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TCCC plans spring celebration week

Because Tri-County Community College (TCCC) was established in November 1964, college officials have earmarked certain activities throughout 2004 as 40th Anniversary celebratory functions.

A January visit by H. Martin Lancaster, President of the North Carolina Community College System, kicked off the college's annual celebration.

Next up will be a flurry of events on the TCCC main campus during the week of April 19 – 24.

One of the headlines will be two nights of presentations by TCCC faculty members.

“It has long been my dream for the college to offer special lectures utilizing our talented faculty and staff,” said Terrie Kelly, Vice President for Institutional Advancement at TCCC. “We have such an array of interests among our instructors that we need to showcase.”

Kelly said that Billy Ray Palmer, who teaches history, archeology and social sciences, will offer a program entitled “Cherokee Historical Changes” on Tuesday April 20 beginning at 7 pm in the McSwain Building auditorium.

Palmer said his talk would include an overview of “Paleo-Indian occupation in what is now the southeastern United States from 11,000 B.C. to the development of the modern day Cherokee.”

Then on Thursday April 22, Dr. Steve Wood, College Transfer division chair and English instructor, will present an audio-video program he has titled “The Three Faces of Evil: Hollywood's Classic Monsters.”



From Left: Dr. Steve Wood, Billy Ray Palmer

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Wood, who holds a Ph.D. from the University of Georgia, said he will not only discuss elements of movies about Dracula, Frankenstein and Wolfman, but also the legends and superstitions connected with the trio of monsters. He plans to include excerpts from various films as part of his lecture. His presentation will also begin at 7 pm in the McSwain auditorium.

The TCCC Student Government Association (SGA) is also getting into the act by sponsoring a Ms. TCCC event on Wednesday, April 21 from 11:30 am until 1:00 pm. Candidates will be nominated by her respective academic program and each will be judged on poise, community involvement and academic achievement.

The culmination of the spring celebration will occur on Saturday, April 24 as the SGA teams up with the TCCC chapter of Alpha Beta Gamma (ABG), the TCCC Foundation, Academic Services and the TCCC Continuing Education division to host a major event open to the public.

The college will host an Open House between the hours of 11 am to 1 pm in which members of the TCCC faculty and staff will be available to answer questions about programs and offer tours.

According to John Cabe, Vice President for Academic and Student Services, visitors to the open house will have the opportunity to win a digital camera “provided by the college Foundation.

“We want visitors to see our campus and meet some of our faculty and staff, so we have devised a short registration form that must be completed in order to be eligible for the digital camera giveaway,” said Cabe. “There is no monetary cost to be eligible, only a bit of one’s time.”

Finally, the TCCC chapter of Alpha Beta Gamma, a student organization, has organized a “Car Show” to begin at 9 am on April 24.

“We know there are lots of car enthusiasts in our region who love to show their vehicles, and we know that people love to look at fine cars and trucks,” said Trevis Hicks, TCCC faculty member and ABG advisor. “We hope for a beautiful spring day and a good turnout for both the car show and college open house.”

Hicks said ABG has teamed with the college Student Government Association to offer food and also activities for children from 11 am until 2 pm. He said vehicles must be entered and in place by noon in order to qualify for categorical awards. He said May 1 would be a “rain date” for the show.

For information about any of the week’s events, please call the college at 837-6810 and the caller will be connected to the appropriate person.