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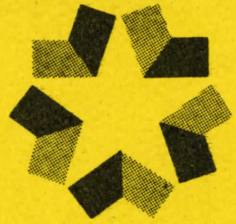
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FIRST ISSUE OF INTERCOM

This is the first issue of INTERCOM, a publication for TSC administration, faculty and staff. It will be published by the Public Information Office every other Friday (excluding holidays).

The primary purpose of INTERCOM is to give those who are associated with TSC an overall look at current events of the college.

Please report any items of institutional interest to the Public Information Office. Your cooperation will enable INTERCOM to become an interesting and informative publication.

SPRING CLASS SCHEDULE

The 1974 Spring Class Schedule is being completed and it is anticipated that printed copies will be ready for distribution to students prior to the Thanksgiving holidays.

NEW 756 TELEPHONE DIAL SYSTEM

Mrs. Ellen Hogan, our college receptionist and telephone operator is enjoying a new 756 Telephone Dial System which was activated on the TSC campus Monday, Nov. 5.

The new system, containing approximately 40 active extensions, enables TSC to have a more extensive telephone operation.

Please contact Mrs. Hogan if any questions arise concerning the new system and she will be happy to assist you.

A new TSC Telephone Directory was issued to all college personnel.

T A C T

The organizational meeting of the TSC chapter of TACT (Texas Association of College Teachers) was held in the TSC Conference Room on Oct. 25.

The purpose of the first meeting was to obtain names of those interested in organizing a local chapter and electing TACT officers for 1973-74.

Officers that were elected are as follows: Dr. Gerald Morris, president; Dr. Frank Smyrl, vice-president; Dr. Joanna Martin, secretary; and Dr. Dennis Breeden, treasurer.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 11/9 9:00 a. m. Nursing Study Committee on Curriculum, Coordinating Board, Texas College and University System at Medical Center Hospital.
- 11/12 8:30 a. m. Cabinet Meeting, President's Office.
- 11/14 3:00 p. m. Regular meeting of the Administrative Council in Conference Room (Agenda items due in the President's Office at 12 noon prior to the meeting)
- 11/16 7:00 p. m. Games Party, TSC Women's Association, Conference Room
- 11/19 8:30 a. m. Cabinet Meeting, President's Office
- 11/22-23 Thanksgiving Holidays for all TSC personnel
- 11/27 8:00 p. m. Reader's Theatre on LVO Cable Channel 6 will be featuring Dr. Kern and "The World of Carl Sandburg"
- 12/7 Family Law Institute for East Texas area lawyers on TSC campus.
- 12/9-12 Annual Meeting of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, Houston
- 12/12 3:00 p. m. Regular meeting of Administrative Council in Conference Room.

ZERO BASE BUDGETING

On Tuesday, Oct. 30, President James H. Stewart, Jr. and Vice President John Sawyer attended a meeting in Austin, along with the heads of most of the other state agencies in Texas, to hear Governor Dolph Briscoe, Lieutenant Governor Bill Hobby, and House Speaker Price Daniel, Jr. explain a new budget system that is called Zero Base Budgeting. The system was first developed by a private corporation, Texas Instruments, as a general management tool, and has since been put to use in several other states.

Primarily, Zero Base Budgeting refers to a process of identifying all substantive aspects of agency operations, establishing priorities for funding, and providing performance indicators and costing activities, thereby providing both the agency and the state government leadership a complete overview of all fiscal operations.

During the course of the meeting Lieutenant Governor Hobby said, "If properly managed the new budget technique will eliminate waste and direct limited resources to where they can do the most good." Governor Briscoe stated, "Perhaps we will never be able to fully answer the question of what benefit or impact is received from every state dollar expended; but, we must know more than we are presently able to determine. We must be sure that the taxpayer's dollar is being used to the very best advantage it can be used." He adds, "This will mean finding out which programs deserve to be continued, which should be strengthened or reduced, and which should be done away with." Speak-

er Price Daniel, Jr. emphasized that we must operate state government with the highest degree of accountability.

In short, this means that each department at TSC will be required to analyze and justify the programs it administers and to rank those programs in priority order. As additional information is received on the new budget system, the information will be passed on to the appropriate department heads within the college.

STUDENT OPINION POLL

The color combinations of blue and green received the largest number of votes during a recent student opinion poll concerning the selection of official institutional colors.

At the Board of Regents meeting on Oct. 10, the regents indicated that they would be pleased to receive students' opinions of their preference of colors. Therefore, a student opinion poll was conducted by Dr. Noel McCoy, dean of student life, and representatives of the student body.

A total of 115 ballots were cast during the four-day balloting period and the color combinations and results of the poll are as follows:

- Green and gold--10
- Blue and orange--11
- Maroon and silver--16
- Blue and silver--20
- Blue and green--37
- Write-in combinations--21

GRADUATE DEGREE PROGRAMS APPROVED

TSC's first eight master's degree programs submitted to the Coordinating Board, Texas College and University System, were approved Oct. 31 in Austin.

Approved were master of education and master of arts degrees in four academic areas-- curriculum and instruction, reading, early childhood education, and health and physical education.

The master of education degree will require some 36 hours of graduate level course work and the master of arts will require 30 hours of course work, plus six hours credit for a thesis.

Last summer the Coordinating Board gave TSC approval to initiate graduate instruction during the current semester in several areas.

The graduate work being offered this semester may be applied toward the graduate degrees which were approved last week.

In effect, therefore, TSC's graduate degree work has already been implemented.

TURNEY NAMED PHI DELTA KAPPA OFFICER

Dr. Bill L. Turney, Vice President for Academic Affairs, has been named president-elect of Phi Delta Kappa, the world's largest professional fraternity.

Dr. Turney was given a surprise "Congratulatory Party" in the TSC Conference Room on Nov. 1. The party was attended by all faculty and staff.

LEGAL PROBLEMS FACING HIGHER EDUCATION

On Thursday, Nov. 8, President James H. Stewart, Jr. and Vice President John Sawyer attended a seminar in Austin concerning legal problems facing higher education in Texas. The meeting was sponsored by the Coordinating Board staff and Attorney General's Office. Topics discussed during the conference were: (1) Employment and termination of employment of tenured and non-tenured faculty personnel; (2) Open records legislation; (3) Fiscal disclosure regulations; (4) Equal Employment Opportunity Regulations; and (5) Utilization of college research facilities and other state-owned facilities for operation of business enterprises by faculty and students.

PERSONAL CHECKS FOR CASH

Due to the small amount of cash that the Business Office is allowed to maintain, it is requested that employees limit personal checks for cash to \$5.00 or less.

NOTICE: Due to Thanksgiving Holidays, the next issue of INTERCOM will not be published until December 7.

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