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Self-study

In accordance with the requirements for continuing accreditation with the Southern Association of Colleges and Universities, The Steering Committee of the Central Campus has issued a Preliminary Report entitled "Mission Self-Study," and invited comment.

The Study defines the goals and objectives of the Central Campus as required, but in addition delineates the roles of both the Central Campus and the other campuses within the University of Houston system.

THE SELF STUDY SAYS

Part II of the Self-Study sets forth the concept of the Central Campus as the 'Flagship' of the UH system. Quotes from Part II follow:

"Campuses of the system other than the Flagship tend to compete primarily in the local arena."

"A given Flagship campus tends to have more in common with other Flagships than with its 'multicampus siblings' within the system."

"the Central Campus should be the place where the University concentrates its advanced graduate and professional programs."

"As a general norm, all doctoral work offered by the University of Houston will be located on the Central Campus."

THE LAW SAYS

The enabling legislation which created the University of Houston at Clear Lake City is clear in its intent to make UH/CLC separate from the Central Campus.

Section 2 of the House Bill Number 199 of the 62nd Legislature, signed into law by the governor states:

Raises

"ORGANIZATION AND CONTROL:
The organization and control of the university are vested in the board of regents of the University of Houston. With respect to this university, the board of regents has all the rights, powers, and duties that it has with respect to the organization and control of the University of Houston, except as provided by this Act. However, the University of Houston

EDITORIAL

The Preliminary Report issued by the Self-Study Steering Committee of the Central Campus is an arrogant document which ignores the constituency of the Central Campus as well as the constituencies of other campuses in the University of Houston system. The needs of the community which each campus serves should be the central focus of any long range plans made by any campus or the whole University system.

I believe the proposal to concentrate all of the advanced graduate work of the system on the Central Campus will prove injurious to the system as a whole. A system composed of a confederation of institutions of excellence--rather than a Flagship trailed by dinghies--would bring greater honor and status to the system as a whole and to each individual campus.

A king named George III once espoused a colonial view similar to the view of the Steering Committee. In this Bicentennial year, the Steering Committee might meditate on the eventual outcome of that policy.

Ellen McLean

Questions

at Clear Lake City shall be maintained as a separate and distinct institution of higher education."

Section 4 of the same bill designates the Advisory Committee for UH/CLC.

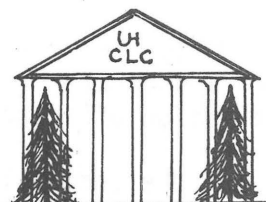
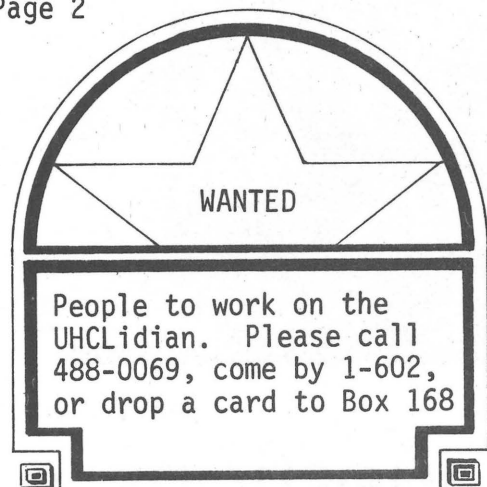
"ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

(a) There is established a permanent advisory committee consisting of the president, or a representative designated by him, of each tax-supported junior college and community college now existing or hereafter established in Harris, Galveston, Fort Bend, Waller, Montgomery, Liberty, Chambers, or Brazoria County.

(c) The advisory committee shall periodically study the overall needs of the region mentioned in subsection (a) of this section for the development of programs and resources in higher education, and as a result of its studies shall make recommendations to the board of regents of the University of Houston regarding the development of the departments and degree programs of the University of Houston at Clear Lake City. The board of regents shall give careful consideration to the recommendations of the advisory committee."

The Steering Committee does not consider the current effort being expended at the Central Campus or the other campuses in its "Flagship" proposal. The Central Campus serves a student population with 24.5% graduate students and post-baccalaureate students. UH/CLC serves a student body with 59%+ graduate and post baccalaureate students enrolled.

Please turn to page 4.



Forest Forum

By Rags

According to the results of the October Forest Forum UHCLC students prefer Schlitz (Coors if it were available), are in favor of legalizing marijuana, and believe that UFO's are real and from beyond the solar system. If you disagree with this majority opinion, you had your chance to express your opinions too!

The results were as follows:

Favorite Beer:

Schlitz 42%

Budweiser & Michelob 17% ea.

Would prefer Coors 78%

UFO's:

Outside Solar System 67%

Imaginary 17%

Earth & Planets 17% each

Marijuana:

Favor legalization 77%

Possession only 23%

No votes against

If you have any suggestions for future surveys, please put them in the Forest Forum box in the atrium, along with your opinions. Please tear out the ballot below and let your ideas be known.

1. Daylight Saving Time should:

- ☐ Be abolished
☐ Stay the same as it is now
☐ Be used year-round

2. Are you in favor of the Equal Rights Amendment?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Are you

A woman?

A man?

3. What UHCLC needs is

Park News

The Recreation Committee has met with an architect about the formation of a park in the area beside the pond and between the Arbor and Bayou Buildings.

Landscaping has already begun and the completion date is Nov. 22. If all goes well, on that date there will be an assembly party in the park, to put the park furniture together.

Further information will be posted on the bulletin boards, please come.

Constitution

October 28 marked the first day of an election to ratify the Constitution and November 3 ended the election. In this length of time, only 119 people voted. The Constitution was ratified by a 115-yes to a 4-no vote.

Elections for Student Association Council (SAC) members will start November 24. Filing for these positions and the positions of President and Vice President will be Nov. 12, 13, and 14. 26 students are needed to fill these positions. Filing forms are available in the Student Government office, 1-602.



Christmas!

A Christmas Festival will be held in December at UH/CLC. Plans are being made by the Student Activities Office and include trees representing different cultures and customs, atrium and cafeteria decoration and a family night to be held on Friday evening, Dec. 12th, beginning at 7 pm.

UH/CLC students, faculty and staff, along with their families, will be able to enjoy holiday choirs, customs of some other countries, refreshments, Santa Claus, etc. Help is required to plan this event! All interested persons, please contact the Student Activities Office 1-602-17 or call Carol Bardon at ext. 218.

The Festival will be sponsored by Student Activities and the Cultural Committee.

Back to Nature

by Al Ragsdale

The sign said "Nature Trail" and pointed off into the woods. Being curious and seeking adventure, I led an expedition of eight, ranging from 2 to 32 into the wilds of Horsepen Bayou. We were well-stocked with supplies (chewy candies and three canteens) and well-armed (with binoculars). Fearlessly we plunged into the vast unknown south of the UH/CLC parking lot.

Our first discovery was a pagan temple of some sort in the edge of the woods. From it we followed a well-marked trail of bark and leaves. In minutes we were beyond any sign of civilization, even beer cans. From the surrounding jungle we heard the exotic cries of cardinals, blue jays, and crows. Palmettos and Spanish moss added to the mysterious atmosphere. After awhile we approached a body of murky water, where we found egrets, herons, and wild leopard frogs. An observation platform had been built here by the natives for an alligator lookout, and it gave us a thrilling view of the area.

After resting awhile there we started on the return trail. In the dense forest we became disoriented. Then we found the skull and bones of a cow that had starved to death trying to find a way out. (Although we were on the trail, it was going the wrong direction!) Fortunately I was able to use inertial navigation (looking at the sun) to lead the expedition out of the wilderness.

If you like adventure and exotic beauty and have a couple of hours to spare I'd recommend the Nature Trail. But bring a compass!



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HAPPENINGS & FUTURE EVENTS

ACCREDITING COMMITTEE AT UH/CLC

An accrediting committee from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) visited the Campus Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, November 5-7. This committee conducted an appraisal of UH/CLC pursuant to the reaffirmation of the university's candidacy for accreditation.

The chairman of the committee was Dr. Tom Carpenter, the president of the University of North Florida. He was assisted by Dr. J. C. Morgan, Provost at the University of North Carolina Chapel Hill, and Dr. Gordon Sweet, Executive Director of SACS. They reviewed a status report prepared by the university and evaluated such things as the purpose of the institution, the appropriations, student budget, quality of faculty, and library facilities.

SACS is a voluntary association of institution in the southern part of the United States. It includes colleges and universities from Virginia to Texas. As UH/CLC is a candidate for accreditation, credits received here are fully transferable to other institutions.

HOW ALICE DID (N'T)

Approximately one hundred students, faculty, and staff celebrated ALICE DOESN'T Day, October 29, by wearing orange ALICE DOESN'T armbands. The People for Equal Rights Organization (PER) on the UH/CLC campus was the sponsor of the distribution of informational material and armbands. Students participating at the distribution table in the atrium were Nora Mertz, Sonia Carmean, Linda Muir, Debbie Herring, and Shirley McFaul.

Dr. Curt Smith is faculty sponsor for PER. Participants concluded that ALICE DOESN'T Day was successful at UH/CLC. The event provoked questioning regarding women's roles in Society, as well as initiating thoughtful discussions about the roles of both men and women by students, staff, and faculty.

Bay Area Singles Club (BASC) is a social organization dedicated to providing a healthy environment for single people to enjoy group activities and to enhance the life of the single person. The club started in January 1974 and has about 90 members, including college students, teachers, engineers, chemists, among others. Some have been married, some have not. Activities are many and quite varied. The average turnout is 20 or 25 members.

The only requirement for membership is that a person be single or about-to-be-single. Dues are \$10 per year. Prices for various events are set to allow the club to break even. Membership is not required to participate in group functions.

BASC President, Gresh Downs, feels that BASC fills a strong need among singles for social intercourse in a group situation. BASC also keeps members



aware of other activities and groups which may be of interest such as single adult Sunday school classes, Parents Without Partners, and the like. Marriages between members are not unheard of, but neither are they the norm. Gresh warns that people looking just for a mate may be disappointed with BASC.

Dorothy Blosscock, V.P. for Publicity, says there is a series of Singles Growth Seminars contemplated for early spring, depending on response.

Some of the scheduled activities for the last half of November are a dance, a trip to Clear Creek Country Theater, a musical, a pot luck supper, tennis and volleyball.

For information about all these neat doings, call Gresh Downs, 334-3226. Sounds like fun!

CALENDAR

November 17 - 12-1:30 pm -1-512
Christian Organization
Meeting.

7:00 pm -Rec Rm.
Film -"Shame" -directed
by Ingmar Bergman

November 18 -12 noon - Today's
Woman Seminar Series :
Second Career "Consider-
ing Employment Opportu-
nities" -Sign up in Rm.
1-602

November 19 - 12 noon and
5:00 pm -Luncheon Loo-
nies, "Marx Bros. Fes-
tival" - cafeteria
4:00 pm -Rec. Rm. 1-416
Bridge Club
Today's Woman Seminar
Series: No Longer Mar-
ried, "Relating With
People" 12 noon
Sign up in Rm. 1-602
Introduction of Stu-
dent Government Can-
didates, 5:00 pm in
the Atrium

November 20 11:00 am Atrium
Introduction of Stu-
dent Government Can-
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November 21 - TSEA meeting
10:30 am -2-515

November 24 - 12-1:30 pm -1-512
Christian Organization
Meeting.

7:pm -Rec Rm.
Film - "Shane" with
Alan Ladd

November 25 - 12 noon and
5:00 pm -Luncheon Loo-
nies, "One Week" with
Buster Keaton, cafeteria

Today's Woman Seminar
Series: "Reviewing Em-
ployment Choices" with
Gaye Griffith. Sign up
in 1-602

November 26 - 12 Noon - Today's
Woman Seminar Series:
"New Commitments to Life"
Bridge Club - 4:00 pm
Rec. Rm. 1-416

NOVEMBER 27-28 THANKSGIVING!

Self-Study

Continued from page 1.

The portions of the Self-Study dealing with the respective roles of campuses within the UH system have not been received gladly by members of the

UH/CLC administration or faculty.

The Faculty Assembly has adopted a strongly worded resolution responding to the Self-Study.

Our Chancellor, Alfred Neumann, has written a reply to the Self-Study Director, Dr. Wallace Honeywell, outlining the objections to "Flagship" approach. The following quotes come from his response:

"To read in the report that 'the static demand for graduates of some advanced programs argues for their concentration on one campus' over looks three factors:

1. Perhaps some of these programs need to be located on campuses other than the Central Campus if there is a need at all to concentrate them;

2. students don't always enroll where they are told to enroll.

3. the new campuses are most dynamic at this time--far from static."

"The Steering Committee Report at some places reads as if it were a study of the future of the total University of Houston system. It betrays a lack of understanding of the roles of the other campuses, of the terms under which they were created, the wording of the documents adopted by the Legislature and the Board of Regents. It avoids the fact that these new campuses now seek their own accreditation. We all rejoice in the splendor of what has been developed in relatively few years on the Central Campus, developments in which many of us have had the privilege of playing roles. In every family a major adjustment is required when a new member arrives. We only hope that the Central Campus will rejoice with us in our achievements and not attempt to deny us similar opportunities to earn a reputation of excellence at other than a parochial level."

Students may read the Self-Study in the library of UH/CLC where it is on reserve.

Your Student Activity Fees are paying for the free movies being shown in the Rec. Rm. (1-416) and the Cafeteria! WHY ARE YOU NOT ATTENDING????

Tell the FOREST FORUM BOX why! We want to know!

SEMESTER MOVIE SCHEDULE:

For the month of Nov., see the CALENDAR OF EVENTS

For the month of Dec., Dec. 4th.-12 and 5pm, THE MUSIC BOX and a LAUREL AND HARDY short. Great combo! Dec. 10th.-7pm, THE GOLDEN AGE OF COMEDY. Laff Riot!

UH Structure - Part II

This is the second part of a series of articles written to give students an understanding of the organizational structure of UH/CLC, its schools, and its place in the UH system.

The organizational structure of UH/CLC was developed by pinning old calling cards onto a bulletin board. Chancellor Alfred R. Neumann stated that positions and areas of responsibility were written on the backs of these cards and they were shifted around until a working system emerged. Every visitor and consultant to the chancellor's office was exposed graphically to this organization chart, thereby encouraging widespread input into the refinement process. This method provided more flexibility in designing an institution geared to the students rather than one which followed the traditional organization by academic discipline.

UH/CLC has no departmental structure. The three schools of Sciences and Technology; Human Sciences and Humanities; and Professional Studies coordinate an interdisciplinary approach to education. This is aided by arrangement of faculty offices in interdisciplinary groups.

Dr. Neumann, as Chancellor, is the chief administrator of this campus. Dr. Louis Rodriguez is the Vice-Chancellor and Provost. The Provost of a university is the chief academic officer, comparable to the Dean of Faculty in some institutions. As such, he co-ordinated the academic program for UH/CLC. All matters pertaining to the academic function are under his jurisdiction. This includes the operations of the offices

of the Registrar, Mr. J. T. Smith; Director of Admissions and Records, Ms. Patricia Allen; Co-ordinator of Auto-tutorial Studies, Mr. W. Dickerman; Director of Library and Learning Resources, Mr. Walter Wicker; Co-ordinator of Computing Services, Mr. Jerome Blaylock, and Director of Appraisal and Advisement, Dr. C. Van Wyatt.

Dr. Wyatt's position is similar to Dean of Students on other university campuses. All counseling, health, and psychological services, student activities, student organizations, and testing are supervised by Dr. Wyatt.

The faculty and the deans of the three schools also come under the jurisdiction of the Provost. (Future articles in this series will elaborate on the structures of the three schools in the university.)

Dr. Dave Gates, Jr. is the Assistant Provost.

Mr. James Hale, Vice-Chancellor for Financial Services, directs all of the business and maintenance functions of the university with the exception of personnel and public relations. Accounting, budgeting, institutional research, grants and contracts, payroll, plant management, printing, purchasing, mail service, and security are all operations under his management. Mr. Hale is also in charge of the preparation of all appropriation requests.

Personnel and placement services are directed by Mr. Hugh Avery, Director of Institutional Services. Mrs. Kate Rodwell is the Director of Information. Dr. Floyd Boze, Co-ordinator of Programs, is in charge of community relations and continuing education programs.