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MARY LOUISE PARKS: ONE REFLECTION ON WORK STUDY

I, **Mary Louise Parks**, am a 33 year old black female, have recently completed 3 years active duty in the United States Army, am currently enrolled as a full time, **Phi Theta Kappa** honor student at ACC, and am listed on the payroll as a work study student.



BILL PARR & MARY PARKS

While on active duty I achieved my L.V.N. status and passed the State of Texas licensing exam this last month, April. I am a busy woman. But not as busy and tired as I was last year when I worked 40 hours a week as a Medication Nurse at the State School for the Mentally Retarded while simultaneously carrying 12 hours at ACC. I planned to work toward a B.S. in Nursing with the ultimate goal of getting my Ph.D. in Psychiatric Nursing and Drug Abuse Counseling. **My doctor warned me that I would not achieve anything if I did not concentrate my health and energy resources on ONE objective. I chose school.**

If I begin to reflect here on what I have experienced in my year at ACC I might seem to be bordering on the philosophical. But, deep down, I honestly feel this year at ACC has offered me many opportunities for growth and that I have responded to them through my work study program.

For me, my class work and work study have dovetailed in a productive way. In "Personal Growth and Development," "Psychology of Adjustment," "Marriage and the Family," and "Small Group Communications," I have learned that there

are appropriate times to feel dependent and close to others, not always strong and perfect. In class, we have talked with great feeling about the responsibilities and joys of good communication, trust and support of one another.

What I have talked about and read in class work, I have had the opportunity to practice in my work study situation. For me, one reinforced the other. Take the simple matter of typing a correct syllabus. If I do it well, get it out in the time promised, I know I will be responding to the needs and expectations of both teachers and students. Delays on my part can cause tension and even lower than expected grades.

I have heard information in the office about which I had to be discreet. I have learned that I can give feedback when it is asked for and thereby increase its worth. I have found it feels good to be trusted and valued. Other students have depended on me to be a channel of communication to faculty. I, in turn, had to face up to the risk of being candid. Just as students tend to think exams are unfair, reading assignments too long, so do faculty persons question absenteeism and late assignments.

In my nursing profession, I will be dealing with people all the time. I am interested in treating the whole patient, physically, and spiritually. These are all areas which I have experienced in my work study capacity. **Keith Owen and Diana Kendall** have been great supervisors. When I leave Austin after this semester, I will take with me a good feeling and some excellent lessons which I hope to incorporate into my future in psychiatric nursing and drug abuse counseling.

A LETTER TO THE EDITOR

We strongly agree with the gist of the following letter. We publish it, hoping it will be read by whomever it is intended. That there be a free student press is accepted by most interested members of the ACC community. As the masthead of the EAGLE states, this is a student news and information bulletin. We hope that with more student interest it will grow into a student newspaper.

A CASE FOR AN INDEPENDENT ACC STUDENT NEWSPAPER

"So long as the press maintains an essentially adversary relationship to the whole blessed world — them against us — a healthy tension will survive."

James Kilpatrick

College newspapers, as a rule, have a rather hard time maintaining their independence from their school administrations. The adversary relationship so necessary in providing a true interpretation of events taking place in and around the campus seems always out of reach. Government and administrative bodies tend to have the same attitude when it comes to the press. The desire to control the public perception of their activities seems to be a common characteristic.

The University of Texas is a perfect example of a rather unhealthy attitude towards the student press. There is good reason to suspect the same problems at a school as young as ACC. A good newspaper is necessary on any school campus. The community status of ACC makes it equally important that the student and the community needs be expressed in open and free forum.

The economic and daily staffing of the student paper should be out of the faculty hands altogether. Perhaps student fees could be voted on and a full time student staff from the journalism department could run the paper.

This semester I am working in a two hour course as a student staff writer for **The Communique**. Although there is a student paper (**The Eagle**), it is far from adequate. I have run into problems on the part of the school administration in getting the information needed to give a real picture of how well ACC is functioning and what students think of their effectiveness.

The inclusion of a city wide news and entertainment section, as well as advertisements, could improve the paper. A full-time credit course centered around a student publication would necessitate an expanded Journalism Department, which may not be needed at a two year community college such as ACC.

I don't want to give the impression that I have not enjoyed this semester as a student reporter. But, I do think improvements are needed in the basic operating and functioning of the ACC press before it can provide a real avenue as a voice for student and community, as well as faculty, problems and solutions.

Crawford Black, Jr.

(We are appreciative of the interest in ACC journalism and welcome contributions of a publishable nature.)

HARRY E. MATTOON AIR CONDITIONING AND REFRIGERATION

Harry E. Mattoon spends 14 hours a week in the air conditioning and refrigeration section of Ridgeview Campus. After a year and a half of classes and shop work supervision, Harry is almost ready to branch out on his own to set up a small business operated out of his own home.



HARRY E. MATTOON

After twenty-six years of flying for the Air Force, Harry Mattoon smiles easily about his transition from complicated jets to concern with his solidly stationary cooling units. In the Air Force he had no time for small motors, compressors and the other basic components of the refrigeration trade. He is doing something that he began tinkering with as a small boy watching his own father. Nor is he bored by the apparently tranquil character of his work. To talk with Harry in his shop is to become involved in the fundamentals of freon, coils, evaporators.

Besides simply enjoying the work of diagnosing and repairing units, Harry sees himself continuing a worthwhile American tradition, that of the typical, family, home industry. Yes, today's is a technological society, but he is continuing the

personal element of that maintenance and repair industry.

Like many other students in air conditioning, Harry takes pride in being responsible for his own work. He no longer experiences the impotency of being at the mercy of strangers when needing repair help. Now, he repairs his own. He soon will hang out his sign: HARRY E. MATTOON: REFRIGERATION REPAIRS.

KATHY McELROY-SIMMONS: GRAPHIC ARTIST

Kathy McElroy-Simmons is a full time employee of Austin's distinguished Education Service Center Region XIII. As a graphic artist with an art degree from U.T., she is a staff member of the Center's graphic lab. Kathy McElroy-Simmons is also an ACC student in Ridgeview's offset printing shop. Rather than conflicting, the two claims to her life are both planned and comfortably fit together.

Seeing herself, like so many other ACC students who attend classes not to change jobs but to dig more deeply and productively into the job already engaging their time, McElroy-Simmons does smile about one feature of her job which might be unique. Her employer is so convinced of the worthwhileness of the classes offered at ACC that she and Linda La Fuente are encouraged to take the course. Although they make up time lost to work, the Service Center proves its enthusiasm by covering tuition costs.

Their work in the graphic lab led to ACC. Responsibility for producing camera-ready copy for some of the many brochures and pamphlets published and distributed by the Center brought the women into more complex relationships with the world of printing than they had been trained for. McElroy-Simmons says it simply: "I began to realize that I was talking more and more to printers and did not know their language. I did not know all the skills printers had to make my work easier and more effective." When a consultant to the graphic lab praised the printing courses at ACC, the two workers enrolled in the basic course which gives an overall picture of processes of printing.

Ed Stewart, Program Leader of Offset Printing, admits that he is especially pleased to have students who are capable of wedding their classroom skills to their world of work. One of the effective tools which the program provides is that of basic understanding of processes. A person can match up specific needs with possible techniques once those techniques are understood. This is one basic and valuable skill which McElroy-Simmons and La Fuente have worked to bring back to their graphic lab.

One of the thoughtful projects on which they have worked while in class is the development of a new masthead for the Eagle. We thank them for their generous gift of time and interest.



ED STEWART, LINDA LA FUENTE, KATHY McELROY-SIMMONS

CASHIER CHECKING GRADUATION

On Friday morning, April 21, thirteen students graduated from the Cashier Checker block time program. Their instructor, **Albert Perez**, can easily account for each of the graduates. Every graduation class would be fortunate to have a similar rate of successful placement after the completion of a program.

Seven students had been placed in jobs even before they graduated. Three of the graduates have enrolled in courses to earn the Associate's degree. Three chose to round out their skills with additional courses outside the block time program.



CASHIER-CHECKING CLASS

Their schedule has been a demanding one — five days a week, six hours a day, seven weeks, 210 hours of classes, drills and supervised simulation. Perez communicates his own interest in the program, not only in recounting the good results in jobs acquisition, but also in sketching the interesting complexities involved in modern marketing.

Perez reminds the listener of things one has seen but not noticed, e.g., **how skilled a person must be to accurately tally a noon time bill in a busy cafeteria; personality strengths required in stores whose managers seek to project the "neighborhood store" image, where, personnel knew the names of**

steady customers, remember incidents from past shopping trips, are able to chat agreeably while working steadily; the positive outlook called for in dealing with any customer who does not relish spending money, even necessary money. The cashier and checking skills are manifold.

Christine Clark is a recent graduate of the program who exemplifies some of its goals. While employed as an orderly in a nursing home she remembers making the decision to upgrade her job skills. **In the introductory phase of the course in which Perez seeks to motivate students to concentrated effort through a clear and realistic presentation of the limited opportunities available to non-skilled workers,**

Christine Clark heard the message. She knew what she wanted to achieve and now feels a greater sense of self worth at Handy Andy's Burnet Road store.

For many, the cashier checking class is the door to the first job. It is a dignified door, one which can open to an improved standard of living. The classes are demanding, but so is the work. The lively sounds of excitement which frequently come from their 1st floor section of the Rio Grande campus communicate some of the exuberance of these trainees. **These sounds are promises of a pleasant atmosphere in the sites at which the graduates will work.**

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REGRETS: Ofelia Briones' name was omitted from the published list of WHO'S WHO AMONG STUDENTS IN AMERICAN JUNIOR COLLEGES.

CHANGE NOTICE:

The Photographic Print Show scheduled for Highland Mall, May 5 & 6, has been rescheduled for the same Mall but on the lower level. **The new dates are June 23, 24.**

THE CHAMPIONSHIP SEASON: REVISITED



Some almost over the hill members of the City of Austin 1977 men's softball Champion Team delight in modelling their newly awarded team jackets: Roland Hayes, Ty Gormley, Bill Jorn, Otis McLin, with Janice Erving.

AUSTIN COMMUNITY COLLEGE GRADUATION

May 12, 1978
7:30 P.M.

Reagan High School Gymnasium
7104 Berkman Drive

Reception will be held immediately after the ceremonies.

Main Speaker: Mayor Carole McClelland.