students in many families, but the next generation of TVCC students will pass through these halls without knowing “Miss Margaret.”

DeHart, who had battled illnesses over the past few years, died of natural causes at her home in February.

“Margaret was, in a lot of eyes, Henderson County Junior College and Trinity Valley Community College,” TVCC president Ron Baugh said. “The college was her child more than anything else.”

DeHart was born Oct. 15, 1943 in Hillsboro. A resident of Athens since 1950, she attended HCJC in 1952 and earned her bachelor of arts and master of arts degrees from East Texas State University (Texas A&M–Commerce). She also had post-graduate hours from Stephen

F. Austin State University and the University of Texas at Tyler.

She began her teaching career in Mineola in 1957 and taught a stint with Newton ISD before coming to work at HCJC in 1960.

In 2000, the board of trustees awarded DeHart the Milestone Award in recognition of her 40 years of service to the college. She was the longest tenured instructor at TVCC.

During her years as instructor here, she taught thousands of students, and it was not uncommon to hear current students talk about when their parents had Miss Margaret for English.

In addition to her classes, DeHart enjoyed overseeing the annual county spelling bee. Always the teacher, she didn’t always let the rules get in the way of making the event a learning opportunity for the students.

She hosted the annual event for many years before health problems forced her to quit.

“Miss DeHart was always looking to the future,” Baugh said. “The future for her was teaching and her students.”

Her students describe her as a guiding force in their lives, and her fellow teachers describe her as an inspiration. Her love for education was evident to both.

“When Miss Margaret read or spoke of poetry or a piece of literature, she would smile,” student Pat Burgess said. “Her face would light up with a child-like expression as she spoke. She loved it that much.”

Miss Margaret will long be remembered for her dedication, her soft heart and dry wit.

“She was simply one of the most wonderful ladies that I have ever known,” long-time friend and retired TVCC secretary Beth Rogers said. “It is hard to imagine TVCC without Miss Margaret.”

'FUN' RAISING

Foundation gets boost from Uncle Fletch and other events

The TVCC Foundation received a boost from various events held this year, including a couple of new sources the college hopes will become annual fundraisers for the endowed scholarship fund.

The TVCC Office of Development and Alumni Relations organized its second Wine and Cheese Extravaganza and the first-ever Foundation Golf Classic. But the college also received a hand from the Central Business Association, which donated part of the proceeds from the Uncle Fletch Davis Home of the Hamburger Cook-Off.

Together, these events have raised over \$15,000 for the Foundation. These funds have been earmarked for student scholarships.

TVCC entered its first capital campaign in 2001 with a goal of raising \$3 million by 2007. Of that, \$2.5 million is dedicated to scholarships, and the college will award the first 12 scholarships from the fund this fall (see related story on page 15).



The first annual Foundation Golf Classic was a great success.



The King of the Valley team won the Uncle Fletch Hamburger Cookoff this year. The event helped raise funds for TVCC scholarships.

"Most of the funds come from area businesses and individuals, and we're very grateful that there are so many generous friends of TVCC," Hubbard said. "Events like the golf tournament are proving to be very valuable as well."

The wine and cheese event attracted over 100 guests in its second year. Held this year at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Joe Ed Smith in May, guests sampled a buffet, visited with friends, and bid on auction items provided by area businesses and the college.

The golf tournament is a new event for TVCC, but an instant hit. TVCC supporters Ken and Mary Andrews donated the use of Indian Oaks Golf Course near Kemp, and hosted 68 golfers.

Area businesses, again, chipped in to provide prizes for the teams and individuals who won contests on holes throughout the course.

To wrap up the fund-raising season in style, the TVCC "Department of Hamburgerology" won its second consecutive hamburger cook-off in the revival of the Uncle Fletch Hamburger Festival.

The Athens Central Business Association revived the event this year to celebrate the hamburger's 100th anniversary. Athens claims the title of "Home of the Hamburger" after sending a local potter, Dave Fletcher, to introduce his hamburger sandwich at the 1904 St. Louis Worlds Fair.

The last time Athens hosted the festival was in 1999, when TVCC won top honors in the cook-off. Dr. Joe Mills, who led the team that year, led "The King of the Valley" team to another victory this year.

But the TVCC Foundation was also a big winner. In reviving the event, the Central Business Association committed to donating a portion of the proceeds to TVCC for the scholarship fund.

"All of these events are about getting people together to have fun, meet new folks and to share with them what our goals are for the Foundation and our dreams for the future," Hubbard said. "They are also very valuable tools in our scholarship efforts, and I hope we can make them all annual events."

THE YEAR OF THE CHAMPIONS

1994 was a “feel good” kind of year

There was just something in the air around TVCC during 1994. It just felt good to be a Cardinal, and why not. They were on a winning streak.

Fans watched the Lady Cards overwhelm their opponents all season during the spring semester and go on to set new records at the national tournament. Their NJCAA championship, the first in the college's history, helped foster a positive attitude the following fall that seemed to permeate the entire student body.

Not to be outdone, the '94 Cardinal football team claimed TVCC's first national football title in an exciting overtime victory over Northeastern Oklahoma A&M at the Tyler Shrine Bowl. It was also the college's first perfect 12-0 season.

“Colleges go through cycles of good times and not-so-good times,” TVCC President Ron Baugh said at the time. “Now seems to be just an extremely good time in the life on our institution.”

TVCC will honor the members of the 1994 football team during homecoming this year. A reception is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 22 in the Orval Pirtle Administration Building (*see back page for more information*). A reunion for the 1994 Lady Cardinals will be planned for a later date during this academic year.

First-year head coach Kurt Budke (now head women's basketball coach at Louisiana Tech University) knew he had something special. The 1994 Lady Cardinals had size, depth and talent to spare. They wore opponents out with relentless defense and were inspired to push all the harder if their opponent got the upper hand.

Their only loss of the season was handed them by Westark Community College early in the season. Budke hoped they'd meet again at the NJCAA tournament. They did, and in the title game.

The Lady Cards rolled past Westark 104-95 led by the scoring of Teresa Jones and an unstoppable attack by Carlene Mitchell, Shalonda Enis and Leakeasha Hicks in the final minutes of the game.

The Lady Cards finished the season 35-1 and set new NJCAA scoring records by scoring more than 100 points in each of their four tournament games.

On the heels of the Lady Cards' victory, and their own decisive victory the previous



fall at the Real Dairy Bowl, the '94 Cardinal football team was on a mission. Ranked No. 1 in the pre-season poll, TVCC was the team to beat, and the Cardinals seemed unstoppable most of the season. But they would face NEO for the national title game.

NEO was not yet a member of the conference and was a feared opponent for most teams. They were big and strong and on an 18-game winning streak.

Even the college presidents got into the excitement. NEO president Dr. Jerry Carrol predicted a NEO victory by 10 points, but Baugh countered that if NEO wanted the trophy, they would “have to steal it.”

The Cardinals were the first to score, but at the end of regular play, the game was locked at 17-17. Each team now had a set of downs to score in an overtime shootout. The Cards were up first.

Quarterback Donald Sellers connected with Albert Connell on a 20-yard pass to set up a two-yard touchdown run by Derrick Johnson. Matt Bryant's extra point kick put the Cards up 24-17.

“Stop them here and we're national champions,” second-year head coach Randy Pippin told his team.

Coece Roy was listening. With NEO facing fourth and six on the 10, Roy raced past a NEO tackle to sack the quarterback, end the game and secure TVCC's first NJCAA football championship.

CARDINAL ACHIEVEMENTS



IOTA ALPHA RANKED THIRD IN WORLD

The Trinity Valley Community College chapter of Phi Theta Kappa has been recognized as second runner up for The Most Distinguished Chapter among 1,200 chapters worldwide.

The local chapter, known as Iota Alpha, received the honor during the international convention held in Minneapolis, Minn., where the students also ranked in the top 25 of all competing chapters in each of the four "hallmark" competitions. Phi Theta Kappa members from TVCC's Athens, Palestine and Terrell campuses took part in the convention.

"We had the best entry we've ever had, so I thought we'd do well," advisor Nancy Long said. "We've never ranked this high though. It's really unusual for a small college like us to rank in the top three chapters in the world."

A chapter's ranking is based on documents the chapter members prepare detailing their activities throughout the year in relation to the international society's study topic and project.

This year's study topic dealt with health issues, and the society adopted support for cancer research for its international project.

Iota Alpha members took part in many fund-raising and educational projects throughout the year to raise awareness on various health issues.

Iota Alpha was the highest ranked chapter from Texas. TVCC students won a Fellowship Award and ranked among the top 25 chapters in scholarship, leadership and service. Iota Alpha was also recognized as a Distinguished Chapter, an honor awarded to the top 25 chapters.

Collectively the Texas chapters were recognized as a Distinguished Region. This honor is awarded to the top three regions based on all entries from that region.



STUDENT SENATE TOPS IN THE STATE

The TVCC Student Senate is the best in the state according to the Texas Junior College Student Government Association.

TVCC students returned from Houston with the organization's Most Outstanding Student Government Award this spring. This year marks the twelfth time in 16 years TVCC has won the top honor.

The student senate members maintain a busy schedule throughout the year in college and community activities. Advisor Mike Peek said the goal is for each member to donate at least 30 minutes each week to at least one of the senate's volunteer projects.

"Our philosophy is that if each person does a little, collectively we can do a lot," Peek said. "And they've done a lot this year."



CHEERLEADERS FINISH SECOND AT NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

The Cardinal Cheerleaders finished second at the collegiate national championships in April.

Team coach Lucy Strom said the team performed well in the final competition, but Navarro College claimed its second consecutive National Cheerleaders Association title.

Navarro scored a 9.15 to TVCC's 8.78. Paris Junior College (coached by former Cardinal Cheer Coach Connie Russel) finished third with an 8.62, followed by Barton County College with 8.25 and Kilgore College with 7.69.

"The kids did great, and we knew it was going to be close," Strom said. "It just came down to the judges, and I guess they liked Navarro's routine better. Navarro did really well, and we're proud of them. It's hard to win back-to-back championships."

Navarro and TVCC have become friendly rivals in cheerleading over the last few years, trading the national title since 2000. Navarro won the junior college division that year, and TVCC won in 2001 and 2002.

The Cardinal Cheerleaders have won seven NCA titles since 1989, including three consecutive championships from 1989 to 1991.

CARDINAL ACHIEVEMENTS

TVCC STUDENTS WIN PLAY AND SPEECH AWARDS

Trinity Valley Community College Crimson Company members hogged the awards at play and speech festivals this spring.

The troupe presented the comedy *The Scams of Scapino* at the Texas Junior College Theatre/Play Festival at Lamar University, and many of the same students competed individually at the Phi Rho Pi Regional Speech Tournament.

The play produced six Superior in Acting awards, two Excellence in Acting awards and numerous presentation and critic's awards.

The Crimson Company also received several awards for work off stage and the Forensics Team won the Lone Star Award for its performance during the tournament.

TVCC drama director Tal Lostracco said the actors' successes were even more impressive, given the students had little time to prepare *Scapino* for the competition. Several of the students were also involved in the production of *The Trestle at*



Pope Lick Creek, which the troupe presented the previous week at the regional American College Theatre Festival in Arkansas.

Crimson Company was one of eight college troupes selected to take part in the regional festival. The students earned a nomination during the state festival in the

fall, and the regional committee selected it, the only junior college production selected, as a regional contender in December.

Nationally, colleges presented more than 1,200 shows in state ACT festivals, and only 46 plays advanced to the various regional competitions.



TVCC SHOW TEAM WINS AT HOUSTON

The Trinity Valley Community College Beef Cattle Show team wrapped up the year winning the coveted Good Herdsman Award for the fourth straight year at the 2004 Houston Livestock Show.

That was no small feat this year since the Houston show was selected as the National Charolais Show, attracting entries from throughout the United States.

"It was a little harder to win this year because there were many more exhibitors than the last two years due to it being the national show," team sponsor Marc Robinson said. "It's really nice to go to a major show like Houston and have many of

the breeders and professional fitters compliment you on the job the students are doing and on the way the cattle look."

TVCC competes in the open Charolais division and won several awards in Houston to add to the champion ribbons they have collected at various shows this year. The Good Herdsman Award, however, is a prestigious honor since it is judged by how well the team keeps its cattle and pen areas throughout the show.

"It takes constant work the whole time your at the show to win the Herdsman Award," Robinson said. "Our goal is to get a little better each year, and so far that's what is happening with having great students on the show team, a supportive administration and donations from various

Charolais breeders."

Charolais breeders who have assisted TVCC with donations include Gilbert Link of Center, Wes Marti of Cleburne, Dave Hebbert of Hyannis, Neb., and Troy Thomas of Harrold, S.D.

The team proudly displays its awards on a wall in the Agriculture Building, which was already covered with ribbons the team won in the Fort Worth, Dallas, Tyler and Louisiana shows.

Among the top awards the team earned this year were Junior Champion Female and Reserve Senior Champion Bull in Fort Worth, Junior Female Calf Champion in Louisiana, and the Herdsman Award, Junior Champion and Grand Champion Female in Tyler.

ALUMNI AWARDS

TVCC to honor former students, friends at Homecoming

SPECIAL AWARD

Tommy Downing



Tommy Downing knew he wanted to be a band director before he graduated from Mabank High School.

"My band director told me it was hard and there wasn't much money in it," Downing said, "but I wasn't going to be talked out of it."

Downing came to HCJC on a music scholarship, and graduated in 1956 with another music scholarship to East Texas State University (Texas A&M-Commerce).

He returned to Mabank to begin his teaching career in 1958 and became the junior high school band director at Athens ISD in 1963. Three years later he took over the high school band following Ben Shew's retirement from band directing.

HCJC hired Downing as director of bands in 1972, where he spent the next eight years.

"The years I spent here were the high point of my career," he said. "The band and I had such respect for each other. My students worked hard to be an outstanding representative for HCJC."

His final two years were especially memorable. He got the chance to direct his son, Tommy, for the first time when he became a member of the band.

He also vividly remembers leading his frozen band in one of four performances at an Atlanta Falcons game.

"It was so cold that trombone players had to remove ice from their frozen slides to be able to play," Downing said.

Downing retired in 1980 and spent a few years as a salesman with a large music company before being asked to come to work for the Henderson County Juvenile Probation Department. He retired in 1999 as chief of the department.

Tommy and his wife, Mamie - a retired Athens ISD teacher - have one son Tommy Jack, one daughter, Jennie Ann Peterson and three grandchildren, Jonathan, 20, Charles, 18 (both students at Texas Tech) and Victoria Ann, 18 months.

SPECIAL AWARD

Dr. Jerry Phillips



Dr. Jerry Phillips left the classroom this past spring after 40 years of teaching speech and drama - 26 of those at TVCC.

He didn't retire without leaving something behind, however. He and

wife Patsy contributed to the TVCC Foundation, specifically to the Theatre Arts Scholarship fund.

Phillips served as theatre director at TVCC from 1978 to 1988, directing 30 plays and producing annual children's productions for area school children. Prior to coming to TVCC, he taught at McKinney High School, East Texas State University (Texas A&M-Commerce) and Sul Ross University.

Phillips said he felt a special kinship to the community college students because he had once stood in their shoes.

After high school, he attended Trinity University, but his grades were lacking. He then attended Southwest Texas Junior College, where he received his associate's degree. That experience, he said, was a turning point for him.

The sense of achievement he felt there propelled him to pursue a doctorate in education from ETSU.

"That experience helped me be a better teacher in the community college," he said. "I have been there. I wasn't quite prepared."

He said he enjoyed teaching because of the different people he came into contact with, and he considered it a mission to help students find their hidden potential.

He and Patsy enjoy studying the traditions of American Indians and make pottery, using local clays and traditional Indian methods. Phillips also enjoys fishing, cooking and writing, and is working on several writing projects.

They have two children, Jason, 42, Phillicia 32 and one granddaughter, Katie, 19, a sophomore at TVCC.

RED AND WHITE AWARD

Jana Seabourne Autry



Jana Autry has made a name for herself in the art and design world and in the community of Jacksonville.

Autry, a 1981 graduate of Henderson County Junior College, owns Autry Design, a full

service advertising agency with a broad base of local and regional accounts. She opened her business in 1987 after serving as vice president and art director of Walker Advertising Group in Tyler.

Autry Designs has won more than 15 Addy Awards, three awards of excellence by the Printing Industry Association of the South, an award of Excellence in Communication and Texas Chamber of Commerce Executives 1998 Media Award.

She stays just as busy in community affairs as she does running her business and the Autry Funeral Home in Jacksonville, which she owns with husband Barry.

She serves on the Nan Travis Foundation Board at East Texas Medical Center - Jacksonville, where she has an active role. She has served as past chairman for the bi-annual Sunflower Gala and the Gallery Night Art Show, which showcases artists across East Texas.

She is a charter member of the Jacksonville Development Corporation and was named Outstanding Jacksonville Business Woman of the Year in 1998. She has served on the Jacksonville CrimeStoppers Board and as a Jacksonville Chamber of Commerce officer and board member. She is a Tyler Chamber of Commerce member, Jacksonville Leadership member, Jacksonville High School Booster Club member, Jacksonville Cares Board member and in the mentoring program at Tyler Junior College.

Autry is the daughter of Janelle and Charles Seabourne of Eustace, both also alumni of HCJC. She graduated from the University of Texas at Arlington in 1983, and she and Barry have two children, Whitney, 18, and Brady, 16.

ALUMNI AWARDS ...continued

DISTINGUISHED ALUM Steve Grant



As a native of Athens, Steve Grant grew up a fan of the Cardinals and remains a strong supporter today.

Grant serves as the chairman of the TVCC Foundation, which leads the charge in the col-

lege's capital campaign to raise funds for scholarships. Grant received the President's Award for his contribution to the Foundation.

His association with the college began early, he said, following the Cardinals as far back as he can remember. After high school, he came to TVCC where he played on the golf team and was active in Phi Beta Kappa.

He graduated from the University of Texas in 1979 and returned to Athens to start Steve Grant Real Estate.

His interest in the community goes far

beyond real estate and the college, however. Grant is a leader in Athens, and his active involvement in the city earned him the Citizen of the Year Award in 2001.

Grant is involved with First Presbyterian Church in Athens, Labor of Love - an organization that repairs homes of those in need, United Way Board, Henderson County Food Pantry, Athens Cemetery Association, Cain Center Board, and has served on the Athens Industrial Foundation Board.

He and his wife Claire have two sons, Nick, 14, and Stephen, 11.

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50's

Don Hackney, Class of '58, is retired from IBM and lives in Canton, Texas.

60's

John David Hollowell, Class of '69 and Cardinal football player, died on July 27, 2003, after a long battle with pancreatic cancer. He will be missed by his family and many friends.

Jim Johnson, Class of '66 and Cardinal Band member from Greenville, now lives in Winnsboro, Texas and is employed by Sphere 3 Environmental Company of Longview.

Nelda Reynolds, Class of '69-'70-'71, who was also dorm director during that time, retired from TVCC in 1991. She is very involved with the Henderson County Historical Commission.

Alfred Wilson, Class of '63, has many fond memories of his two years at HCJC. He remembers pulling the Circle K bathtub on wheels from Athens to the convention in Nacogdoches. He tells his grandchildren with pride that he rode a school bus to and from school his first two years of college. He remembers fondly, Grace and Marlin

Cade, Victor Lewis, Rosco Francis, Margaret DeHart and Frances Grayson.

80's

Paula Burkett, Class of '85-'90, remembers her days as dorm director of Cardette Hall and working in Continuing Ed. She teaches P.E. at Bel Air Elementary School in Athens.

Craig Callaway, Class of '89 was a member of the TVCC Cheerleading squad, a member of Student Senate and CCFC. He has two children McKenzie and Chloe. He is a cheerleading coach, choreographer, judge and staff trainer.

Mary Pruitt Barker, Class of '82, tells us that she was in the Cardinal jazz band, the marching band, along with Student Education Association and PTK. She went on to graduate with a B.A. degree from TCU in December of 1984. She is married to Rex Barker and they have two children, 15 year old David and 9 year old Laura. She is an advocate for autistic children, as her son has Asperger's Syndrome.

Didget (Disney) McKenzie, Class of '89 and former Cardette and Student Senate member, attended TVCC from 1987-1989. Upon leaving TVCC, she moved to Washington, DC and was an NFL cheerleader for the Washington Redskins for two years. She moved back to Texas in

1995 and married Mac McKenzie on August 10, 2000 in Jamaica. She has been employed with Deloitte & Touche for 5 1/2 years and Mac is a police officer for UT Systems and was promoted to Corporal in 2003. They recently moved from Plano to Corsicana. Both commute to Dallas daily to work.

Culley Rogers, Class of '87, attended HCJC from the fall of 1984 through the spring of 1986 and was a member of the first graduating class (1987) after the school name was changed to TVCC. While he was a student at HCJC-TVCC, he was a member of the Cardinal Band, Cardinal Choir, Music Students Association, Student Senate, the *News-Journal* staff and The Ark (a ministry of the United Methodist Church on campus). He earned his Bachelors degree in Public Relations from the University of Texas at Tyler in 1989 and his Masters degree in Higher Education Administration from East Texas State University in 1994. He served as an active volunteer for the TVCC Cheer program from 1989 through 2001 and is a lifelong member of CCFC. His mentor is Connie "CJ" Russell. He is currently Guidance Associate and Financial Aid Counselor for the Palestine campus of TVCC.

Byron Smith, Class of '86, was Baptist Student Union president and studied psychology under Carol Doolin. He received his BA degree at Dallas Baptist University in Psychology and two Masters degrees from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. He currently lives in Georgia

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where he serves as the Assistant Director of Missions at the Henry Baptist Association. He is married with two boys and a third one on his way! Byron says that he has fond memories of HCJC-TVCC and his time in Athens.

Patrice Kissentaner Walker, Class of '86, now lives in Dallas.

90's

Darin Broady, Class of '99, graduated from TVCC with an AAS degree in criminal justice and cheered at TVCC, before transferring to OSU and continuing to cheer there. He is now a police officer in Sellersburg, Indiana. He is also in the Army Reserve and served 10 months in Afghanistan during Operation Enduring Freedom.

Mark Brown, Class of '93, lives in Carthage, Texas. He coaches and teaches at Marshall High School.

Meredith Brown Braaten, Class of '96, was a Cardette while attending TVCC. She graduated from The University of Texas at Austin in 1998. She married in 2003 and teaches second grade in Frisco, Texas.

Patrick Cowherd, Class of '93, was a member of the TVCC cheerleading squad. He is co-founder and owner of Dreamquest Cheer & Dance Training Center in Fishers, IN. He has a son, Zachary.

Tracey Ellis, Class of '82-'83-'00, received her LVN diploma in '83 and her ADN degree in 2000. She was a member of the Student Nurses Association and PTK. She is the Clinical Manager in the Traumatic Brain Injury section of the Baylor Institute for Rehabilitation.

Tim Gundlach, Class of '90, was a Cardette escort for Mrs. Baker. After leaving TVCC he joined the USAF and found himself in the middle of Desert Storm. After the war, he went to work for a Belgian based company called ABX Logistics. He started at the bottom and worked his way up the ladder to his present position of Sales Manager. He has traveled all over the world and hopes to be

running one of the company offices in either Europe or Australia within the next several years.

Ricky Honea, Class of 1993, was a manager for the 1991 conference co-championship Cardinal football team. He is married with three children, two boys and a girl. He lives in Palestine, Texas.

Travis Johnson, Class of '93, who was a member of Student Senate, Theater and was a Cardette Escort, has recently received his master's degree from Amberton University. He is working for Broadlane, Inc. as a contracting executive. He is married and has two children, Lacie Mae and Luke Duane.

Stephen Magee, Class of '98, who was Student Senate Freshman Exec. during the '96-'97 year, Senate Vice President, Cardette Escort in '97-'98 and received the President's Award, graduated from Texas A& M in 2000. He is currently working on his Master's Degree at UT Tyler and is employed at TVCC as the Assistant Registrar and School Relations Officer.

Jimmy Smith, Class of '99, who attended TVCC on a cheerleading scholarship and later transferred to OSU to cheer there, died in September of 2000. A memorial scholarship fund has been established in his memory. Details on how to contribute are found in the EVENTS section of the alumni website.

00's

Erica Bryant, Class of '01, graduated from TVCC with High Honors. She was a homecoming queen finalist both years. The first year she was the only freshman and the only African-American finalist the following year. She was editor of the *TVCC News Journal* and was a member of Phi Theta Kappa. She graduated from the University of Texas at Arlington in December 2003 with a Bachelors degree in journalism. While at UTA she served as reporter, designer, copy editor, news editor and features editor of *The Shorthorn*, the university's award-winning student newspaper. She received awards from the Southwestern Journalism Congress and the Texas Intercollegiate Press

Association. She was inducted into Phi Beta Sigma and Kappa Tau Alpha honor societies. She also served as president of the Society of Professional Journalists. Since graduation, she has accepted a position as the Online News Editor for the *Times Record News* in Wichita Falls, Texas. At age 22, she is the youngest editor and the first African-American editor at the Wichita Falls paper.

Erik Gransberg, Class of 2001, attended TVCC on a cheer scholarship and was a member of the 2001 National Champion Cheerleading squad. He is currently attending OU and will graduate in December with a Civil Engineering degree. Upon graduation he will start work as a project engineer for Gilbert Construction Company in Dallas, Texas. He is also a member of the U.S. Olympic Weightlifting team and will be representing the USA at the Summer Olympics. He holds the title of the 2003-2004 Big XII Conference and NCAA weightlifting champion in the 77kg weight class and is the current World University Champion in the 77kg weight class. Erik says that his time at TVCC was definitely the best and most memorable experience of all of his college days.

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"I'm just so proud of my kids," Landers said. "They have battled since September, and at no point did they give up. To see them accomplish this ... is very gratifying for me."

NOTES — Harris' seven three-pointers were one shy of the school record eight by Shawntay Chadwick in 1991...TVCC's Yolanda Jones was named the tournament's Most Valuable Player...Harris and Clementino were all-tournament selections...The Lady Cards are now 34-8 in national tournament games...In 11 national tournament appearances, TVCC has played in seven championship games...Landers is 126-8 overall and 7-1 at the national tournament. He is the first coach in the history of the Women's Basketball Coaches Association to be named Coach of the Year and win a national championship in the same season...Of TVCC's 36 wins, 35 were by double digits...The Lady Cards scored 100 points or more in 19 games.

FOUNDATION FUNDS go to work

TVCC awards first scholarships from endowed fund

Trinity Valley Community College will award its first Foundation scholarships in the fall, after spending nearly two years collecting donations for the fund.

TVCC Assistant to the President David Hubbard said the funds collected in the on-going capital campaign have generated enough interest to award twelve \$500 scholarships.

These first scholarships will be awarded each fall and spring to students from the TVCC service area enrolling in TVCC as a full-time student for the first time. High school students who took concurrent courses at TVCC and plan to enroll this fall are also eligible.

"We're trying to reach good students who could use a little financial boost to go to college," Hubbard said. "We have a general academic scholarship and then some that are designated for certain areas."

Students may apply for the Opportunity and Excellence Endowed Academic Scholarship, the Ginger Murchison Academic Endowed Scholarship, the Archie and June Dennis Endowed Math and Science Scholarship, the Willard and Sarah George Endowed Business Scholarship, or the Health Occupations Endowed Scholarship.

TVCC publicly announced its first capital

campaign "Enhancing Opportunity and Excellence through Endowment," in 2002. The goal of the first phase of the campaign is \$3 million by 2007. Of that, \$2.5 million is dedicated to scholarships, and \$500,000 to academic support.

"We're nearing our first million, and they say that's the hardest to get," TVCC President Ron Baugh said. "My personal goal, and it's going to take a lot more than \$3 million to do it, is to be able to go to every sixth grade student in our service area and say there is no reason you can't go to college once you complete high school, because we've already taken care of that."

The new Foundation scholarships complement the \$750,000 in scholarships TVCC already awards each year.

Since the Foundation has established endowed scholarships, TVCC uses only money from interest, while the original funds remain untouched. That way, a single donation may continue to provide earnings for the college that can be used for scholarships indefinitely.

Hubbard said the current phase of the campaign is just the beginning of a long-term commitment. Phase Two, expected to begin in 2007 is a more ambitious \$6 million campaign, with \$4 million dedicated to scholarships.

Scholarship recipients this fall are:

Ginger Murchison Endowed Academic Scholarship – Mary Johnston, choral music major; Penny Morris, LaPoynor High School, nursing major; Katherine Ormiston, Brownsboro High School, criminal justice major; Sarina Williams, Brownsboro High School, agriculture major.

Willard and Sarah George Endowed Business Scholarship – Carrie Bandy, Forney High School, business major.

Archie and June Dennis Endowed Math and Science Scholarship – Stephanie Stafford, Athens High School, pre-veterinary medicine major; Bobby Tankersley, Kemp High School, pre-electrical engineering major.

Health Occupations Endowed Scholarship – Emily Kirksey, Athens High School, nursing major.

Opportunity and Excellence Endowed Academic Scholarship – Chase Harris, Canton High School, fireman/paramedic certification; Joseph Huelsman, Scurry-Rosser High School, business management major; Timothy Loper Jr. Brownsboro High School, Agribusiness major; Lauren Renko, Mabank High School, pre-pharmacy major.

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HOMECOMING 2004 SCHEDULE

Honoring all former HCJC-TVCC band & choir members

THURSDAY OCTOBER 21, 2004

4:00-8:00 p.m.

Carnival, Cookout, Pep Rally & Bonfire

FRIDAY OCTOBER 22, 2004

6:30 p.m.

Reception honoring 1994 National
Champion Cardinal Football Team
(Reservations Required)*

7:30 p.m.

Theatre Production of *Rhinoceros*

SATURDAY OCTOBER 23, 2004

9:00 a.m.

HCJC-TVCC Alumni Association
Breakfast-TVCC Cafeteria
(Cost \$5.00-Reservations Required)

10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

Band & Choir Reunions-Orval Pirtle
Administration Building, Front Lobby
(Reservations Required)*

11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Cardinal Fair & Picnic, Front Parking Lot

12:00 Noon

Distinguished Alumni Luncheon

2:30 p.m.

Pre-game Activities-
Presentation of Homecoming Finalists and
Crowning of Homecoming Queen

3:00 p.m.

Cardinal Football vs. TJC

7:30 p.m.

Theatre Production of *Rhinoceros*

GROUPS TO BE RECOGNIZED DURING GAME:

- Former Band Members
- Former Choir Members
- Former Band and Choir Directors
- Members of the 1994 National
Championship Cardinal Football Team

* For reservations, call 903-670-2620 or
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