

# University of Texas doctoral students visit SPC

A prestigious group of scholars from the University of Texas visited SPC Monday for informal meetings with President Carl M. Kuttler Jr. and some members of his leadership team.

The group of about 20 doctoral students was here to learn how SPC plans, builds and budgets in an entrepreneurial environment.

"We are delighted to have these outstanding individuals," said Kuttler. "They are destined to join the next generation of community college leadership. The University of Texas has perhaps the finest program of this type in the country."

Stan Vittetoe, vice president, Economic Development and Innovative Projects; Lars Hafner, associate vice president, University Partnership Center; Susan Reiter, director, Facilities Planning and Institutional Services; Tom Furlong, senior vice president, Baccalaureate Programs and University

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Lars Hafner, associate vice president, University Partnership Center, left, joins Stan Vittetoe, vice president of Economic Development and Innovative Projects, as they meet with University of Texas Leadership Cohort students – from right, Rick Bateman, Rosemary Reynolds-Sundet (face is hidden) and Melissa Richardson.

## Technology Plan ready for review

SPC's Technology Plan is undergoing strategic updating, and this week, reached the stage for review by members of the administration, faculty and staff.

Ken Pereira, director of Learning Management and Student Support Systems, is project coordinator. Overseeing it for President Carl M. Kuttler Jr. is Conferlete Carney, vice president of Information Systems, Business Services, Planning and Budget.

Carney, the architect of the Technology Plan's framework, said, "This plan is imperative for an institution such as SPC and is important for our SACS preparation."

He noted that "technology changes from second to second," and added: "If you don't build a plan like this, you end up being reactive

and not proactive. A consultant we're working with says we have a substantial infra-structure and we're ahead of the curve – leading the pack.

"We want to stay there."

The project has been under way for about nine months.

"We've been looking at every facet of technology at the college," Pereira said. "Each technology team has looked at where we are right now and at what's coming from vendors over the horizon the next three or four years, and we're making some recommendations as to how SPC can position itself to take advantage of emerging technologies."

He cited Apple Computer's recent selection of SPC to be an iTunes U and said this is an example of "the

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### Quoteworthy



"Ability is what you're capable of doing; motivation determines what you do; attitude determines how well you do it."

—Lou Holtz



**Submitted by  
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# Volleyball team (16-1, 7-0) beats South Fla.; now No. 8 in nation

Still on a tear, SPC's volleyball team beat South Florida Community College 3-0 in a Suncoast Conference match Tuesday to move their record to 16-1 and 7-0.

The Titans moved into the No. 8 position nationally following last week's 3-2 win over Pasco-Hernando CC, which was ranked No. 8 at the

time (SPC was No. 11). PHCC now has moved to No. 11.

Last week also saw SPC beat Polk CC 3-0 in conference play. The Titans' Regiane Silva was named Player of the Week by the Florida Community College Activities Association.

The sophomore outside hitter, a native of Brazil, averaged 3.1 kills per

game. She also led the state in service aces per game (1.509) and was ranked sixth in the nation in that category by the National Junior College Athletic Association.

She finished last season ranked No. 2 nationally.

Spectacular at the service line, Silva leaves her feet to deliver smashing overhead serves, many unreturnable. In one game this season, she fired off 14 aces in a row. In conference games, she has served up to nine straight points.

The Titans played Hillsborough CC Thursday in a conference match (results unavailable at press time) and return to their home court Tuesday evening to take on conference foe Manatee CC.

The action gets underway at 7 in the St. Petersburg/Gibbs Campus gym. Admission is free.

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things we're taking a very strong look at – how we can use them to enhance learning and strengthen our students' experience."

He added: "In March we had a collaborative lab that included faculty members, administrators and college technologists. We looked at where we needed to be. Now, we're in the process of placing the new draft of the Technology Plan on a 'wiki' that everybody here at the college can view."

A wiki – Hawaiian for "quick" – is "basically a Web site that collects information," Pereira said. "It's an area where you can review an idea, add to it, detract, and discuss it collectively.

"We want everyone to take a look and give us additional feedback if they have any. The purpose is to engage the college family in a review and an awareness of the plan, so that we catch anything we might have missed."

He said by today you should have received an allofpc e-mail saying the plan is now ready for review and where it will be on the Web. The wiki will be there with all the technology and the various parts of the plan.

"We will consider all the input we get," he said.

Recipients have four weeks to submit their comments about the Technology Plan, Pereira said.

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Partnerships; and Conferlete Carney, vice president, Information Systems, Business Services, Planning and Budget, led information sessions during morning meetings in the Collaborative Labs at the EpiCenter.

Several SPC provosts, associate provosts and department directors took part in the group discussions.

"At SPC we know no limits," Tonjua Williams, associate provost at the Health Education Center, told one group of visitors. "There are no

roadblocks here to keep our students from succeeding."

During the afternoon, visitors toured the Seminole Campus and the University Partnership Center with Hafner.

"It was a great opportunity for us to show these graduate students our innovative partnership center, which is a national model," Hafner said. "We hope they will choose to implement our cooperative effort at the colleges they will serve."

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## **NOTICE OF MEETING** **Board of Trustees – St. Petersburg College**

The Board of Trustees of St. Petersburg College will hold a public meeting to which all persons are invited, commencing at 9 a.m. on Monday, October 16, 2006 at the St. Petersburg College Clearwater Campus, 2465 Drew St., Clearwater. The meeting will be for the limited purpose of touring and discussion regarding upcoming capital outlay projects; however, there are no rules being presented for adoption or amendment at this meeting.

A copy of the Agenda may be obtained by writing to the Board of Trustees in care of the Board Clerk, P. O. Box 13489, St. Petersburg, Florida, 33733, or calling the Board Clerk at (727) 341-3260.

Those planning to attend who have a disability and are in need of an auxiliary aid or other accommodation are requested to telephone (727) 341-3260 at least seven days before the meeting date so that their needs can be accommodated.

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## O&P seniors win all 3 scholarships offered nationally

Each year, the American Orthotic and Prosthetic Association (AOPA) and the American Academy of Orthotists and Prosthetists offer three Dan McKeever Scholarships to rising senior students in O&P programs nationally.

This year, students in SPC's College of Orthotics & Prosthetics won all three of the \$1,000 scholarships.

"We made a clean sweep," said O&P Dean Sam Phillips, recounting the awards presented last week at the annual AOPA Assembly in Hollywood. "I would like to tip my hat to these students: Christos Lemonis, Amy Mountain and Nancy Orrell."

Lemonis and Mountain are from Broward County. Orrell, who moved here from Cincinnati six years ago, is a resident of St. Pete Beach.

Among the requirements to qualify for the scholarships are: financial need, demonstrated leadership and a 3.0 minimum GPA.

"This says a lot about how the profession views the students in our program," Phillips said. "And it's a very positive sign of how the profession is accepting us – our program."

The next "award" Phillips is anticipating, is accreditation of SPC's one-year-old program from the National Commission on Orthotic and Prosthetic Education.

"Sometime this term would be my hope," he said.

## Outstanding Latino students honored



More than 180 students in grades 8-12 in Pinellas County schools were guests of the Clearwater Campus Friday night for the first Dr. Vilma Fernandez Zalupski Latino Academic Excellence Awards for 2005-06. The awards honor students with a grade-point average above 3.0. Zalupski was the first woman in Florida named a community college provost. She directed the Clearwater Campus for 16 years, before retiring in 1995. The award was begun this year to honor her and deserving Latino students in the community. More than 650 students and family members jammed the Arts Auditorium for the ceremony. Receiving his award, above, is Freddy Portillo, a junior at Clearwater High School. Making the presentation are Zalupski, center, and Anne Cooper, Clearwater Campus provost.

## Fall Job Fair Wednesday at Clearwater

SPC's Fall Job Fair is Wednesday at the Clearwater Campus, co-sponsored by WorkNet Pinellas.

The Career Development Center on campus will present the outdoor event from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the Quad. The public is invited.

Nearly 30 employers will promote current employment opportunities including Radio Shack, the U.S. Navy, Franklin Templeton Investments, ValPak, Kane's Furniture, SCC Soft Computer, BIC Graphics, AmeriCorps, Nielsen Media Research, Dunstone Financial and the Florida Department of Children and Families.

Positions offered include full- and part-time, and range from entry level to those needing leadership experience.

## Cancer awareness seminar Oct. 17

Because October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, the college will host two prominent Tampa Bay physicians who will address a free seminar Oct. 17 at the St. Petersburg/Gibbs Campus.

Dr. Jeffrey Paonessa, a leading bay area oncologist, and Dr. Robert Rehnke, a board-certified plastic surgeon, will discuss current information on breast cancer and reconstructive surgery – including risk factors, prevention and treatment options – plus answer questions from the audience.

Both practice in St. Petersburg. They will speak at 1 p.m. in Room 114 in the Social Arts building. The public is invited.

## Grievance committees need members

SPC needs people from among the college family to serve on grievance committees. Interested employees must submit their names, which will then be placed on the ballot.

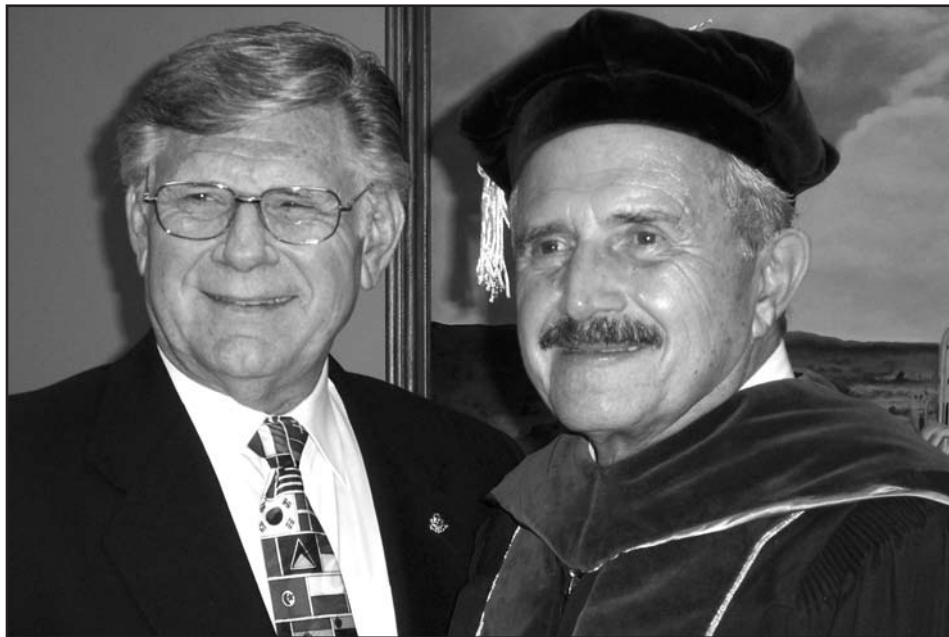
There are three separate grievance committees: 1) Administrative and Professional, 2) Career Service, and 3) Faculty.

Each committee hears formal grievances of its peer group and has five members – three of whom are elected.

The three selected members are two employees from the peer group being represented and one Administrative and Professional (A&P) employee. A fourth member is an A&P employee appointed by the president. The fifth is chosen by the first four committee members.

Anyone interested in serving has until 4 p.m. on Oct. 13 to contact Faith Beckett, Human Resources at Ext. 3083 or via e-mail at [beckett.faith@spcollege.edu](mailto:beckett.faith@spcollege.edu).

The election will be held after the names are compiled for the ballots.



### A presidential meeting

SPC President Carl M. Kuttler Jr. received an honorary doctorate Sept. 21 in Guatemala City from Universidad de Galileo President Eduardo Suger. Kuttler led an SPC delegation to Guatemala consisting of SPC Trustee Dick Johnston; Jim Olliver, provost, Seminole Campus; J.C. Brock, campus executive officer, Allstate Center; Joe Leopold, president, Faculty Senate; and SPC student leaders Dominic Sorice and Raelene Bencivenga. The university is the country's most outstanding technological school, Kuttler said. SPC has donated more than 1,000 used computers and servers to the country to be used to link law enforcement offices throughout the 22 provinces as law enforcement agents attempt to diminish gang activity.

## When should you fight a fire?

*September was National Preparedness Month.*

*Dennis Mosser, a manager in Security, Risk Management and Safety Operations, began a 10-point series in the Blue & White Sept. 15. Part 4 is published today.*

### **Fight a fire only when all of the following are true:**

1. Everyone has left or is leaving the building.
2. The fire department has been called.
3. The fire is small and confined to the immediate area where it started, such as in a wastebasket, furniture cushion, small appliance, stove, etc.
4. You can fight the fire with your back to a safe escape route. In case the fire extinguisher malfunctions or something unexpected happens, you need to be able to get out quickly.  
**REMEMBER - Always keep an exit at your back for a quick escape.**
5. Your fire extinguisher is rated for the type of fire you are fighting and is in good working order.
6. You have had training in the use of the fire extinguisher and are confident that you can operate it effectively.



### **Do not fight a fire:**

- IF** you don't know what is burning. If you don't know what is burning, i.e., chemicals or materials you don't recognize, you don't know what type of fire extinguisher to use.
- IF** the fire is spreading rapidly beyond the spot where it started. Fire extinguishers are effective only in the beginning stages of a fire. Once it begins to spread quickly, get out of the building and close the door behind you to slow the spread of fire and aid your escape.
- IF** you don't have the correct type and size of fire extinguisher.
- IF** the fire is producing large amounts of smoke that you would have to breathe. It is best to leave then.
- IF** your instincts tell you it is not safe. Remember, if you have the slightest doubt about whether or not to fight the fire, don't. Instead, get out and close the door behind you to slow the spread of the fire and let the fire department do the rest. They are trained and equipped to handle such emergencies.

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## **PRESENTATION OF RETIREMENT RESOLUTIONS**

The Board adopted retirement resolutions for Emery A. Bjerkmann, Nursing, Health Education Center; Helen L. Franqueiro-Hern, Corporate Training, EpiCenter; and Wilhelmina J. Petrillo, Natural Science, Clearwater Campus. Ms. Hern and Ms. Petrillo were in attendance and, joined by colleagues, accepted their resolutions as presented by President Kuttler and Chairman Bilirakis.

## **RECOGNITION OF AWARD**

The Board recognized an award received by the St. Petersburg Collegiate High School (SPCHS), initially presented by St. Petersburg Mayor Rick Baker and the City Council. Ms. Linda Benware, SPCHS principal, presented to the Board the Mayor's Top Apple Award, awarded to SPCHS as an "A" school, which it has been for the past two years.

## **EXPENDITURES AND CONTRACTS (exceeding \$250,000)**

Approval was given by the Board to enter into the following agreements: (1) Bedinghaus & Company, CPAs for consultant/management review services; (2) Oasis Refreshment Systems, Inc. for vending services; and (3) Time Warner Telecom Corporation for wide area networking and Internet services.

## **CAPITAL OUTLAY (Money that can be spent only on construction projects)**

The Board approved the following: (1) Annual Report of Property Declared Surplus and Disposed of in 2005-2006; (2) Disposition of Surplus or Obsolete Property, including an addendum of 12 computers; (3) Advertise for Design-Build Firms – Clearwater Campus Projects; (4) Challenge Grant Submissions for 2007-08; (5) Resolution to Terminate Facilities (Portables) at the Outdoor Firing Range and the Clearwater Campus and Amendment #11 to the Educational Plant Survey dated June 21, 2002; (6) Amendment to Contract with Canerday, Belfsky and Arroyo, Inc., Architects; (7) Civil Engineering Services for Projects Collegewide; and (8) Loan Update – Construction Projects.

## **ADOPTION OF 2006-2007 SALARY SCHEDULES**

The Board approved a pay and benefits plan for Administrative/Professional, Career and Technical staff for 2006-07 that included salary increases and continued health and life insurance benefits, as well as pools of money for salary schedule adjustments for some positions and allocation of discretionary increases upon supervisor recommendation. (*Refer to the Sept. 22, 2006 Blue & White for further details.*)

## **CHANGES TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES' RULES**

The Board approved the following changes to the Rules and Procedures Manual: (1) Rule 6Hx23-4.01 Students, Admission, Programs, and Activities – General. This updates the rule by improving and implementing uniform procedures for admission; (2) Rule 6Hx23-4.02 Admission Requirements. This updates: (a) the ability to benefit regulations, (b) the listing of credit transfer guides

from which the College will accept credit, (c) information on converting transfer credits from quarter hours to semester hours, and (d) international student A.A. degree requirements; (3) Rule 6Hx23-4.15 Academic Average and Repeated Courses. This adds the "WF" grade, which will be used to indicate a failing grade for students who violate the instructor's attendance policy after the voluntary withdrawal date or at any time during the third attempt in a course, and clarifies that an incomplete grade may be granted on the third attempt; (4) Rule 6Hx23-4.20 Grading System. This adds the "WF" grade, which will be used to indicate a failing grade for students who violate the instructor's attendance policy after the voluntary withdrawal date or at any time during the third attempt in a course; (5) Rule 6Hx23-5.03 Petty Cash Funds. This updates the rule to allow petty cash funds to be available on each campus to meet the demand for reimbursement, yet meet the timely demand for reconciliation as well; (6) Rule 6Hx23-5.17 Student Fees. This deletes the late registration/reinstatement fee, which is no longer applicable, and adds a fee for the computer-adapted CLAST Test program; (7) Rule 6Hx23-5.171 Miscellaneous Charges. This updates the rule to grant the College authority to charge the student collection fees when applicable; and (8) Rule 6Hx23-5.27 Collection of Financial Obligations and Delinquent Accounts. This updates the rule to grant the College authority to charge the student collection fees when applicable. (*Rule 6Hx23-4.461, Student Affairs: Academic Honesty Policies; was withdrawn from consideration.*)

## **CREDIT CURRICULUM CHANGES**

**EFFECTIVE SESSION I, 2006-2007:** The Board approved changes in the following course: COP 1826 Web Graphics Design I.

## **GRANTS/RESTRICTED FUNDS CONTRACTS**

The Board authorized applications for and acceptance of grant funding (if awarded) from: (1) Florida Education Fund for Higher Education – Center of Excellence; (2) Mathematical Sciences Research Institute – Math Circle Mini-Grant Program; (3) Pinellas County Emergency Medical Services Authority – Continuing Medical Education Program; (4) U.S. Department of Education – Alternative Certification for Teachers, Paraprofessional Transition to Teaching Program, as a sub-contract with the School District of Hillsborough County (SDHC); (5) U.S. Department of Education – Student Support Services Program; and (6) U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration – Community-Based Job Training Grants.

## **RED RIBBON WEEK CELEBRATION**

The Board endorsed the week of October 21-29, 2006 as *Red Ribbon Week*, recognizing SPC as an institutional participant in the National Red Ribbon Campaign for a Drug-Free America. This campaign raises the awareness of communities throughout America about the dangers of substance abuse and makes its goal to totally eliminate such abuse from these communities. SPC participates in a community program coordinated through the leadership of PAR, Inc.