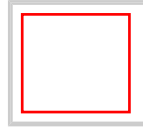


President's Monthly Message (archived)

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President's Message, December 2003

In the recent Advocate I suggested that the last few months have been much like a ride on a roller coaster. Well I would have to admit that I don't think that that has changed. Perhaps I could even say it is time to take some Dramamine! Since November 17 and Governor Schwarzenegger's inauguration he has indeed been very active, making and proposing changes, repealing legislation and making appointments. The most recent twist is to place a cap on spending and the utilization of Prop 98!

Despite all of this I was reassured just this past Monday, December 1 that the governor is speaking and conferring with CTA, especially in regards to his most recent proposal of the March budget bond. I remain hopeful and trust the power of CCA/CTA and its representing of us and all of its 335,000 members.

As 2003 comes to an end and the holidays come upon us it is hard to not reflect on the past and wonder about our future. Budget strategies and ideas abound from Governor Schwarzenegger and his new staff, including bad implications for us with Prop 98. But until we see the governor's January budget all of these are just speculations. For some the holidays and the end of the year bring a sense of renewal and hope, for me I have had to fight off feelings of pessimism and fear. By nature I see myself as an optimist but these past few months of change in California have made me weary and leery! We will have a clearer idea in January with the governor's budget what the next few months and year have ahead for us.

The roller coaster may seem to be on an awkward spiral but be assured that CCA/CTA is there for you and will be representing both part time and full time faculty as we proceed ahead in 2004. **Have a safe and happy holiday.**

Any questions? Call the CCA office at 916/726-4207.

