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Moving onward and upward

How time does fly! Seems like the older we become, the more we quote that old saying.

As I grow older and hopefully wiser, I have realized that change is always evident. As you will see in this issue of The Valley magazine, our beloved school has entered a period of change and growth.

Thinking about the campus when I was a student at HCJC, I guess that the only thing that has not changed is the continued flow of Dilsey Creek that ran through the campus of yesterday and today.

Sometimes a trip down memory lane is good for the soul. How about the days of Cardette Hall or being a student worker for Frances Grayson (I still cannot call her Frances, even at this point in my life)? I still can recall so many memories of those days, such as sitting in Mrs. Cade's sophomore English literature class as she brought everything in the textbook to life or the cafeteria food and the protests that we just knew would change everything for the better.

I will never forget Freshman initiation, sponsored by the HCJC Student Senate, which would be considered illegal today.

In my days as a student, the girls lived in South Hall and the guys lived in West Hall and were thankful that we did not live in Austin Hall.

We were always busy, whether it was going to dances in the Student Union Ballroom or celebrating the first Earth Day in the spring of 1971 or decorating the Student Senate homecoming float (we were thrilled



that the float did not fall apart in mid-parade route) or trying to make BSU meetings.

We were young, ambitious and in many respects did not have a clue about life or what to do to prepare for it. I thought that Mrs. Dulin was just there to smile that famous smile and never dreaming that she could help me with course curriculum or graduation requirements.

Yet we succeeded and were on our way. Many of us graduated and continued on our quest of higher education, while others pursued other interests. But we were all successful in our own way.

Change is not only inevitable but it is also good. I look forward to the future of our "Hic Jic" or our "Valley" or whatever we choose to call it.

It is a part of who we are and what we have become.

David Hubbard

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Editor's Note: The following is a letter to the community written by new TVCC President Glendon Forgey. Following the retirement of longtime President Ron Baugh, Forgey took over as president in February.

In his famous speech at Yankee Stadium, Lou Gehrig remarked that he "considered himself the luckiest man on the face of this earth."

Now I can say that too.

When people in the community ask me how I am doing at TVCC I tell them that President Ron Baugh was the luckiest man in the world. Now I am. When they ask if I enjoy my job, I tell them that I am like a boy waiting for Christmas morning. I can't wait to get to work.

Perhaps that (and the support of the TVCC Board of Trustees, a great faculty and staff) is why so much has been accomplished since I joined Trinity Valley Community College in January.

Student improvement

Our top priority at TVCC is student success. Therefore, most of our initiatives and improvements have been focused on enhancements that will help students succeed. Under the leadership of Michael Abbott, dean of information technology, and the TVCC technology department, free wireless internet across campus was provided in February. Wireless internet is being expanded to the residential halls and will be ready for students when they return to class this fall.

We have also installed additional smart classrooms, rooms that use state-of-the-art technology to allow students and instructors to fully utilize modern day media and internet capabilities.

Beginning this fall, TVCC faculty and students will be able to utilize state-of-the-art lecture capture technology, which will record anything that occurs during a class, including any display, graphics, or

other video/audio. Students will be able to view the class over the internet or by iPod 15 minutes after class ends. Studies have shown that lecture capture technology greatly improves student success.

Partnering with our local high schools is another way of achieving student success. Beginning this fall, TVCC is partnering with Athens ISD to test an Early College High School program.

Approximately 25 Athens ISD freshmen students will be on the TVCC campus taking college classes. Depending on the success and funding for the program, TVCC plans to offer students of other area local secondary school districts this opportunity in the future.

Expanding academic opportunities is another focus at Trinity Valley. We've added five new members to our outstanding faculty.

With the addition of these new faculty members and the use of

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THE VALLEY FOUNDATION NEWS

Every little bit has made a difference.

After almost seven years, Trinity Valley Community College's Foundation Capital Campaign is coming to an end.

"We are amazed by the support we have received over the years from the community and from our college family," said TVCC Vice President for Resource Management and College Relations David Hubbard. "Those within our service area have gone far above and beyond to support us and our endeavors to help students attend TVCC."

The first ever capital campaign began in 2001 with a goal to reach \$3 million. Of that money, \$2.5 million would go directly to the scholarship endowment and the rest would go into a fund to support academic needs.

As of August 2008, the college had received more than \$2.5 million in gifts. Scholarship awards, generated from endowed gifts received over the past several years, have furnished more than 135 TVCC students



An endowed scholarship has been named in memory of late English instructor Margaret DeHart (center). DeHart taught at the college for more than 40 years and left her entire estate to the college. In addition to the scholarship, a memorial is being planned in her honor.

with academic scholarships. That number continues to increase dramatically each year.

Fund-raising activities have included annual fund drives, solicitation of alumni support, golf tournaments, galas, and private foundation grant support.

Those who have given to the foundation in an amount exceeding \$25,000 have had scholarships named in their honor. To date, there are 13 named scholarships.

This year, a special new scholarship has been added. The first recipients of the Margaret DeHart Memorial Academic Scholarship were named this summer.

"We cannot express how much Margaret meant to this college," said Hubbard. "TVCC

was her life. She was a dedicated instructor for more than four decades and, upon her death, she left her entire estate to TVCC.

"A scholarship alone is not enough to honor this wonderful woman and everything she has done for TVCC. We are working on a memorial in her honor. We are not sure what that memorial will be yet, but we want it to be something special to recognize a special woman."

Dehart passed away in 2004 after spending 44 years teaching at HCJC-TVCC. As an English teacher, thousands of students passed through her classroom over the years.

"Margaret was, in a lot of our eyes ... Henderson County Junior College, Trinity Valley Community College, whichever you prefer," said former TVCC President Ron Baugh after DeHart's death.

Despite her declining health DeHart was so dedicated to teaching that she continued to work up



TVCC President Glendon Forgey (center) presents Helen Reid, provost of the TVCC Health Science Center (left) and nursing instructor Ray Huttel (right) with a plaque honoring the fund-raising efforts of the Red Stocking Tea. The proceeds from the tea, held last fall on the Kaufman campus, went to support the TVCC Foundation.

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FOUNDATION NEWS

Record number to receive scholarships

This year, donations to the Trinity Valley Community College Foundation have paved the way for a record number of students to receive scholarships.

The foundation awards students with scholarships ranging from \$500 to \$1,500.

The goal of the foundation scholarship is to help students who live in the TVCC service area and who have not previously attended college full-time.

Scholarship recipients must be first-time students who plan to enroll full time. Scholarships are available not only to graduating high-school seniors, but also to non-traditional age students as well.

This year's scholarship recipients include the following.

Health Occupations Endowed Scholarship

- Ashley Gregory, Canton H.S.
- Shagayla Warren, Athens H.S.
- Susana Vazquez, Athens H.S.
- Cassie Strange, Athens H.S.
- Bo Miller, Cross Roads H.S.
- Emily Bynum, Brownsboro H.S.

Opportunity and Excellence Endowed Academic Scholarship

- Holly Ledbetter, Elkhart H.S.
- Stacey Womack, Trinidad H.S.
- Sabrina Suttle, Athens H.S.
- Evelia Soto, Athens High School
- Alyssa Smith, Martins Mill H.S.
- Alfredo Mendez, Athens H.S.
- Ashley Gondek, Mabank H.S.
- Rosa Garcia, Malakoff H.S.
- Angelica Estrada, Palestine H.S.
- Cassie Conaway, Athens H.S.
- Tucker Baugh, Cross Roads H.S.

Ginger Murchison Endowed Academic Scholarship

- James Twyman, Trinidad H.S.
- Erika Padron, Athens H.S.
- Alex McMillan, Cayuga H.S.
- Heather Holliman, Athens H.S.
- Maria deLos Santos, Athens H.S.

Ray & Jean Adams Endowed Academic Scholarship

- Kaitlin Scroggins, Neches H.S.
- Justin Kapp, Kaufman H.S.
- Casey Heard, Mabank H.S.

Archie & June Dennis Math & Science Scholarship

- Robert Walker, Mabank H.S.
- Carlos Tovas, Athens H.S.
- Skye Tarrant, LaPoynor H.S.
- Marilyn Strickland, Canton H.S.
- Chelsea Reynolds, LaPoynor H.S.
- Brook Miller, Cross Roads H.S.
- Jeanette LeGallee, Eustace H.S.
- Justin Juvera, Cross Roads H.S.
- Kevin Hopper, Athens H.S.
- Clayton Henry, Cross Roads H.S.
- Meagan Griffin, Slocum H.S.
- Leslie Dean, Kemp H.S.
- James Botschon, LaPoynor H.S.
- Juan Alfaro, Athens H.S.

Willard & Sarah George Endowed Business Scholarship

- Brandon Polk, Trinidad H.S.
- Antonio Peredia, Athens H.S.
- Katelyn McCarter, Kaufman H.S.
- Carrie House, Canton H.S.
- Cristin Atkins, Kemp H.S.
- Rachael Donelson, Athens H.S.
- Trent Dickson, Neches H.S.
- Liliana Aleman, Athens H.S.
- Hannah Young, Terrell H.S.

Margaret DeHart Memorial Academic Scholarship

- Kyle Davis, Scurry-Rosser H.S.
- Robby Miller, Brownsboro H.S.

Superintendent's Award Academic Scholarship

- Brooke Yates, Fruitvale H.S.
- Dustin Tull, Edgewood H.S.
- Summer Thompson, Fruitvale H.S.
- Kasi Starnes, Brownsboro H.S.
- Sarah Smith, Malakoff H.S.
- Kimberly Shoulders, Neches H.S.
- Marissa Penney, Cross Roads H.S.
- Holly Pemberton, Scurry-Rosser H.S.
- Ciara Paris, Athens H.S.
- Kelsie Norman, Cayuga H.S.
- Kristin Myers, Mabank H.S.
- Chelsie Morris, Fruitvale H.S.
- Katie Mays, Elkhart H.S.
- Zachary Mayo, Kaufman H.S.
- Jeffrey Mayhall, Cross Roads H.S.
- Allison Knowles, Canton H.S.
- Kimberly Marks, Malakoff H.S.
- Kevin Hopper, Athens H.S.
- Jennifer Edmond, Cayuga H.S.
- Emily Eberhart, Canton H.S.
- Caitlin DiBari, Eustace H.S.
- Kristin Cook, Neches H.S.
- Lacey Chapin, Elkhart H.S.
- Stephanie Campbell, Edgewood H.S.
- Bethany Boatright, Trinidad H.S.
- Micah Kieffer, LaPoynor H.S.
- Jenifer Allen, Cross Roads H.S.

CARDINAL ACHIEVEMENTS

CARDETTES SHINE AT 2008 CHERRY BLOSSOM FESTIVAL

The Trinity Valley Community College Cardettes were invited to represent East Texas this year during one of Washington D.C.'s famous traditional events – the National Cherry Blossom Festival.

Each year, the nation's capital celebrates the beauty of the prolific pink and white bloom by holding a parade during the middle of the spring season.

"We were very proud to be representing Texas and TVCC. It was a huge honor to be in the Capitol City," said Darla Mansfield, Cardette director.

The parade of the National Cherry Blossom Festival is a spring-time favorite event and is one of the largest of many activities in the festival. The annual two-week festival celebrates Japan's gift of trees to the United States in 1912.

The parade draws approximately 100,000 spectators to downtown



The TVCC Cardettes were recently invited to perform at the 2008 Cherry Blossom Festival in Washington, D.C. The dance group spent several days in the nation's capital.

D.C. each year.

The Cardettes presented a Lone Star style routine, complete with props representing the state of Texas.

The parade organizers heard of the Cardettes by word of mouth

and the dance team was invited to attend.

While in Washington, D.C. the Cardettes also visited several attractions such as Mt. Vernon, the Capital, the Holocaust Museum and the Smithsonian museums.

Choir travels to England, Scotland

In May more than 30 members of the Cardinal Choir and a few college employees traveled to England and Scotland to participate in a series of performances.

The TVCC choir was one of the acts participating in the All-Britain Festival. The festival involves cities in Scotland, England and Wales and lasts the entire month of May.

The singers toured the English cities of London, Stratford, York, Chester, Wedgewood and Darlington.

They also spent time in Scotland before returning to London.



Members of the Cardinal Choir, shown here during a concert in Athens last spring, recently performed in England and Scotland.

While in the United Kingdom, the choir performed at Peacehaven Baptist Church in Peacehaven, England; St. Giles Cathedral in

Edinburgh, Scotland; York Minster in York, England; and Prevailing Word Ministries in London, England.

CARDINAL ACHIEVEMENTS

TVCC STUDENTS GET BEHIND-THE-SCENES LOOK AT NASA

One group of TVCC science students got the chance to reach for the stars in April when they attended the Collegiate Aerospace Scholars (CAS) program.

Instructors Donnie Fulford and Travis Dungan took six students to the Johnson Space Center in Houston for three days of behind-the-scenes work at NASA.

The program is only available to Texas community college students and is used by NASA to identify potential future interns.

"We toured NASA facilities such as the shuttle and international space station training facilities, the vacuum chamber used for testing all hardware launched into space and the shuttle mission control room," said Dungan.

The center of the trip was a robotics competition. This year the goal was to build and test a Mars rover.

Three of the students earned exceptional honors during the competition. Bill Henderson and Ashley Sullivan were chosen by their peers as team officers. Rachel



One group of TVCC students participated in NASA's Collegiate Aerospace Scholars Program in April. The students toured behind-the-scenes areas of NASA and constructed model Mars rovers.

Wodnecki was on the winning team and was chosen as the competition MVP.

"It was quite an honor to collaborate with men and women who truly enjoyed getting their hands dirty and giving their best," said Wodnecki. "The team I was fortunate enough to be a part of was full

of brilliant minds and dedicated hearts. I could not have asked for a more amazing group of individuals to share my NASA experience with."

Faculty sponsors Fulford, Dungan and Brian Allen are hoping more TVCC students can make the NASA trip next school year.

LONG NAMED TO HONORS INSTITUTE PANEL

Nancy Long, a member of the Trinity Valley Community College faculty, was selected as a Faculty Scholar for the 2008 Phi Theta Kappa Faculty Scholar Conference and 2008 Phi Theta Kappa International Honors Institute.

Long is one of only 24 people who were selected for this honor from a large pool of applicants.

Those chosen to be Faculty Scholars must be Phi Theta Kappa advisors who have exhibited exceptional knowledge of the current honors study topic, The Paradox of

Affluence: Choices, Challenges, and Consequences. Participants must also have demonstrated excellence in teaching.

The Faculty Scholar Conference, sponsored in part by the National Endowment for the Humanities, was held at Phi Theta Kappa's Center for Excellence in Jackson, Miss., in January.



Long

The Faculty Scholar Conference prepares the Faculty Scholars to serve as group facilitators at the Phi Theta Kappa International Honors Institute.

Faculty scholars heard presentations on a variety of issues concerning the paradox of affluence and participated in discussion groups throughout the four-day conference.

The annual International Honors Institute was held at San Francisco State University (SFSU) in San Francisco, Calif., in June.

TIME TO CELEBRATE



CHEERLEADERS BRING HOME NINTH NATIONAL TITLE

There is now a ninth national trophy resting in Cardinal Gym.

In April, the Cardinal cheerleaders traveled to Daytona Beach, Fla., for another National Cheerleaders Association national competition.

In the preliminary round, the Cardinals took second place, falling to Corsicana's Navarro College. Weatherford College came in third.

The three teams met again the next evening for the final round, this time with different results.

The Cardinals earned a final score of 9.216, which was enough to pull ahead of second-place Weatherford College's score of 9.085 and earn the Cardinals cheerleaders their ninth national title.

Navarro – which took the nation-

al title last year – place third during the final round.

"I just knew when they walked onto the mat that they were ready to do it. You could see it on their faces," said Trinity Valley Community College Cardinal Cheerleading Coach Lucy Strom.

TVCC has taken the National Cheerleaders Association national title eight additional times, in 1989, 1990, 1991, 1993, 1996, 2001, 2002 and 2005.

Strom said she's proud of the team, but knew that her students had what it took to win.

"The talent we had on this team was enough to win. They went into this just mentally prepared to come home champions," said Strom.

This year's Cardinal team was


made mostly of freshman, she added.

"We had 20 on the mat and only four of them had ever had college national competition experience," said Strom.

This year's competing group was made up of seven sophomores and 14 freshmen. Of the sophomores, three of the seven were alternates during last year's competition.

"Most of the winning teams have thirteen or more returning students. It's almost unheard of to do it with this few," said Strom.

The group was interviewed by the Fox Sports Channel.

The 2008-2009 Cheerleaders traveled to camp this summer, where they earned a bid to compete in the 2009 nationals. 

TVCC BEGINS SOFTBALL PROGRAM



Some TVCC students are now swinging for the fences.

Following a vote of approval by the board of trustees during the spring, TVCC's first conference softball team will take to the field starting this fall.

Johnston has been chosen as the head coach for the new Trinity Valley Community College Lady Cardinals softball team.

Johnston came to Athens this summer from York College in York, Neb.

"It is obvious that Johnston has a great knowledge and passion for this sport and a commitment to doing things the right way," said TVCC President Glendon Forgey.

"Her outlook on success goes beyond the field and carries into the classroom and community."

Johnston says she's excited about building TVCC's first conference softball team from the ground up. The college board of trustees approved adding the new program this spring, and the Lady Cardinals began game play in early September.

"Coming into a new program you're going to naturally be the underdog.

"I don't mind that. I want it to be a good year," said Johnston. "I want to bring in some good talent and set the pace right away for the next few years."

"Johnston has recruited outstanding players all across the nation and from here in Athens too," said Forgey.

Johnston was born and raised in West Monroe, La., where she was part of a state champion team at



Ashley Johnston has been named the head coach of the Lady Cardinals softball team. The team started game play this fall. Johnson, a Louisiana native, came to Athens from York, Neb.

West Monroe High School.

She went on to play college ball for Bossier Parish Community College and then on to Louisiana Tech University.


She completed her bachelor's degree in physical education at Northwestern Oklahoma State University.

While working as an assistant coach at Paris Junior College, she completed her master's degree class-

es at Texas A&M Commerce.

Johnston went on to coach at College of the Desert in Palm Desert, Calif., for one year before moving to Nebraska to take on her first head coach's position.

During that season, Johnston led the York College Lady Panthers to second place in the conference.

Johnston says she is glad to be back in warmer climates and to be closer to her home state. 

2008 LADY CARDS FALL SOFTBALL SCHEDULE

Date	Location	Time
Sept. 6	@Navarro Tourn.	TBA
Sept. 24	Angelina College	5&7 p.m.
Sept. 27	@Bossier Parish CC Tourn.	TBA
Oct. 1	@Angelina College	5&7 p.m.
Oct. 4	@UNT Tourn.	TBA
Oct. 11	@Ranger College Tourn.	TBA
Oct. 18	@UT -Tyler Tourn.	TBA
Oct. 22	Bossier Parish Community College	3&5 p.m.

CARDINALS READY FOR 2008

Team gearing up for start of season

It has been more than a year since Brad Smiley took over the title of Cardinal head football coach. What a difference a year makes.

"Last year we started with nothing. We had little to no experience on the team. We had a new coaching staff and few returning players," said Smiley.

This year, things are looking a little different.

"We have a coaching staff that has been in place since before spring ball and we have 24 returning players and 17 returning starters," said Smiley.

"We looked like a young, inexperienced team last year at times. This year, along with all the returning players, we have several red shirt freshmen and an incoming class that will provide immediate depth."

Those players make up the incoming class of new signees.

They are joining 16 returning sophomores to make up this year's team. The group reported to the Cardinal fieldhouse on Aug. 12.

"We have some quality players who have experience under their belts," said Smiley. "They know our system. They know what to do and what to look for."

The team members worked hard during spring practice this year, said Smiley, and he was thrilled with what he saw during those practices. Not only did the team work on running plays, they also worked on character building as well.

"We focused on being accountable to yourselves and to the team," said Smiley.

Last year, the season started well,

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2008 CARDINAL FOOTBALL COACHES



Brad Smiley
Head Coach

Smiley is in his second year as head Cardinal football coach. He served as the offensive line and tight ends coach for TVCC in 1998 and 1999. Smiley spent seven seasons at Tulane University.



Will Reed
Defensive Coordinator

Reed was a part of the TVCC coaching team in 1998 and '99. Reed coached at Texas College where he was defensive coordinator, recruiting coordinator, and associate athletic director.



John Launius
Offensive Coordinator

While at Dodge City Community College, Launius directed the offense to one of the school's best seasons. He has also been a high school-level head coach.



Beau Davidson
Offensive Line

Davidson joined the Cardinals in January after spending four seasons at University of North Texas. He attended Syracuse University and Blinn Junior College.



Mark Gibson
Secondary

Gibson comes to TVCC from Louisiana's Evangel Christian Academy. Gibson has also worked at Oklahoma State and University of Miami.



Eric Jones
Defensive Line

Jones comes to TVCC after spending the 2007 season with Arkansas Baptist College as defensive line coach. He also coached at Paul Quinn College.

2008 CARDINAL FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
Aug. 30	Dodge City CC	7 p.m.
Sept. 8	@Louisiana College JV	TBA
Sept. 20*	@NEO A&M	7 p.m.
Sept. 27*	Cisco (FAMILY DAY)	7 p.m.
Oct. 4*	@Navarro	3 p.m.
Oct. 11*	Blinn College (HOMECOMING)	3 p.m.
Oct. 18*	@Kilgore College	7 p.m.
Oct. 25*	Tyler Junior College	3 p.m.
Nov. 1*	@Arkansas Baptist College	3 p.m.
Nov. 8	Conference Playoffs	TBA
Nov. 15	SWJCFC Championship	TBA

*Southwest Junior College Football Conference Games

Cardinal acclaim



College to induct first hall of fame class at homecoming

Trinity Valley Community College will be honoring a different kind of class this fall.

In the more than 60 years since the college was founded, dozens of great athletes have worn the red and white. Now, the college is recognizing the best of the best.

Want to nominate someone for next year's Cardinal Hall of Fame class? See page 16.

At homecoming festivities this fall, in the spotlight will be the inaugural class of the Cardinal Hall of Fame.

"With the success of our athletic programs and the number of great athletes and coaches that have been here in the past we felt a hall of fame was needed to honor our tradition and some of our players and coaches," said Athletic Director Michael Landers.

The Cardinal Hall of Fame will recognize not only the past athletes in all sports and former Cardinal coaches, but also fans who have been loyal supporters of the Cardinal programs over the years.

"The hall of fame will be a great opportunity for the college to honor those athletes, coaches, and supporters who have made significant contributions to the proud TVCC athletic heritage and tradition," said TVCC President Glendon Forgey.

To be named into the Cardinal Hall of Fame, an athlete must have been a student more than five years ago. Athletes can have participated in football, basketball or Cheerleading.

Coaches must also have five years since leaving TVCC's employ. Those who retire are available for nomination immediately following retirement.

Community members can be named to the Hall of

Fame if they have been active supporters of the Cardinal programs for 10 years.

According to the new bylaws of the Cardinal Hall of Fame, up to 10 members can be inducted the first two years. After that time, up to five new members can be inducted each year.

Homecoming this year is scheduled for Oct. 11. The official ceremony will take place at a banquet prior to the game.

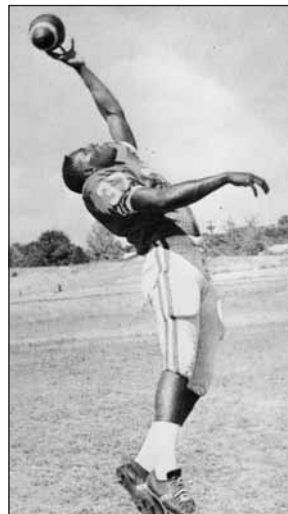
Following an intensive nomination and selection process, TVCC has announced the members of the first class. Those who will be inducted into the Cardinal Hall of Fame in October are:

Margene Adkins

Only a couple of former Cardinals have ever donned Dallas Cowboy blue and white. Margene Adkins is one of the few.

But before he was part of the Cowboys' Super Bowl VI championship team in 1971, he had a stellar career wearing HCJC red and white.

Adkins was a fighting force on the team in 1965 and '66, both years that the Cardinals competed in the Junior Rose Bowl. He was named an All-Conference and All-American player for the redbirds the year the Cardinals won the Junior



Adkins

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Rose Bowl in Pasadena, Calif.

After leaving TVCC, Adkins went north, way north. He joined the Ottawa Rough Riders in the Canadian Football League as a wide receiver.

In 1969, he was named to the league's All-Star team after setting a regular season record for the average gain per pass reception. His record of 25 yards would stand for 28 years.

Adkins was part of the Rough Riders' 1969 Grey Cup championship team. The Grey Cup is Canada's version of the Vince Lombardi trophy.

Adkins was drafted in the second round of the 1970 National Football League draft by the Dallas Cowboys. He joined the Cowboys for the 1970 season and stayed to be a part of the Super Bowl winning team.

The former Cardinal left the Cowboys in 1972 and moved on to the New Orleans Saints. That year, he led the team in kickoff returns with 1,020 yards and a 23.7 average carry. He returned 42 kickoffs that season.

The next year, Adkins moved again, this time to the New York Jets. In his single season with that team, he returned 31 kick-offs for a total of 615 yards, an average of 19.8 yards per carry.

That would be his last season with the NFL.

Adkins now lives in Fort Worth.

Bob Baccarini

When the HCJC Cardinals were playing in the Junior Rose Bowl in 1965 and 66, Coach Bob Baccarini was calling the plays.

Baccarini served as the head football coach for 12 years, from 1960-1972. During his time, the Cardinals gained their first taste of national fame.

During Baccarini's career, the HCJC Cardinal players had the following bowl appearances:

- 1962: Texas Jr. College Bowl
- 1963: Oil Bowl All-Stars
- 1965: Junior Rose Bowl
- 1966: Oil Bowl All-Stars
- 1966: Junior Rose Bowl
- 1967: Las Vegas Bowl
- 1968: Southwest Wool Bowl

The second year the Cardinals played in California, they defeated



Baccarini

Pasadena City College 40-13 and were named the number one team in the nation.

In 1965, Baccarini was named the Junior College Coach of the year by the Sports Writers Association.

The following year, he was given the same title by the Dallas Morning News.

Baccarini led the Cardinals to four consecutive Texas Junior College Football Association Conference wins. In 1996, he was named to the National Junior College Athletic Association Hall of Fame.

His record as a Cardinals coach was 51-19.

Baccarini retired after leaving the Cardinals. He still lives in Athens.

Kurt Budke

When the Lady Cards were celebrating their first national title, Kurt Budke was the one holding the clipboard.

Budke was the head coach of the Lady Cardinals from 1993 to 2000. During those seven years, the team appeared in the national tournament six times.

That run would bring in four of the Lady Cardinals' five national championship titles. The Lady Cardinals brought home the national title in '94, '96, '97 and '99

The other two years, the team fell in the championship game.

In Budke's entire career at TVCC, the Lady Cardinals lost at home only two times.

He led the team to some of their best season records ever, including an undefeated 36-0 season in 1999.

Budke left TVCC with an overall coaching record of 273-31. He was named Women's Basketball Coaches Association's Coach of the Year in 1995 and 1998.

Following the 2000 season, Budke left TVCC. He is now the head women's basketball coach at Oklahoma State University in Stillwater, Okla.

Budke's coaching journey began in 1984, when he served as a graduate assistant at Washburn University before taking an assistant coaching position at Friends University.

The Salina, Kan., native took his first job as head coach at Allen County Community College. His two years there ended with a 47-15 record and a No. 17 national ranking his first year.

Budke was named the Jayhawk East Conference's coach of the year after his charges tallied a 25-7 record during the 1992-93 season.



Budke

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He then went on to coach at Louisiana Tech before moving to OSU. Last year, in his second season at OSU, the Cowgirls reached the 20-win plateau and appeared in the NCAA Tournament for the first time since 1996.

At the junior college level, Budke has a combined record of 273-31 (.898), resulting in the highest winning percentage in NJCAA history.

He was the NJCAA National Coach of the Year in both 1995 and 1998 and was the Texas Coaches Association Coach of the Year for each of the four years the Lady Cardinals took the national title.

In addition, he is the youngest coach to ever be inducted into the National Junior College Athletic Association Hall of Fame.

Budke coached 2000 WNBA Rookie of the Year Betty Lennox, 2003 WNBA Rookie of the Year Cheryl Ford and as well as fellow WNBA players Erica Taylor, Shalonda Enis, Tausha Mills and Shantia Owens during their collegiate careers.

Budke is married to the former Shelley Balthazor. The couple have three children, Sara, Alex and Brett.

Stan Cloudy

The 1982 Cardinal team got closer to a national title than any other team in Cardinal basketball history. Without argument the best player on that team was Stan Cloudy.

Cloudy was an all-conference performer on the 1982 Cardinal Championship team, which finished third at the national tournament that year.

Cloudy still holds one Cardinal record, set in December 1981 for highest percentage of field goals made in one game. He shot 14 for 14.

Cloudy was named most valuable player in the conference tournament his freshman year. That year, HCJC was defeated by Tyler Junior College.

"There were a lot of stud players in that tournament. It felt good when I received the MVP," said Cloudy.

Then his sophomore year he was named a first-team All-American.

"That was a heck of an honor. Those two things really stand out quite a bit," said Cloudy.

After leaving TVCC, the Center native signed with the Nebraska Huskers. During the 1982-83 season, the team competed in the national tournament.

Cloudy led the Huskers in tournament play, ranking as the high scorer in the first (20), second (24) and quarter-final (18) rounds. He also led the team in all three rounds (14,8,9) in rebounds and also led in assists during the first (7) and second (5) rounds of play.

"Nebraska was a wonderful, wonderful experience



1982 Cardinal basketball team

and I had a magnificent time. It was everything I thought it would be and more. It's a great school and a pretty good city," said Cloudy.

Cloudy is ranked as one of the best Huskers players of all time and is a member of the Huskers Hall of Fame. During the 1983-84 season Cloudy injured his knee and his ankle. Those injuries stopped his career.

He signed with the Cleveland Cavaliers in 1985 as a free agent, but was released before the season.

Today, Cloudy lives in Houston. He is the father of three children: Stan Cloudy Jr. (24), Cory (17) and Chloe (14).

He works as a manager for Hagemeyer, a company that provides safety and electrical products to the industrial market.

Cloudy said he doesn't play ball much these days. He has been a weightlifter for years, he added, but rarely picks up a basketball.

His nephew, Marlin Cloudy, was a force on the Cardinals basketball team during 2005 and 2006.

Shalonda Enis

When Shalonda Enis came to TVCC in 1993, she was already a recordholder. As a player at Celeste High School, located north of Greenville, she earned the title as all-time leading scorer in Texas high school girls basketball.

She came to TVCC with an average of 25.4 points, 12 rebounds and three steals per game during her freshman year, she quickly became a mainstay for the Lady Cardinals.

That year, she earned the title of Texas Eastern Conference Newcomer of the Year.

Her sophomore year was even better. An average of 30 points and 11 rebounds per game earned her the



Enis

Texas Eastern
Conference Most
Valuable Player award.

That year, as the Cardinals played for the regional title, she scored 46 points and grabbed 13 rebounds and 11 steals in the championship game.

Today, she still holds two TVCC records:

- Career shots made: 1993-95 (326)
- Season shots made: 1994 (194)

She signed with the University of Alabama. As a senior in the 1996-97 season, Enis was named a Kodak All-American.

She was also named Women's Basketball News Service All-American that same year, and All-Conference First Team for both her junior and senior years.

While playing in the Women's U.S. Olympic Festival in 1994 Enis led the team in points (87), and averaged 21.8 per game. In the championship game Enis led the team with 19 field goal attempts. She was named MVP.

In the spring of 1997 she signed with the American Basketball League, and was drafted in the first round (seventh in the league) to the Seattle Reign.

She was named Most Valuable Player of the 1998 All-Star Game. That same season, she was named Rookie Of The Year, first-team all ABL, and Rookie of the Year by the national media.

After the ABL went bankrupt, she was drafted in the third round of the 1999 WNBA draft. Enis was chosen by the Washington Mystics. She played from 2000 to 2003 for the Charlotte Sting.

Enis now lives in North Texas.

Portia Hill

It has been two decades since Portia (Hill) Hatten wore the Lady Cardinal red and white, but her legacy still lives on.

Hatten still holds five all-time basketball records:

- Most points in a game: 1988 vs. Blinn (50);
- Career Field goal percentage - 632-928, 68% - 1986-88;
- Career rebounding - 1986-88 (527-510-1,037);
- Season rebounding 1987 (527); and

- Game rebounds 1988 vs. Blinn (29).

Hatten was a student at TVCC from 1986-88. She was named the Texas Eastern Conference Most Valuable Player her freshman year.

Hatten has been named a Kodak All-American two times. She was named the 1988 Junior College Player of the Year and was a runner-up for the title in 1987.

During her time at TVCC, the Lady Cardinals were 50-8 and at the top of the conference both years.

Following her years at TVCC, she joined the Ladyjacks at Stephen F. Austin State University. She has been named one of SFA's All-Time Lettermen.

Hatten later went on to play professional ball in Europe. She played for two years in Italy and a year in France.

"It was a great experience," said Hatten.

When she came back to the states, she returned to her hometown of Palestine, where she has lived since. Hatten has worked for the past 14 years as a mental health liaison for UTMB/TDCJ.

She and her husband Darrell have been married 14 years. She has two children, Alexis (11) and Tia (5).

"It's a great honor to be one of the first inductees to this hall of fame," said Hatten. "Words can't describe how I feel. I have been named an all-American before, but this is a totally different feeling. This is an honor that will last forever and I'm humbled."

"I was ecstatic when I heard. It's a privilege. It's a blessing. All things are possible through God."

Hatten said she remembers her times at TVCC with fondness.

"The support we had from the college and the community was amazing," said Hatten. "I remember the coliseum being jam packed. The people in Henderson County really followed women's basketball. We couldn't have done it without them."

She also said there were instructors at the college who made a real difference in her life.

"I remember Jean Gilbert. She was a physical therapist. She and Betty Morris took me under their wings while I was there," said Hatten.

Lady Cardinals coach Gary Ashlock made a difference in her life and her athletic career, she added.

"If he saw a small potential in us, he worked with it. He got everything out of his players that he could. I give him a lot of credit for all the basketball honors I got."

The rest of the staff was supportive of the athletes as well.

"Academics were always the reason we were there and athletics was always second. When we were in a tourna-

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ment the instructors worked with the ladies to make sure we didn't fall behind," said Hatten.

Inez Perez

The year 1966 was one of the greatest in Cardinal history. That year, the Cardinals fought the odds for the right to compete in the Junior Rose Bowl in California.

Although the Cardinals lost that championship game by just five points, it was still a year that lives in the memories of HCJC fans.

As the crowds were cheering, the man under center was Inez Perez, better known as the "Little General." As the quarterback of the Cardinals, the Corpus Christi native led the Cardinals to its first undefeated regular season.

Before attending HCJC, Perez attended Miller High School in Corpus Christi and has been inducted into the Bucks Hall of Fame.



Perez

Perez said he came across HCJC by accident. He actually started his career at Texas A&I (now Texas A&M) University in Kingsville, but an injury kept him from playing.

Then, he heard through a teammate HCJC was looking for a quarterback.

"I called there and the rest was history," said Perez.

During his time at HCJC, Perez was named honorable mention All-American in 1966. In the 1966 Rose Bowl, Perez threw 27 pass attempts, setting a new bowl record.

After leaving HCJC, Perez went on to SMU and competed in the Cotton Bowl.

"I really wanted to go into law school, but coaching got into my blood so I started coaching," said Perez.

After being a graduate assistant coach at SMU, Perez began a long coaching career. He coached at various schools around Texas.

"I coached football, baseball, basketball, track. The only thing I haven't coached is soccer," said Perez.

A year ago, he retired from Lubbock ISD as the director of athletics. Although he's not actively coaching, Perez says he is still active in a ministry dedicated to

conducting Bible studies for coaches.

"I started the coaches' ministry in the 1980s in Austin," said Perez.

Perez met his wife, Sharon, while a student at HCJC. The couple has five children. Four of those children have gone into the teaching and coaching profession, he said, and the fifth is working on a teacher's certification.

Perez said his time at HCJC was a great experience.

"There wasn't much to do there. The cemetery was the most exciting thing there. We could go there and tell ghost stories," said Perez. "I remember going to the Dairy Queen. We had a great bunch of players all over the place. The student body back then was a great thing."

Connie Russell

Connie Russell has led a Cardinal team to more national championships than any other coach in HCJC-TVCC history.

Russell coached HCJC-TVCC teams for more than 30 years. Under her guidance, the Cardinal Cheerleaders brought home five national titles.

"It's very very nice," said Russell of her induction into the Cardinal Hall of Fame. "It's very humbling for me to be included in the first class."

Russell clearly remembers the year she came to HCJC. She was hired as the assistant director for the Cardettes in 1966 and was assigned cheerleaders as a secondary duty.

During the next 10 years, Russell filled various roles at HCJC. She worked in the tennis and volleyball programs and served as the college's first honors program director.

In the late 1970s, Russell gave up her other duties to focus on the cheerleaders. In the mid-1980s, the Cardinals began competing on the national level.

"They had the nationals competition about three years before we tried out. I took the squad up to Mesquite and auditioned in front of the president of the NCA (National Cheerleaders Association). We thought we had a good routine, but he suggested we make it more difficult. We were the only junior college out of 20 teams," said Russell. Now, the NCA has a competition category specifically for junior colleges.

In 1989, the squad captured its first national title at a competition in Dallas. Russell and the Cardinal squad continued their winning ways in the 1990s, taking national titles in 1990, 1991, 1993 and 1996.



Russell

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The same year the squad took its fifth national title, the group was invited to participate in the opening of the Olympics in Atlanta, Ga.

"The most fun I ever had was that Olympics in 1996. Being behind the scenes. It was great. We were there two weeks," said Russell.

Since leaving TVCC, Russell has served as a consultant for various universities, including University of North Texas, Texas Tech University and Methodist College in North Carolina.

She was selected to judge the 2008 Cheerleading World competition in Orlando, Fla.

She has served on the rules committee for the U.S. All Star Federation, an organization which governs safety guidelines for All Star Gym competitions.

She also has been a judge for the National Cheerleader Association, CheerSport, The Costal Corporation and Cheer America.

Leon Spencer

There is no way to separate the name of HCJC/TVCC sports from Leon Spencer.

Spencer served as men's basketball coach and athletic director for more than 40 years before retiring in 2005 as the winningest coach in Texas junior college basketball.

Spencer ended his career in 2006 with a record of 809-492.

Spencer came to Henderson County Junior College in 1957 on a basketball scholarship. In his childhood days at Harmony High School near Gilmer, he had spent a little time on the court but also loved football.

His freshman year at HCJC he played both sports, but decided to stick with football his sophomore year.

After HCJC he moved on to East Texas State University (now Texas A&M-Commerce), where he was named the team's MVP as a senior.

He returned to HCJC as a coach in 1964 as the head boys basketball coach and an assistant football coach.

Over the years, Spencer wore a variety of hats, including dorm director, biology lab instructor and teacher of physical education classes.

"My main reaction (to being inducted into the hall of fame) was – after I saw the slate of people who were being inducted along with me – if it weren't for a lot of those people I would not be inducted," said Spencer.

"As the athletic director, I served a dual role all those years, so those people who worked so hard like Kurt Budke and Connie Russell were all a part of helping me gain whatever success I had."



Spencer

Spencer said there were many highlights in his career, but of all the decades, the 1982 year stands out the most.

"That was the year that Stan Cloudy was there. That year was 33-3. We had gotten so close to nationals so many times, it was a relief to get to go to nationals in 1982," said Spencer.

That year, the team took third place, coming closer to a national title

than any other team in Cardinals basketball history.

Other highlights in his career include the years 1995 and 1999, when Spencer and the Cardinals again made nationals bids.

Then there was one year when the Cardinals almost made a fourth nationals bid.

"There were so many exciting nights and great games," said Spencer.

"I remember one regional championship where we went four overtimes during the third of a three-game series. We lost that game to San Jacinto. We didn't go to nationals that year, but it took three-and-a-half games to decide who would."

"That's the only big disappointment I have, that we never won the national title."

Spencer has coached numerous All-American, All-Region and All-Conference players. He took the Cardinals to more than a dozen conference championships and three regional titles.

Spencer was inducted into the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) Basketball Coaches Hall of Game in 1996.

He also led teams at events such as the National Sports Festival, the USA International Cup Team and the World University Games in Mexico.

Ron Thomas

It has been more than 30 years since the American Basketball Association went defunct. The league only existed from 1967 until 1976. But for the last four years of the league, Ron Thomas was a force on the Kentucky Colonels.

Thomas was a powerhouse player on the Cardinals basketball team from 1968-1970.

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“Coach (Leon) Spencer he stayed on me for awhile to come to Texas. I had a teammate who played with me in high school. Coach Spencer offered both of us a scholarship, so we went on the buddy plan,” said Thomas.

By the time he left HCJC, Thomas would hold four college records. Those records stand today:

- Career Scoring: 1,439 pts. (62 games)
- Rebounds in a game: 41 vs. Baylor frosh in 1970
- Rebounds in a season: 741 in 1969-70
- Rebounds in career: 1,222

Thomas led the nation in rebounding his sophomore year at HCJC. While he wore the red and white, the Cardinals won a conference championship one year and came in second the other.

The team had a 52-10 record during his years.

“I’m excited,” said Thomas about

being named to the Cardinal Hall of Fame.

Thomas said he hasn’t been back to Athens since leaving HCJC.

After leaving Athens, Thomas went back to his home state of Kentucky, attending University of Louisville. He played for two years, and then was drafted into the ABA by Memphis.

But he would never play for that team.

“Memphis had about 14 or 15 guys with a no-cut contract. I didn’t have a no-cut contract,” said Thomas.

He was picked up by the Kentucky Colonels and played his whole four-year career for that



Thomas

team.


In 1976, the ABA disbanded.

Today, Thomas lives in Louisville and helps run his family’s business, a moving company, which has been in business for more than 50 years.

He is the father of four children, who range in age from 28 to 38. Two of his four children have

earned doctoral degrees, said Thomas, a fact of which he is very proud.

One of his sons played college basketball as well.

“Watching my son play for North Texas has been one of the highlights of my life,” said Thomas. 

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Forgey speaks to students and family during his first TVCC graduation ceremony as president last spring.

technology, more class offerings will be available for students.

One of the ways that TVCC will be offering expanded academic opportunities is through a recently signed agreement with Texas A&M-Commerce. TAMU-Commerce will offer some bachelor's degrees at TVCC. A student may take all but their last 36 hours at TVCC before enrolling and completing a bachelor's degree through TAMU-Commerce.

Community dedication

Community is part of our name, and the needs of the community are important to TVCC. One of the greatest needs of our community and nation is for more health care professionals, especially nurses. To help our students and community, TVCC is partnering with East Texas Medical Center to begin offering classes in Athens. We also hope to expand the health pro-

grams in Athens and Kaufman.

Honoring our alumni, faculty, staff and community is also important. TVCC established an Athletic Hall of Fame this summer in order to honor former players, coaches, and fans for their strong commitment to the great athletic tradition at TVCC.

This year, we have expanded our scholarship offerings in an attempt to enable more community students to achieve a higher education. TVCC has hired a grant writer and obtaining grants to increase student access for economically disadvantaged students is a top priority.

A major part of student access is keeping college affordable. TVCC takes great pride in being one of the lowest cost community colleges in Texas. The college and TVCC Foundation are continuously raising and matching scholarship funds to further provide academic opportunities for students.

A better experience


I am very excited about a new TV/Radio Media class to be offered this fall. The students of this class will produce a TVCC news broadcast on a weekly or bi-weekly basis that will be "broadcast" on-line on the TVCC home web page. Also, due to the technological enhancements made on campus, fans might be able to watch Cardinal basketball on the internet as early as the 2008-2009 season!

To further promote the college, TVCC is bringing back "Big Red," the Cardinal mascot. Please join Big Red in cheering the Cardinals to victory, but most of all, in enjoying a great game!

Expansion of Cardinal Regiment band and Cardette programs is also in the works. Assistant directors for the band and Cardettes have been added and both programs expanded.

Finally, to accommodate the growth of these programs and anticipated future growth, an updated campus master plan will be necessary. New residential facilities, classroom facilities, a fine and performing art center, a university center/health sciences facility, and a special event/conference center are facility enhancements that have been suggested.

A board workshop, open to the public, will be held in September to allow input on the development of a campus master plan.

There's "Value at the Valley" and the value will become greater in the future. There are tremendous opportunities for TVCC. I look forward to working with the excellent TVCC faculty and staff in expanding and enhancing academic programs, student opportunities, and student services in the near future. 

Memories

Recent thoughts and updates from alumni

For other memories or to post your memories, visit our website: www.tvcc.edu/alumni

1970's

Jon Adams, Class of '73, has lost touch with most of his teammates from his years at HCJC and he would like to find them and "catch up." He lives on Walnut Creek Farm in Gallatin, Tennessee.

Michael Burns, Class of '75, was editor of the HCJC News Journal, sports editor of the Cardinal yearbook and a member of the tennis team. He was also a member of Student Senate and the Library Club.

His favorite instructors were Dr. Terry Spurlock, Danny Teague and Vernon Price. After graduating from SMU with a BS in Journalism, he was editor of the Northwest

Colorado Daily Press in Craig, Colorado. He is currently owner of TBG Recruiting, an executive placement firm in Bryan.

2000's

Stephanie Cooksey was a member of the Cardinal Regiment, TVCC Choir and PTK. She now attends Sam Houston State University.

John Douglas was a member of the Cardinal Regiment and the TVCC Choir. He now attends Sam Houston State University.

Sheradon Robbins, Class of '03, is currently attending The University of Texas at Austin. She is in the nursing school's professional

sequence program, working toward her BSN degree. She has been named to the University Honors List and a member of the UTNSA.

Jessica Shields, Class of '02, was a member of the Cardinal Regiment and now lives at 3227 Weather Vane, Dallas, TX 75228.

Christina Smith, Class of '01, was involved with the Cardinal Regiment Band and member of the TVCC Choir. She completed her degree at SFA-Nacogdoches in December 2002 and now serves as seventh grade band director with Henderson ISD.

She married in 2003 and now resides in Nacogdoches.

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but a couple of key losses early in the season turned things to the worse for the Cardinals.

"We went from 2-1 and having beat the third ranked team in the country to 2-4 and 0-3 in conference," said Smiley.

The lessons learned last year have not been forgotten.

"These guys are excited about the year, but they are not going to for-

get how quickly things turned around last year," said Smiley.

One of the key improvements to this year's team, said Smiley, is the return of quarterback Patrick Cook.

"Pat really stepped up during spring ball. We believe he is the quarterback of this team," said Smiley.

Not only have things settled with

the team and the staff, but Smiley said he believes the home-heavy schedule will be at an advantage to the Cardinals as well.

The team has its bye week earlier in the season, which Smiley said he believes will help the players recover from early season injuries.

The team will play their opening game Aug. 30 at home against Dodge City Community College.


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until her death.

Thanks to the support of those who have contributed to the foundation, said Hubbard, the DeHart scholarship and all the other scholarships will be given to students for years to come.

For more information regarding ways to give to the TVCC Foundation, please contact the Office of Development & Alumni Relations at 903-670-2620 or e-mail dhubbard@tvcc.edu.

For additional information

regarding ways to give, visit the foundation website at www.tvcc.edu. Click on ALUMNI and then on TVCC FOUNDATION. 

HOMECOMING 2008 SCHEDULE

Celebrating the Cardinal Hall of Fame

Saturday, October 11, 2008

- 10 a.m. – Former HCJC-TVCC Alumni Reception – Orval Pirtle Administration Building-Athens Campus – Everyone Welcome
- 11:30 a.m. – Luncheon to honor TVCC's inaugural Hall of Fame inductees and their families. Cost of luncheon is \$10 each. Reservations required and can be made by calling 903-670-2620.
- 12 noon - 2 p.m. – Tailgate luncheon at Bruce Field – Cost is \$5 per person
- 2:30 p.m. – Pre-game festivities begin, including the crowning of the 2008 Homecoming Queen
- 3 p.m. – Kickoff –Cardinal football versus Blinn College



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