CELEBRITIES AMONG US....

Donna Willingham’s article “Literature Discussion Groups in the Developmental classroom: Opportunities for Students to Reflect Upon, Interpret, and Apply Literacy Learning” has been accepted for publication in “The Journal of Teaching and Learning” in Ohio.

Scott Travis’ article “Alignment of High School and Post-secondary Expectations and Standards” was chosen to be published as a chapter in a book titled “High School Reform” compiled by Dr. Dennie Smith, Texas A&M University.

Scott Travis’s “A Review of Effect Sizes in Research” had been accepted for presentation at the annual meeting of the Southwest Educational Research Association in Austin February 8 to February 10, 2006.

Cheryl Bates’ dissertation was selected to be presented at the Texas Music Educators Association 2006 Clinic-Convention – Research Poster Session- in San Antonio on February 17, 2006.

EHM FAMILY AND AWARDS

Jacqueline Stirling is the Minnie Piper Professor Nominee for Tomball College.

There are 15 EHM faculty members nominated for the Faculty Excellence Award 2005-2006. They are: Cheryl Bates, Douglas Boyd, Michael Capistran, Melinda Coleman, Clark Friesen, Judy Harris, Lisa Hibner, Roger Jay, Greg Oaks, Van Piercy, Rick Smalley, Earl Staley, Becky Tate, Sherri White, and Pamela Womack.

Becky Tate, Cheryl Bates, and Sherri White were chosen to be the recipients of the 2006 Faculty Excellence Award. Claudia Davis is among the members of the Selection Committee.

Cheryl and Becky will attend the NISOD Conference and Award Ceremony in Austin from May 28 through May 31, 2006.

Our Division is indeed the greatest division since all four of them are in our EHM family.
Here are the nominees for the 2005-2006 EHM Adjunct Excellence Award: Barbara (Nicole) Kenley, Shirley Lyons, Joyce Richards, Raphael Turner, Michelle Watts, and Curtis Yawn. The Selection Committee members were Dusty Capistran (Chair), Patricia Falbo, Irina Nizova, Jeff Norem, and Kathy Sanchez.

Curtis Yawn won the EHM Adjunct Excellence Award for the year of 2005-2006. Curtis has been a Math Adjunct since Fall 2002. He mainly teaches at the Willow Chase Center. The students love him because of his dedication, patience, and his easy-to-learn methods.

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EHM Faculty and Staff receiving the Service Awards for the year 2005-2006 are:
- Melinda Coleman, Judy Harris, Duy Nguyen, Greg Oaks, Richard Smalley, Jacqueline Stirling, and Melissa Studdard – 5-year Service Award
- Mary Pat Trenkle – 10-year Service Award
- Michael Csiszarik – 15-year Service Award

Dusty Capistran is a recipient of a Mini Grant award for the year 2006. He will attend a round table discussion at Harris Manchester College, University of Oxford in England late July. The topic to be discussed is on science and religion with particular respect to evolution.

Roger Jay and Jacqueline Stirling are among the faculty who served on the PSC Advisory Committee to select the Mini-Grant recipients.

Melissa Studdard won the prestigious 2005-2006 NHMCCD Writing Award for her “Harriet Zines”, and Kozhi Makai, our speech adjunct, also won this Award for his “How Can I Come Up?” Catherine Olson was one member of the District Writing Award Committee.

Mary Ann Jackson, our Education Adjunct, received a “Teachers Networking with Technology” memento from the Principals’ Center & Bilingual Education Program at Texas A&M University.

Rachel Smith won the “Advisor of the Year” award presented at the Student Club Awards Celebration on Tuesday, April 11, 2006.

As you may know the “Tomball College Challenge Cup Team” won the coveted trophy at the District Conference Day. You may not know some dedicated EHM folks who worked so hard to put Tomball team on top: Athena Hernandez, Abraham Haje, Rick Smalley, Mary Pat Trenkle, Patty Zachary, and Duy Nguyen.

William Dowden, our English adjunct, has been invited to be a member of PTK at Kingwood College. Besides his busy schedule of teaching a normal load for us, he is taking numerous computer courses and working on his umpteenth certificate and degree.
On January 30, 2006 around noon, our Student Activity room N-103 was crowded with students, faculty, staff, and administrators to celebrate Chinese New Year. The celebration was kicked off by a Lion Dance performed by the Huyen Quang Buddhism Youth Association in front of an enthusiastic and appreciative audience.

Dr. Rui-Xiu Dai continued the event by presenting a video about traditional Chinese New Year celebrations and daily life in China.

Clothes and paintings were displayed and the movie “Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon” was shown throughout the day, and also a delicious Chinese buffet was served in the Commons area.

“I thoroughly enjoyed the Dance. Thanks for making it happen” Dr. Hawkins

As part of the focus on China Initiative, the Harris County Public Library displayed many books featuring China. Also, thanks to Dr. Crider, Pat Stone emailed all Tomball employees information about a series of TV programs on the Discovery Channel the weekend of January 27, 2006. Included in the series: The Great Wall; Beijing Makeover; China’s Mega-Dam; and First Emperor: The Man Who Made China.

Pat Stone, on Monday, October 31, 2005, sent out an email to EHM Faculty and Staff about an article on the increasing popularity of studying China in the U.S. The title of the article is “Red Hot China”, right on target with our global awareness emphasis.

Jacky Stirling and Cliff Fox launched a China Speaker series, assisted by Linda Bryan and the International Center. The series took place on Thursday evenings at the Conference Room in the Library. Five programs in the series were presented:

1. CHINA THEN CHINA NOW – presented by Chen Jianyue, History Professor, Prairie View Texas A&M University – February 09, 2006
2. CHINA’S CHALLENGE – GROWING RURAL UNREST – presented by Cliff Fox, History and Geography, Tomball College – March 02, 2006
3. FULBRIGHT TO CHINA – presented by Erin De Souza, Program Manager of Center for International Education and Languages at North Harris College – March 30, 2006
4. WOMEN AS SEEN THROUGH CHINESE LITERATURE – presented by Dr. Sharilyn Wood, Professor, North Harris College – April 06, 2006
5. MODERN CHINESE WOMEN: Education for a Developing Economy – presented by Dr. Xiaoping Cong, Professor, University of Houston – April 20, 2006

Many thanks to those who supported this series.
“What I see is two things, one is a growing recognition that China is a significant part of world culture and society and learning about it is of concrete benefit and interest to our students. The second point is that both the number and quality of graduate students from China leads departments to want to hire faculty mentors who will be able to work with them” according to Thomas W. Burkman, Director of Asian Studies at the State University of New York at Buffalo.

INTERNATIONAL CENTER

NHMCCD is an institutional member of the H.W.A.C. (Houston World Affairs Council) and Linda Bryan informs us of all the wonderful events that fit our Global Awareness program initiative sponsored by this organization. Here are some examples: “Building Educational Bridges between the U.S. and China” last December, “Land Reform: Lessons from Zimbabwe” in February, “Revolution in Orange: The Origins of Ukraine’s Democratic Breakthrough” in April. Without her help and attention, Tomball College would miss all the wonderful events that happen around town.

International Week, orchestrated by Linda Bryan and the Tomball International Education Committee, was scheduled the week of November 14, 2005 and featured Latino, Middle Eastern and Far Eastern, European and African cultures. Patricia Falbo and Mike Csiszarik were among the Tomball faculty members who gave presentations. Delicious food from around the world, cultural displays, and an international film festival highlighted the event, which was organized by international students and the Salsa Club.

In the South hallway, please look for the one-stop International Center. The Center will house the International Student Advisor’s office, the International Studies and Study Abroad office, and the ESL Coordinator’s Office. This is where you can find useful resources on world cultures, faculty exchange, travel opportunities, and study abroad programs.

The first event sponsored by the International Center was the workshop “Globalization 101” offered to everyone in the District on Thursday, November 10, 2005 from 12:30pm to 5:00pm. The speaker for this workshop was Ms. Rebecca Weiner, representative of the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS). The workshop explained how to use the website www.Globalization101.org to internationalize courses.

Pat Stone strongly encouraged the EHM faculty to attend this workshop. Kathy Sanchez incorporated the site in her ENGL 1301 course this Spring with great results.

Irina Nizova and Jacky Stirling are working on a magazine named “Global Voices” for English, International, and ESL students. Laura Colwell is producing the magazine which includes impressive graphics for this magazine. More to come….

Linda Bryan presented “How to develop a Faculty-led Study Abroad Program” in the 3rd Annual International Education Conference – Global Health – Fear and Hope at Cy-Fair College on April 7, 2006.
Linda Bryan, the International Education Director, sent out numerous emails to inform Tomball Employees about various International Educational Conference, Workshops, Exhibition, Professional Development activities, such as District IE Conference at Cy-Fair College, H.W.A.C. workshops, International Studies events, etc.

Sylvia Martinez, Thomas Felkai (our Math Adjunct), and Samantha Obas (our English Adjunct) are among the faculty members who participated in the Student Advocacy Center pilot program. The program was launched in Spring 2006 by Dr. Peg Crider together with Dr. Barbara Hayward, and was funded by a Perkins discretionary grant. The main purpose of the center is to provide emergency, focused, one-time tutoring to help students in crisis, and help them to stay in class. Keeping the students in class is one of the priority missions of EHM faculty members and staff.

Dr. Peg Crider, Kathy Sanchez, and Felicity Short are among the Tomball Faculty members who volunteered to be student mentors during the Fall semester. The role of the mentor involves helping the students assigned to each faculty with such issues as self-discipline, accepting responsibility, motivation, goal-settings, time management, and study skills. The mentor and student are encouraged to meet every two weeks throughout the semester. We do not have the list of our EHM faculty members who agreed to serve as a student mentor in the Spring semester. We will extend our thanks to them in the next report.

Great News! The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board has invited Mindy Coleman to complete the application for a new Perkins Grant “Curriculum for Accelerated Learning in Developmental Math”. This is the new project that is a derivative of last year’s grant and this project will focus solely on mathematics. In this grant Tomball College will partner with El Paso Community College and Collin County Community College. This grant is under the Texas State Leadership Consortium for Curriculum Development, headed by Lee Sloan of Del Mar College. Mindy will be the Project Director, working together with Dr. Crider as the co-director. As we mentioned in our last EHM report, Dr. Crider, Mindy Coleman, and Donna Willingham participated in research and writing instructional models for implementation of accelerated learning.

Dr. Crider was also invited to apply as Project Director, together with Christine Salmon as the Technical Director for the Perkins Grant “Rx for ER: Prescriptions for Effective Retention” for the third year. This is a partnership among Tomball College, Northwest Vista College (Alamo CCD), Laredo Community College, Amarillo College, and Texas State Technical College in West Texas to develop a website that highlights best practices in retention efforts. It is part of the Texas State Leadership Consortium on Recruitment and Retention, directed by Alma Adamez of Coastal Bend College.

Dr. Mary Pat Trenkle founded the “Bridge Days” group, a service to the community, as a bridge and Scrabble-playing organization. She led the group into its eighth year of service starting October 30, 2006. Do you want to play? All college personnel and community residents are invited and the group plays in the South wing, near S-160 on any Sundays that the College is opened from 2pm to 4pm.

Clark Friesen invited the administrators, faculty members and staff to attend a special presentation of Dr. Robert Franco, Senior Fellow at Campus Compact, at the Conference Center on February 2, 2006. The topic focused on civic engagement in Community Colleges. Dr. Franco is the co-author of “The Community’s College: Indicators of Engagement at Two Year Colleges” report. Regional accrediting groups nationally are focusing on engagement factors, so it is good timing to learn more about this subject.
Van Piercy successfully coordinated a Chess Tournament organized by Jim Liptrap, one of the members of the Houston Chess Association, on December 17, 2005. The Beckendorf Conference Center was packed with young chess players. We had between 400 and 500 people in attendance. The Commons Cafeteria came out ahead with $1,000 of business in two hours.

“Everyone seemed to enjoy the tournament yesterday in your wonderful facilities” Jim Liptrap

“They blew our doors off. We did so good….” Gilda Foster

Bo Rollins continues to serve as the PTK Faculty Advisor of the Alpha Rho Mu chapter. On December 8, 2005 he organized the induction ceremony for the new members in the Beckendorf Conference Center. The invitations were extended to all Tomball faculty and staff to come and celebrate the achievement of our students. The PTK club was awarded “The Best Collaborative Programming Event” at the Student Club Awards Celebration on April 11, 2006.

Katherine Reynolds was the keynote speaker for a writer's workshop titled "Writing and Spirituality." It was held at The Cypress Wood Christian Church in April.

Van Piercy volunteered to screen scholarships applications and rank them for the Instrument Society of America, Pipeline Subsection. He worked together with faculty members from U of H, Texas A&M University, UT to screen from 12 to 15 essays.

Doug Boyd, Felicity Short, and Van Piercy signed up for the Faculty Learning Cycle workshop offered by the Tomball Professional Support Center. This semester long workshop focused on the instructional design of online Distance Learning courses. The faculty learned to improve their teaching and in turn will enhance student learning.

Many of our EHM Faculty members participated in the District Conference Day (February 23, 2006) and the G.I.F.T.S. Conference (April 28, 2006).

**District Conference Day:** Donna Willingham: Brain-Based Learning; Dr. Dusty Capistran: an Ethics Roundtable; Scott Travis: the Inquiry and Information Technology in Math and Science; Linda Bryan: Study Abroad from A to Z; Pat Stone: the Math Curriculum Focus Group; Pam Womack: the Writing and Reading Curriculum Focus Group; Brian Reeves: Writing Curriculum Focus Group; Jacky Stirling: Generation 1.5 (Diversity Café); Irina Nizova and Natalia Dovzak (our ESL Adjunct): Russia (Diversity Café); Kathy Sanchez: Great Teaching Seminar (Diversity Café). The dedicated EHM faculty members working “behind the scene” to contribute to the District Conference Day’s success were Pam Womack and Pat Stone.

**G.I.F.T.S. Conference:** Dr. Crider and Mindy Coleman presented Accelerated Learning Perkins Grant; Dr. Crider presented Rx for ER, Prescription for Effective Retention; Pam Womack and Patti Falbo presented Investigating NADE Certification; Irina Nizova presented ESL students in the Mainstream Classroom; Jacky Stirling and Cliff Fox presented The Focus on China Initiative at Tomball College.
Dr. Becky Tate and Dr. Greg Oaks continue sponsor our annual INKLING magazine, the showcase of our students’ talents in photography, arts, creative writings, and poems. We can’t wait to see our next INKLING, which is scheduled to release sometime this May.

Last but not least, our EHM faculty members continue their involvement in the many Tomball College Club Organizations. Felicity Short leads WAVE, Working Against Violence through Education, sponsored several events for Sexual Assault Awareness Month, including the Clothesline Project and an introduction to the RAD self defense program. This program was presented by the Harris County Sheriff’s department at Tomball College April 17 to April 21, 2006 and at Willow Chase Center April 24 to April 28, 2006. Dusty Capistran leads the Philosophy Reading & Discussion Group, Van Piercy leads the Chess Club, and Clark Friesen leads the Debate Club.

FROM THE DEAN....

Pat Stone puts communication with EHM faculty members on top of her to-do list.

“…EHM Faculty and Staff – Here is my attempt to explain the significance of Base Year....I will be reminding you of all of this periodically next year.” March 13, 2006, refers to the importance of Official Day Rolls.

“EHM Faculty – if you are interested in study abroad opportunities, please note that there will be three opportunities to learn more....” March 06, 2006, refers to the long-range plan for study abroad of DSTC

“EHM Faculty – Podcasting...you might find it interesting to think about...” January 24, 2006, refers to the Tech link sent by Ryan Carstens

“ EHM Faculty – This looks like a very interesting opportunity – “ December 07, 2005, refers to the presentation of the Embedding Assessment of Student Learning Outcomes.

“ EHM Faculty – this looks like a great opportunity to get ideas for improving your on-line courses. “ January 27, 2006, refers to Christine Salmon’s workshop of Faculty Learning Circle

“ EHM Faculty – these reports just arrived.... We need to get the Tomball College results.. “ January 25, 2006, refers to the Community College Survey of Student Engagement report

“ EHM Faculty – Barbara Hayward is coordinating a great forum for connecting with ISD teachers...” February 02, 2006, refers to the “Evening for Educators’ event.

“ EHM Faculty – iLectures showed up in Technology Review today – I also found an article ….” January 31, 2006, refers to new experiment with podcast.

“ EHM Faculty – Faculty at various colleges have been offered the registration fee, free hotel accommodations..... “ February 23, 2006, refers to the ethics issue.

“EHM Faculty – Are you in a rut with how you assess your students? “ March 22, 2006, refers to CATS and FATS-Assessing Student Learning workshop by Tomball Professional Support Center.

“EHM Faculty – Achieving the Dream certainly will impact our Division…” April 4, 2006, refers to the Executive Council minutes of the meeting on 03/22/06

ENGLISH AND DEVELOPMENTAL STUDIES CORNER.....

To demonstrate our Division’s unbeatable teamwork philosophy, two of our Departments, Math and English worked hand-in-hand in a joint effort:

- **Summer Bridge**: Claudia Davis and Pamela Womack will be Tomball Coordinators for Summer Bridge 2006, funded by the Houston Endowment Grant. Needless to say, our Summer Bridge sessions will prepare high school graduates with DS Math and DS English courses so they will be ready for college-level courses in Fall.
- **NADE Certification:** Patricia Falbo and Pamela Womack are jointly pursuing program certification through NADE (National Association of Developmental Educators). The certification is earned through a comprehensive self-study that includes an in-depth comparison with best practices in the field of Developmental Education, utilizes data from three to four consecutive years, and results in plans for improvement. Although the process is a demanding one, the potential benefits for students are great, so they have rolled up their sleeves and they are getting down to serious work on this project. The goal is to complete the process and earn the program certification by Spring of 2008.

- **Accelerated Grant:** Dr. Crider, Donna Willingham, and Mindy Coleman are working together on an Accelerated Learning Grant.

- **Adjunct In-Service Spring 2006:** This event was a HUGE success, due to the new format that we offered. Several sessions were scheduled simultaneously so the adjuncts were able to choose something to match their interests and schedules. The Math and English team worked diligently to train about 60 EHM adjuncts. Our Division had the highest attendance number. We did not have adjuncts wait in line to process the paperwork, since the hiring packets were sent to their home addresses to complete in early December.

The DS Team is very excited with the Tutor /Coach Program introduced at Willow Chase Center for English and ESL students this semester. The students are able to meet the teacher for coaching and tutoring throughout the semester. Cecelia Cameron and Marva Bever are the pioneers of this program available for WC students.

Within their department, each DS English faculty member assumes a specific responsibility and through their teamwork, they all serve a common goal – student success. *Pamela Womack* serves as Lead Faculty for the department; one of her duties in that capacity is facilitating the weekly team meetings that keep the team efforts vital and effective. She also assists department chair Kathy Sanchez with adjunct hiring and supervision, scheduling, and other administrative issues, and dealing with instructional issues for DS English. *Judy Harris* serves as our liaison to the TC Extended Learning Center. She also serves as our contact point with publishers and book reps, researching, collecting, and screening new texts to bring to the team for review and discussion. *Donna Willingham* leads in the area of reading instruction, having served for two years on a district-wide committee for developing common final exams for ENGL 0305. She has also been the “go to” person for adjuncts who have questions or problems of any sort. *Brian Reeves* takes the lead in issues related to writing instruction, serving for the past two years on a district-wide committee to develop and administer common final exams for ENGL 0307; in addition, he serves as our webmaster, maintaining our departmental web site and administrating a WebCT “class” for all DS English faculty with extensive resources posted for sharing. *Irina Nizova* brings the ESL perspective to the table. Her shared teaching responsibilities between DS ENGL and ESL give her a unique insight into the needs of our students. She also helps with maintaining alignment of the parallel courses. *Sylvia Martinez*, who joined us this semester as our newest full time faculty member, has assumed the role of Willow Chase liaison. In that capacity, she will monitor DS services and resources to be sure that our WC students continue to receive the same high quality educational experience as those at the main campus. Sylvia also works closely with Student Services on outreach and retention.

*Donna Willingham* currently serves as an official advisor for Campus Crusade for Christ. This is a Christian organization for Tomball College students.

Melissa Studdard and Greg Oaks read their own work in a “Faculty in Performance” event, which was scheduled on March 29, 2006 at Montgomery College. Sponsored by Montgomery County Liberal Arts
Council, they performed together with Creative Writings Teachers from Cy-Fair College, North Harris College, and Montgomery College.

Kathy Sanchez, Becky Tate, Cathy Olson, Bo Rollins, and Brian Reeves serve on the English Faculty Hiring Committee. The position will be filled in Fall 2006, so these dedicated faculty members are putting this mission on top of their already hectic schedules.

Kathy Sanchez will be our Tomball College facilitator for the Great Teaching Seminar in May. Despite her busy schedule as the Department Chair, Kathy always agrees to take on more tasks. She will assume the Vice President position for Faculty Senate starting September 2006. What a spirit!

Do you know Pam Womack and Donna Willingham are working towards a Doctorate degree? Pam is working on a Developmental Education degree and Donna is working on a Reading degree. Hats off to you two!

**MATH CORNER......**

April 1, 2006 was not the April Fool’s day for the Math Department. The Annual Math Bowl was scheduled on that day and it has always been a great event for our Math department, as well as for the surrounding High Schools. Rachel Smith took the lead and organize this event for the first time and she did a wonderful job. Some pictures below will tell all…

A luncheon was held on March 7, 2006 to honor all the generous donors who provide scholarships for the students enrolled in Tomball College. Among them was our Math Department who represented the internal scholarships: the Math Excellence Scholarship, and the Developmental Math Scholarship. This event allowed our Math faculty members to meet the students who received the scholarship.

To reflect current pedagogy and classroom technology, the DS Math team members - Mindy Coleman, Peg Crider, Claudia Davis, Roger Jay, Bill Powell, Rachel Smith, and Patty Zachary – have completely re-written the Department’s Calculators Lab Manuals, which will be published over this Summer. All royalties earned will go to the two Scholarships fund: the Math Excellent Scholarship and the Developmental Math Scholarship. Way to go, Math Team!

The students who received the Spring 2006 Math Scholarship are:

- Renee Prince
- Katherine Plummer
- Gail Fox
- Rodolfo Jimenez
- Windy Mancini
- Tracy Sanders

The student who received the 2006 Tomball Mathematics Excellence Endowed Scholarship is:

- Nhat Ho

Kudos to the Math team! You make everything become possible. Let’s hear from one of the students who wrote “Thank You” letter to us: “This scholarship will play a big part in helping me achieve my college goals…” ; “My face just glows when I read my award letter and for that I am ever so grateful…” “…and I wanted to thank the TC Developmental Math Department for the kind assistance you have offered me with this scholarship…”
Scott Travis will return to Texas A&M University this summer to refine the lesson for a Statistics class, which was developed last summer by Scott and 13 other community residents. He and the group also developed methods of assessing how well the lesson works. This is part of an “Information Technology in Science” program at TAMU.

Patty Zachary continued to use the integration of “Camtasia” recordings in her Pre-Calculus online class. The students give a very positive feedback and her student pass rate is impressive. Patty gave a presentation on using “Camtasia” in Distance Learning mini-conference at the CTDL in January.

Dr. Crider gave 2 presentations at the annual AMATYC Conference in San Diego, November 2005. One was “Multiplicative reasoning and integer exponents” and the other was “Rx for ER: Prescriptions for Effective Retention”. She presented again, together with Scott Travis, at the Sam Houston State University Mathematics Conference in February 2006.

Roger Jay gave a presentation “Test Taking Strategies for Math” in a Win-Win Wednesday Student Success Seminars on January 25, 2006. This presentation gave the students tips on how to study Math, tips on approaching problem-solving, tips on how to study for and take tests, as well as tips on how and when to get help.

Patti Falbo is involved in PLC-MAP grant in partnership with Texas A&M University and area ISDs.

Patti Falbo is also organizing the Summer Algebra Short Course with the Ohio State University. The Short Course is geared towards Algebra teachers in Middle and High School, but it will focus on College Professors teaching Developmental Math also. We expect a big turnout from the community, our faculty and teachers from surrounding ISD.

Rachel Smith, V.C. Patel, and Claudia Davis led the Math Club and prepared students to take the Spring Student Math League Test, which was scheduled on March 7, 2006 with over 25 students participated. As we mentioned in the last report, one student in the Club got the highest score for Southwest region competition.

The Math Club organized a “Pi Day” in March, where the students and faculty got together to eat pie and ice cream.

Do you know Scott Travis is working towards a Doctorate degree? Hats off to you, Scott!

Dr. Crider will present “Exploring Strategies for Effective Retention” at NISOD Conference in Austin in late May 2006. More details will come…

Scott Travis will present “Inquiry and Information Technology in Math and Science” at NISOD Conference in Austin late May 2006. More details will come…
MUSIC ACTIVITIES…

Cheryl Bates and her students were busy with all the Music concerts, Karaoke, Music Contest, Choir, etc…Here are the events from the last 6 months:

HOLIDAY CONCERT featuring Tomball College Choir, Jazz Band, private music student performers, on Wednesday, December 07, 2005.

STUDENT RECITAL, on Thursday, December 01, 2005.

CAMPUS KARAOKE & DDR CONTESTS final round in Fall 05, on Tuesday, November 29, 2005.

“MOULIN ROUGE” Free Movie Watch party on Tuesday, March 21, 2006.

VIDEO GAME MUSIC CONCERT performed by Linda Thomas and Dr. Bates, on Tuesday, March 28, 2006.

FALL CHOIR CONCERT, featuring works by Mozart, Faure, Martini and new works by living composers, on Wednesday, November 16, 2005.

CAMPUS KARAOKE & DDR CONTESTS final round in Spring 06, on Tuesday, April 18, 2006

PIANO DUET CONCERT, featuring Linda Herring and Sharon Peng performing favorite masterpieces and the rich tone of one piano-four hands.

The Spring semester will wrap up with the Graduation Ceremony to be held at the Beckendorf Conference Center in May. And our talented Music Director, Dr. Bates, will be responsible for the Music.

Offered for the first time ever at Tomball College is a trip to New York in June 2006 with the Tomball College Choir for a Carnegie Hall Performance. Dr. Bates will be the leader of the trip, and so far we have 10 registered. We will have pictures and more details when she came back from the trip.
OUR ART GALLERY!

Clara Barer’s exhibit

“In our profession, we all love books, but this exhibit will help you appreciate them in a wonderful new way!” Pat Stone

Ann Bengston’s “Bio-Appliance for the Home” exhibit

Come experience Art, Biology, and Science Fiction all with one visit to the new exhibit from Ann Bengston!

“…Considering possible forms for the reproductive substitutes had me overcome with a curiosity satisfied only by the making.”
Late artist, Ann Bengston

Denise Lorenz’s “Beyond the Portal” exhibit

“Yes, it is a lovely, peaceful display…” Judy Harris, DS English Professor
“Come escape to the colonial city of Puebla, Mexico through the eyes of this gifted artist!” Pat Stone
DRAMA PRODUCTIONS

In the last report we introduced to you our second Fall Production “The Immigrant” Let’s hear some critics about our marvelous program

“The Immigrant- A Must See!”

“If you’re stressed and need a couple of hours to unwind, this play is for you!... Knock your socks off..” Felicity Short, Speech Professor.

In Spring 2006, we have 2 productions: The Last Night of Ballyhoo (Feb. 23 –Feb.25) and One Act Play Directed by students (April 28-April 29)

“The last Night of Ballyhoo” production was selected to enter the Texas Community College Speech and Theater Festival Competition and took First Place in the contest. Congratulations to Sherri White and the 16 Drama students! Details are provided in the section of Student Success in this report.

Please join us in an evening of free entertainment presented by Tomball students and faculty. Included among the performances are poetry and prose readings, and some art exhibits.

Refreshments will be served at 6:30 with the program beginning at 7:00.

Ask your instructor if you can receive extra credit for attendance.

Jacky Stirling, Kathy Sanchez, Jeff Norem, Irina Nizova, Cheryl Bates, Sherri White, Judy Harris, Melissa Studdard, Felicity Short, and Greg Oaks are the dedicated faculty members working “behind the scenes” to make this memorable Humanities Evening a success.
STUDENT SUCCESS

Dr. Kathleen Russell successfully leads the college’s Alternative Teacher Certification Program. The program has a perfect 100% pass rate on the December 10th TExES PPR exam. What a leader you are, Kathy!

Nine of our Tomball College students auditioned for and made the Texas Two-Year College All State Choir! They are: Andrew Hanson, Josh Jackson, Leah Krenek, John Norris, Clayton Pike, Kathy Robbins, Bill Severson, Theresa Snyder, and Robyn Sorrels.

“Congratulations to Dr. Cheryl Bates and these students!” Pat Stone.

Congratulations to Rachel Brown, our Drama student who recently received the TRAC scholarship for Spring 2006.

Our Drama students struck GOLD again! The Spring production “The Last Night of Ballyhoo” took First Place in the TCCSTF Competition. Here are the results:

SUPERIOR – Play
GREG SCHNEIDER TECHNICAL AWARD FOR BEST COSTUMES – Rachel Brown and Jen Carter
SUPERIOR – Best Ensemble Acting
ACTING SUPERIORS – Kristin Anderson, Angela Boeck, Rachel Brown, Candice Darden, Andrew Pettijohn, Anthony Silva
TECHNICAL SUPERIORS-CRITICS CHOICE – Rachel Brown (Costumes), Jen Carter (Costumes)
Philip Wilson (Lights)
TECHNICAL EXPERIENCE-CRITICS CHOICE – Rose Oldja (Props)
TECHNICAL SUPERIORS- DIRECTORS’ CHOICE – Rachel Brown (Costumes), Jen Carter (Costumes)

STAFF CORNER….

Melissa and Laura continue to serve on the Tomball First Response Team.

Melissa was nominated to be an Officer for TESA and PSSC 2006-2008. With her experience as the Vice President of the similar organization at Houston Community College, we believe she will bring to Tomball College a wealth of information and ideas. Melissa received a lot of compliments on her textbook assignment. She fulfilled the task effectively and efficiently handling with incredible patience.

Laura worked closely with Felicity Short on the WAVE project. She also took courses to complete her AA degree at Tomball College. She enjoyed producing the for Global Voice magazine, an ongoing project led by Jacky Stirling. The Division is shorthanded but Laura jumps in to help without any hesitation. We appreciate you, Laura!

With Dr. Murray, Duy Nguyen co-presented about Vietnam, her homeland, on two occasions: District Conference Day (Diversity Café) and the 3rd Annual International Education Conference at Cy-Fair College. Duy is the producer of our Division report. Thank you, Duy, for all that you do for us!

“Members of RUSH”
### SPRING 2006 ENROLLMENT ANALYSIS

Spring 2006 headcount increased by 3.9% (293 students) to 7,648 and the enrollment increased by 1.7% (282 enrollments) to 16,857 compared with Spring 2005. The enrollment at Tomball Campus increased by 1% while it decreased by 1% at Willow Chase.

For our Division:

| Courses Offered | 431 |
| Courses Cancelled | 54 |
| Courses Made | 377 |
| Enrollment | 7,519 |
| College Enrollment | 16,857 |
| Percentage | 45% |

### PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT...

Since our last report to 04/30/2006, EHM Faculty members and Staff attended the following Professional Development events:

Cheryl Bates – All-State Choir – San Antonio TX  
Cheryl Bates – South Central meeting of College Music Society – San Marcos TX  
Cheryl Bates – Choral Festival – San Jacinto College  
Linda Bryan – TCCTA Conference – Houston TX  
Mindy Coleman – Commissioners Summit – Austin TX  
Mindy Coleman – Accelerated Learning Forum – Austin TX  
Peg Crider – Commissioners Summit – Austin TX  
Peg Crider – AMATYC Convention – San Diego CA  
Peg Crider – Teacher Quality in Support High Standards – Austin TX  
Peg Crider – Accelerated Learning Forum – Austin TX  
Peg Crider – Rx for ER – Mid Year Conference – San Antonio TX  
Claudia Davis – TCCTA & TExMATYC Conference – Houston TX  
Claudia Davis – WebCT Level II Certification – The Woodlands TX  
Patti Falbo – Teacher Quality in Support High Standards – Austin TX  
Patti Falbo – NADE Conference – Philadelphia PA  
Patti Falbo – PLC-MAP – The Woodlands TX  
Steffani Frideres – College Art Association – Boston MA  
Clark Friesen – National Communication Association Annual Conference – Boston MA  
Clark Friesen – CCNCCE Conference – Atlanta GA  
Abraham Haje – AMATYC Convention – San Diego CA  
Abraham Haje – ICTCM Conference – Orlando FL  
Abraham Haje – Community College Math Conference – Nacogdoches TX  
Roger Jay – TCCTA & TExMATYC Conference – Houston TX  
Roger Jay – National Council of Teachers of Math – St-Louis MO  
Sylvia Martinez – Accelerated Learning Forum – Austin TX  
Duy Nguyen – Grant Writing for the Dummies – The Woodlands TX  
Duy Nguyen – 3rd International Education Conference – Cypress TX  
Irina Nizova – TESOL Conference – Tampa Bay FL  
Greg Oaks – Associated Writing Program Conference – Austin TX  
Catherine Olson – Conference on Zora Neale Hurston – Eatonville FL  
Catherine Olson – Grant Writing for the Dummies – The Woodlands TX  
V.C. Patel – Larry Kelley Workshop – The Woodlands TX  
V.C. Patel – Teaching of Mathematics 6-12 Conference – Huntsville TX  
V.C. Patel – TCCTA & TExMATYC Conference – Houston TX  
Van Piercy – Grant Writing for the Dummies – The Woodlands TX  
Kathleen Russell – Teacher Quality in Support High Standards – Austin TX  
Kathleen Russell – ATPE State Convention – Austin TX  
Kathleen Russell – Statewide program for Education Director – Austin TX  
Kathy Sanchez – GCIHC – Houston TX
Richard Smalley – Teaching of Mathematics 6-12 Conference – Huntsville TX  
Richard Smalley – ICTCM Conference – Orlando FL  
Rachel Smith – Teaching of Mathematics 6-12 Conference – Huntsville TX  
Rachel Smith – ICTCM Conference – Orlando FL  
Pat Stone – Commissioners Summit – Austin TX  
Pat Stone – Statewide Summit on Math, Science – Houston TX  
Pat Stone – Teaching Mathematics 6-12 Conference – Huntsville TX  
Pat Stone – Larry Kelley workshop – The Woodlands TX  
Pat Stone – 3rd Annual International Education Conference – Cypress TX  
Pat Stone – Community Colleges Math Conference – Nacogdoches TX  
Becky Tate – TCCTA Conference – Houston TX  
Scott Travis – Teaching of Mathematics 6-12 Conference – Huntsville TX  
Scott Travis – Annual Conference of SERA – Austin TX  
Sherri White – TETA Annual Conference – Austin TX  
Sherri White – Shubert Theatre – New York NY  
Sherri White – TCCSTA State Play Festival – Stephensville TX  
Sherri White – One Act Play – Spring TX  
Donna Willingham – Commissioners Summit – Austin TX  
Donna Willingham – Accelerated Learning Forum - Austin TX  
Pam Womack – NADE Conference – Philadelphia PA  

Since the last Report to 04/30/2006, we celebrated the birthdays of:  

Earl Staley (11/01)  
Sylvia Martinez (11/01)  
Kathy Sanchez (11/02)  
Greg Oaks (11/15)  
Patti Falbo (11/16)  
Cheryl Bates (11/20)  
Robert Jones (11/24)  
Dorothy Stowers (12/18)  
Felicity Short (12/28)  
Katherine Reynolds (01/05)  
Reyna Sirias-Ortiz (01/06)  
Richard Smalley (01/20)  
Kathleen Russell (01/22)  
Claudia Davis (02/04)  
Eric Wildman (02/07)  
Billy Smith (02/23)  
Dusty Capistran (02/24)  
Brian Reeves (02/27)  
Peg Crider (03/03)  
Donna Willingham (03/21)  
Abraham Haje (03/31)  
Lisa Hibner (04/01)  
Michael Csiszarik (04/03)  
Barbara Lujan (04/24)  
Scott Travis (04/28)  
Becky Tate (04/30)  
Christine Salmon (04/30)
Grandparents once again! Congratulations to Roger Jay, Patti Falbo and Judy Harris on their newest grandchildren.

SUNSHINE FUND UPDATED!
As the time this report is out, we have a balance in our Sunshine fund of $266.28. The two last expenses were the Memorial Book for Doug Boyd, and Flower for Reyna Sirias-Ortiz.

Here is the answer of the quiz posted on our last EHM report. Our in-house artist is Pam Womack. She enjoys painting in her free time. We are lucky to have her in our Division.

From Jacky Stirling’s daughter – Poster in an Indian school
“Where are the heroes of today?” a radio talk show host thundered. He blamed society’s shortcomings on education. Too many people are looking for heroes in all the wrong places. Movie stars and rock musicians, athletes, and models aren’t heroes; they’re celebrities. Heroes abound in public schools, a fact that doesn’t make the news. There is no precedent for the level of violence, drugs, broken homes, child abuse, and crime in today’s America. Education didn’t create these problems, but deals with them everyday.

You want heroes?

Consider Dave Sanders, the schoolteacher shot to death while trying to shield his students from two youths on a shooting rampage at Columbine High School in Littleton, Colorado. Sanders gave his life, along with 12 students, and other less heralded heroes survived the Colorado blood bath.

You want heroes?

Jane Smith, a Fayetteville teacher in North Carolina, was moved by the plight of one of her students, a 14 year old boy dying and needed a kidney transplant. So this woman told his family that she would give him one of her kidneys. And she did. When they subsequently appeared together hugging on the Today Show, even Katie Couric was near tears.

You want heroes?

Doris Dillon dreamed all her life of being a teacher. She not only made it, she was one of the wondrous teacher who could bring the best out of every single child. One of her fellow teachers in San Jose, CA said,” She could teach a rock to read”. Suddenly she was stricken with Lou Gehrig’s disease which is always fatal, usually within five years. She asked to stay on job and she did. When her voice was affected, she communicated by computer. Did she go home? Absolutely not! She is running two elementary school libraries! When the disease was diagnosed, she wrote the staff and all the families that she had one lesson to teach and that is dying is part of living. Her colleagues named her “Teacher of the Year”

You want heroes?

Last year the average teachers spent $468 of their own money for student necessities ... workbooks, pencils, supplies kids had to have but could not afford. That's a lot of money from the pockets of the most poorly paid teachers in the industrial world. Schools don't teach values? The critics are dead wrong. Public education provides more Sunday school teachers than any other profession. The average teacher works more hours in nine months than the average 40-hour employee does in a year.

You want heroes?

Visit any special education class and watch the miracle of personal interaction, a job so difficult that fellow teachers are awed by the dedication they witness. There is a sentence from an unnamed source which says, “We have been so eager to give our children what we didn't have that we have neglected to give them what we did.” What is it that our kids really need? What do they really want? Math, science, history and social studies are important, but children need love, confidence, encouragement, someone to talk to, someone to listen, standards to live by. Teachers provide upright examples, the faith and assurance of responsible people.

You want heroes?

Then go down to your local school and see our real live heroes the ones changing lives for the better each and every day!

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