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EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT FEE EFFECTIVE WINTER TERM: An educational support fee of \$2 per credit hour/\$.05 per contact hour fee will be assessed beginning Winter Term for college credit students, and Spring Term for continuing education students. It will add approximately \$16 per term to the average college credit student's bill. Each student at FCCJ who pays tuition and fees will be affected by this educational support fee. The College believes this fee, applicable to all tuition-paying students is the most equitable way to distribute the great costs of advancing technology to all users, and mirrors the College's commitment to make computer usage and benefits available to all students, regardless of their course of study. Computer-related services now include: telephone registration for college credit courses; the new ALERT student retention and tracking system; access to Career Choices; interlibrary loans; generation and electronic transmission of transcripts, and other opportunities. This fee will allow the enhancement and development of additional computer resources for student support areas. Adult High School/ABE/GED areas are excluded from the educational support fee obligation. (A more comprehensive explanation will be distributed shortly).



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FCCJ APPROVED FOR SOUTHEASTERN DUVAL SITE: FCCJ has received permission to pursue an additional educational site in southeastern Duval County. Last week's approval by PEPC followed earlier approval by the State Board of Community Colleges. The College is pursuing the new site in response to the tremendous growth of the southeastern region of Duval County, whose planning district is the most rapidly expanding area of the county. FCCJ's expansion efforts are a further reflection of the growth of the College, including a 24 percent rate of growth in total enrollment over the last three years.

STATE BUDGET CUTBACK CITED: An anticipated cut in state revenues will probably necessitate the College reducing its budget by \$1.4 million this fiscal year, making a difficult financial situation even more strained, with a second cutback seen as a possibility. In order to manage these cutbacks, the College must gear up for a three to five percent cut institutionally. The bulk of the responsibility of handling these budget cuts will fall on the budget managers. To prepare for this situation, slower hiring, less travel and library expense cutbacks are anticipated. No cutbacks on student services are expected. President Spence indicated that FCCJ is the second most poorly funded community college in the state, with over \$10 million worth of FTE unfunded.

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COLLEGE'S FINANCIAL HEALTH GOOD DESPITE FUNDING DEFICIT: Growth in enrollment continues at FCCJ, but the down side of that is that the legislature is not funding that growth, necessitating dipping into the College's fund balance, as well as looking for other ways to fund critical needs. In spite of this hardship, the College's financial health is still very good. Funding from contracts and grants increased 17 percent again last year. Financial aid to our students amounted to almost \$5.8 million last year, up 24 percent over the previous year.

NEW DIRECTOR ABOARD AT GEIS MARINE: Michael Sheklin has been appointed director of the Geis Marine Center. Sheklin, a native of New York, holds a bachelor's degree from the State University of New York in marine transportation, and a master's degree in education from City College of New York. He has 20 years of maritime experience, 10 of which has been in Jacksonville and has been an adjunct instructor of nautical science and navigation at Geis.

CENTER OF EXCELLENCE IN SCIENCE, MATHEMATICS, COMPUTERS & TECHNOLOGY PROPOSED: FCCJ has proposed development of a Region II Center of Excellence for Science, Mathematics, Computers and Technology, to assist the state in meeting the goals of Florida's Comprehensive Development Plan. The College is prepared to administer a regional center that involves all five community colleges and 19 school districts in Region II. If selected, the Center will establish a regional clearinghouse, develop and implement in-service activities for public school teachers, promote global awareness, conduct a research project to evaluate the application of computer-assisted instruction in Grade 3, and provide a regional communication system linked to units at four community colleges, interfacing with a network hub unit at FCCJ.

BOARD ACCEPTS TRACY RESIGNATION: Professor David R. Tracy, who had been suspended without pay pending a hearing on charges of misconduct, has tendered his resignation from the College. The Board of Trustees accepted Professor Tracy's resignation.

DRUG/ALCOHOL TRAINING SESSIONS SET: The passage of the Board Rule on a Drug Free College Environment requires all employees to attend one training session to learn about drug/alcohol abuse and the new College policy. Workshops have been scheduled from October through December with approximately 125 supervisors and over 1,000 full-time employees being trained.

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Educational materials will be distributed in conjunction with the mandatory training sessions. The College anticipates this new policy will go into effect January 1.

SUPPORT OF STRATEGIC PLAN HIGHLIGHTED: Eighteen innovative proposals from the 1989-90 strategic planning process were highlighted as significant College innovations, including: the establishment of the Adult Studies program, combining the ABE, GED and Adult High School under one instructional department; a general education review and the development of a Comprehensive College Preparatory program; a foreign language learning system at Kent Campus giving students the state's most advanced language facility; institution of two A.S. degree programs, Histologic Technician and an Integrated Systems Specialist ; a pilot program for adjunct faculty included training in adult learning theory and teaching effectiveness, and four major components of ALERT, a student retention tracking system were instituted. Each funded project was a supporting activity for the College's multi-year objectives. Each objective is in support of one of our four strategic directions.

The next meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held Tuesday, November 16, 11:00 a.m., in the fourth floor Board Room of the Martin Center for College Services.