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## DR. HATFIELD RESIGNS

Dr. Thomas M. Hatfield, president of Austin Community College, has resigned. Dr. Hatfield has accepted the position of Dean of Continuing Education at the University of Texas. He will assume his duties at U.T. Austin as soon as his present administration responsibilities at ACC can be transferred.

Dr. Hatfield has been president of the Community College since its beginning in 1973. The procedure for selection of a new president has yet to be decided upon by the school board. Dr. Hatfield was selected after the board advertised nation wide for a person with experience as a Community College Administrator. Dr. Hatfield will remain here at ACC until sometime in January and if a new president has not been selected by that time an interim president will be appointed by the school board. As Dean of Continuing Education, he will coordinate already existing programs in the professional schools and colleges and help to create new programs in other areas.

Dr. Hatfield has been praised for his work in the field of education by many of the outstanding educators of the state.

## PROCEDURE FOR SELECTION OF NEW ACC PRESIDENT

The procedure for the selection of a new president of the Austin Community College has been decided upon by the Board of Trustees of the Austin Independent School District. An emergency meeting was held by the school board on Wednesday, October 20 at the Caruthers Administration Building. The only member of the Board who was not present was Rev. Griffin.

Mrs. McClellan began the meeting by saying how much she regretted seeing Dr. Hatfield leave the Community College. She stressed the need to begin the search for a new college president since Dr. Hatfield would begin his new job at the University of Texas early in January. Dr. Hatfield began to describe the procedure he recommended to the school board. First, it was decided that the job of a college president would be adver-

tised in the Chronicle of Higher Education. Second, position notices would be sent to selected community colleges and universities, nation-wide. A screening committee would also be appointed by the school board to separate the qualified applicants from those not qualified. The screening committee will consist of 3 to 5 professionals who will select 12 to 15 applicants for consideration. The Board will invite applicants they select for further interview. Prior to final selection interviews will be administered by the Interview Committee. The Interview committee will consist of 4 faculty members, 2 students, 2 administrators, an outside professional, and a chairperson who will also be an outside professional. The Interview Committee will provide the Board of Trustees with their individual perceptions on the strengths and weaknesses of each candidate. The Final selection will be made by the Board of Trustees who will interview and select the new college president.

Several other members of the Community College were present to give their opinions on how they think that the selection should progress. Phil Grimley, President of the Student Government Council, thought that the Interview Committee should consist evenly of faculty, students and administrators. Alisandro Flores, SGC Vice-president, suggested that the Interview Committee should make a list of who they think should be considered. This was decided against because the Board does not want candidates to feel an order of preference. Dr. James Archer and Dr. William Montgomery made their opinions known on the selection procedure. It was also agreed upon that applicants are not required to have a doctorate, but it would be preferred. The Interview Committee may also nominate a person if they feel that the person is qualified for the position of community college president. The board meeting was adjourned and advertising for a new Austin Community College president will commence as soon as possible.

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## THE AUSTIN COMMUNITY COLLEGE GOSPEL CHOIR

We were quite pleased with the presence of several new people interested in becoming members of our gospel choir. They graciously accepted positions to serve on committees. Our new officers are:

- President.....Rev. Curtis Lee Carter
  - Vice President.....Rev. Larry Ockletree
  - Secretary.....Rubylee Kelly
  - Ast. Secretary.....Helen Mays
  - Treasurer...Mrs. Patricia Childs-Sponsor
- Program and Advertising Committee
- Chairperson.....Gloria Scroggins
  - Assistants...Nancy Tolbert, Tim Jackson
- Social Committee
- Chairman.....Michael Hardin
  - Weldon Hopson and Shirlie Clark

We are thankful for our "old faithfuls" and heartily welcome our new members

If you enjoy singing, you can expect an inner blessing when you join us in room 623 every Friday from 12:00 to 1:00 PM

## VETERANS

Veterans—have you met Jim Mele your V.A. Counselor located in the Veteran's Office? Jim has worked as assistant Coordinator of Veterans Affairs for two and a half years at Monroe Community College, Rochester, New York, where he helped to establish the Veterans Outreach Program. This program gained recognition in the Journal of Higher Education and parts were read into the Congressional Record by Senator Vance Hartke. He hopes to aid all veterans on the ACC Campuses and to establish more beneficial programs for them in the future. If you have a V.A. problem, Jim can be reached at 476-6381 ext. 115.

## THE ACC STUDENT AND FINANCIAL AID

There are a great number of students at Austin Community College who receive Financial Aid, but too many of them do not realize the importance of applying for financial aid on or before the deadlines. For this reason, there are many students who have a hard time trying to get money to register and buy books and supplies.

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## THE BOOKSTORE

Did you like the attention to service and the efficiency of organization when you bought your books this year? Then thank the new management:

Ron Starry.....Owner and Operator  
Richard Tieken.....Ridgeview Manager  
Robert Halls.....Full Time Clerk  
Cary Wendover.....Full Time Clerk  
Floyd Rose.....Full Time Clerk  
Fran Hunger-Moody.....Part Time Clerk  
Clara Porter.....Part Time Clerk

Austin Community College,unsatisfied with the management of the bookstore operated by the University Co-op, opened bids for new management. Ron Starry and his partner, Peter Plotts (operating in Houston) were awarded the new contract as of August 1; which did not give them a extreme amount of time for a change over with the unco-operating Co-op. Ron is selling texts at list price, forgoing the Co-op's practice of adding fifty cents to a dollar on each book to defray cost of shipping and is extending book buying practices. The bookstore will pay fifty per-cent of purchase price on any book used next semester at A.C.C.; as well as buying (every day) any un-updated texts you may have at home. Be prompt in selling those texts, however, as Ron points out that texts are now updated every three years on an average. Prices for these 'outdated' texts are established by the National Wholesale Buyers Guide.

In talking with Ron I was ensured he had the best interest of students at A.C.C. at heart. WE are his bread and butter; as he pays a per-cent of his gross, not net, sales to the college for the privilege of operating the bookstore. This fact is reflected in the services the bookstore now offers: it will make change, make special book orders, allow over-drafting on checks with purchases,provide sales on trade books, and courteous customer orientated clerks.

### SMALL COLLEGE-LARGE UNIVERSITY

This article is about the advantages and disadvantages of the small college in comparison to the large university. The idea behind this being that every school has its differences.

First, let us look at the small college and determine what it offers and the advantages it does not have to offer. The size of the average class at a small college is usually between thirty to forty students. Some classes may be smaller or larger, depending on the subject of the course. The classes are more personal and by this I am indicating that the student can get a better grasp of what is going on. Also, if a student has a

problem and does not understand a particular concept or assignment, help is available on a one to one basis from the teacher before or after class. The classes are designed so that the average person can understand them and they do not require an excessive amount of study.

The small college usually doesn't have as many fees and other costly expenses (although textbooks will always be costly wherever the learning institution is located). The small college offers an associate degree, which takes less time than the four year academic requirement at the large university. The prestige of the larger schools is at times a determining factor in the total enrollment, but then why does a high school graduate go to school. Let's face it - we have a better learning enviroment here at ACC than they do at U. of T.

Now to enumerate the things good about the larger universities and the things not so hot about them. Larger schools usually have better facilities and more teachers, that is if they have a lot of money behind them. They offer more courses in more fields than the smaller colleges. Then again, the courses are perhaps so hard for the freshman student that he may not pass the course which, in most cases, is a prerequisite to a course that is needed toward a degree. Then, there is the social life at a large university. They have all sorts of sororities and fraternities for a student to become a part of. One such organization is under investigation for the hazing of new members, but that is to be expected and I realize I must not undermine the universities for the high academic standards they have. The two ingredients a person must possess to attend a large university are: an intense awareness (brain power) and a quantity of money.

### TREASURER'S COMMENTS

In this year of our 200th freedom birthday, I feel that this newspaper will become unique - for it has been born during a celebration of freedom for the students of ACC. Your Student Government Council also being a infant, being born a short year ago, has come a long way and still has a longer road to travel. Our past and future accomplishments, I hope, will be reflected in future issues of your newspaper. I do not feel, as a member of SGC, that one local student body president or the student senate, or what ever the name might be, is just a joke and that representatives and officers sit on their cans and collect money. The fact is that your student government representatives and officers receive no pay whatsoever and have spent many

voluntary hours, long hard hours in fact, and at times very little support from you, the students, to protects your rights and interest at ACC.

If you are truly interested and have the guts to survive, you are sincerely invited to attend our open meetings on the second and fourth Saturdays of each month in room 611 at 9 a.m. on the Ridgeview Campus.

**FINANCIAL AID**—continued from page 1  
Financial Aid deadlines are posted every semester at the campuses, and applications are available at the Counseling Offices at Rio Grande and Ridgeview Campuses. They are also available at the Financial Aid Office located at 205 E. 5th Street.

To receive better service from the Financial Aid Office, a student should follow some simple guidelines that require little time and some common sense:

- 1) Apply early.
- 2) If you are on Financial Aid, notify the Financial Aid Office every time you move. Most communications are done by mail, so you can miss a lot if a letter does not reach you.
- 3) Keep all letters received from the Financial Aid Office. If you have any problems later, it will help you to clarify any discrepancies.
- 4) If you have a problem, call the Financial Aid Office. State your name and the nature of your business clearly. Counseling is available, and the Financial Aid Office staff will be glad to help you.
- 5) If you want to see somebody in particular at the Financial Aid Office, call for an appointment.
- 6) Always ask who is speaking. This way you will know whom to ask for if you have to call back.
- 7) If you have a grant, always remember the name of the grant and the amount it is for. This way it is easier to find out what you talking about when you call.

Financial Aid applications for students are the **BASIC EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY GRANT (BEOG)** and the **STUDENT FINANCIAL STATEMENT (SFS)**. Grants within the SFS include:

TPEG—Texas Public Education Grant  
SEOG—Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant  
CWS—College Work Study  
NDSL—National Directory Student Loan

Financial Aid deadlines are:  
BEOG (Academic year 1976-77) — March 1, 1977.

All other aid:

Fall and Spring semester — June 2.  
Spring semester only — September 14.  
Summer semester — March 14.