

## Ramsay staying on as search continues for new TS provost

Because of a delay in the hiring of a provost for the Tarpon Springs Campus, Bob Ramsay, current provost, has agreed to remain for a couple of extra months.

He was to retire this month.

President Carl M. Kuttler Jr. expressed gratitude to Ramsay for his willingness to postpone leaving while the college works through some critical administrative adjustments.

Meanwhile, Carol Copenhaver, senior vice president of E&SS, continues to recover from the recent illness that has put her out of commission for 4-6 weeks. She is now at home following a two-week stay at Largo Medical Center Hospital.



## Making an impact

Thirty-four graduates of the College of Education's IMPACT (Institute for Meaningful Post-Baccalaureate Alternative Certification for Teachers) program received their certificates of completion July 21 in a ceremony on the Tarpon Springs Campus. Above, from left, are SPC President Carl M. Kuttler Jr.; Catherine Kennedy, director of Curriculum and Student Success for the College of Education; and her brother, Florida Attorney General Charlie Crist, who was the keynote speaker. All three participated in the ceremony. IMPACT is for those who already have a bachelor's degree but lack the credentials necessary to teach in Florida. This was the program's first graduating class. There are 50 additional students currently in the pipeline.

## For Aetna members, a Sonicare offer

You can purchase a Sonicare Essence 5300 power toothbrush at a purported substantial savings, through Aetna Insurance (SPC's health insurer).

The Sonicare is available, until Aug. 15, for \$57.50 plus shipping and handling. It "removes more plaque than a manual toothbrush" and "will give you better dental check-ups — guaranteed!" according to the manufacturer, Philips Oral Healthcare.

The offer is limited to four units per household. Call 1 (866) 310-3080 or order online at [www.BrushWithAetna.com](http://www.BrushWithAetna.com).

When ordering online, use this "special code": SONICARE.

## As old library falls, plans set for new Student Services site

More than 50 years of college history met demolition last week with the razing of the Michael M. Bennett Library on the St. Petersburg/Gibbs Campus.

But the site won't stay vacant long. Campus Provost Charlie Roberts said construction is to begin in January or February on a new Student Services building.

**Library photo, Page 2** Its tenants will include SPC's A-rated charter school,

St. Petersburg Collegiate High School; Student Support Services, Student Activities, a new bookstore, an international student center, and campus security offices.

"The new building will occupy a smaller footprint than the old one — it will be two stories — which

will leave room for more parking," Roberts said.

"The building will face the Quad, and will connect via a covered walkway to the food services on the corner of the new library next door."

Susan Reiter, director of Facilities Planning and Institutional Services, said the building is being constructed to accommodate a third story, possibly even a fourth, later on.

The old library was built in 1955 and, with add-ons, had almost tripled in size by 1960. Along with all the college's other campus libraries, it was named for late President Michael M. Bennett after he retired in 1978.

Just north of the construction site is the much larger West St. Petersburg Community Library. A joint college/city venture, it opened May 15, 2005.



## Old SP/G library razed

The former Michael M. Bennett Library on the St. Petersburg/Gibbs Campus was demolished last week. By Monday, only one wall remained standing. The site will be home to a new, multipurpose Student Services building.



## Fall Faculty meeting Aug. 17 at Harborview Center

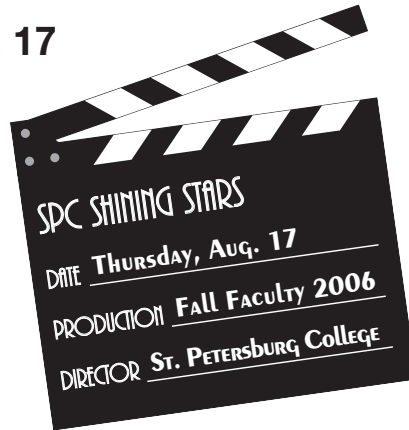
Get ready for your closeup! "SPC's Shining Stars" is the theme for this year's Fall Faculty program, Thursday, Aug. 17 at Clearwater's downtown Harborview Center.

College instructional personnel and administrators will gather at 8 a.m. to register and enjoy a breakfast buffet. The program will start at 9:15 a.m. with a welcome from Caruth Health Education Center Provost Sandra Pepicello.

After a Faculty Governance report from Joe Leopold, president of the Faculty Senate, there will be a presentation on the Quality Enhancement Program by Carol Copenhagen, senior vice president for Educational and Student Services.

Leopold then will introduce new faculty, administrative staff and doctoral recipients.

After a break, Sharon Williams, director, Title III, will introduce the keynote speaker, President Carl M. Kuttler Jr. Pepicello will deliver closing remarks following the president's address.



Attendance by faculty and Administrative & Professional staff is required at this event, the first of the new academic year. Individual invitations soon will go out from provost's offices. Dress is business or Hollywood high fashion.

Parking is limited at the Harborview Center, 300 Cleveland St., so carpooling or bus transportation is highly recommended. Buses will leave from five college locations starting as early as 7:30 a.m., and reservations are required.

Reservation deadline is 5 p.m. Aug. 11.



## Employment Opportunities

For job openings at the college, visit the Human Resources Web site at <http://www.spcollege.edu/central/hr/>.

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### Bus departure times, pickup areas and site contacts:

- **Caruth Health Education Center**, 7:45 a.m., front of main building; Vivian O'Dell, Ext. 4656.
- **Clearwater Campus**, 8 a.m., south side of Language Arts building; Marilyn Lovely, Ext. 2670.
- **St. Petersburg/Gibbs Campus**, 7:30 a.m., Natural Science parking lot; Vivian O'Dell, Ext. 4656.
- **Seminole Campus**, 8 a.m., main parking lot; Lynne Wolf, Ext. 6111.
- **Tarpon Springs Campus**, 7:30 a.m., Olympia Building parking lot; Karen Nadeau, Ext. 5702, or Alex Stubos, Ext. 5865.

## **Per diem, meal rates, mileage rate all go up**

Reimbursement rates to state employees for per diem, mileage and meal allowances increased effective July 1, thanks to action by the 2006 Florida Legislature.

SPC's Board of Trustees has approved a 2006-07 budget that contains allowances for the higher rates.

"This is, of course, wonderful news for the college family," said Theresa Furnas, associate vice president of Financial and Business Services, "especially considering the escalating price of gasoline."

The increases were the first of their kind from Tallahassee in 11 years.

Florida's mileage rate went from a reimbursement of 29 cents per mile to 44.5. It was last raised — from 25 cents to 29 — in 1995.

The state per diem rate rose to \$80 per day, up from \$50. The new rates for meals now are \$6 for breakfast (up from \$3), \$11 for lunch (up from \$6) and \$19 for dinner (up from \$12). Purchasing Director Dotson Hunt said the old per diem and meal rates actually extend back to at least 1970.

Furnas said SPC travel that occurred within the 2005-06 budget year, which ended June 30, will be reimbursed at the old rates.

Tying in with the changes, she said, "The Financial and Business Services departments have been working diligently to provide a Web site to better assist you with the varied policies, procedures and forms you need to operate efficiently and effectively."

The Web site replaces the long-obsolete Business Services Procedures and Forms manual, Furnas said, and contains "a variety of new and very useful information."

To visit the Financial and Business Services Web site, go to [http://www.spcollege.edu/central/Business\\_Services](http://www.spcollege.edu/central/Business_Services).



**Arthur Dominguez, Host representative, marks off an area to test at the custodians' meeting at Seminole Campus.**

## **Awards, retirements, a heck of a carpet cleaning: Custodians had a full agenda**

Nearly 70 members of SPC's custodial staff gathered recently at Seminole Campus for the awarding of certificates, observance of retirements and an impressive demonstration of carpet cleaning.

Sixteen staff members received their Professional School Custodian

certificates for completing 61 hours of courses and then passing the tests:

Maria Cervera, Victor Cervera, Thon Dang, Jose Lopez, John Mollitor, Hanh Pham and Debbie Radcliff; also

Knezevic Radomir, Iris Ramos, Todd Rickel, Carlos Rodriguez, Lun Doan Soumpholphackdy, Javvonne Suber, Andrew Szymanski, Jeanne Trimble and Samuel Williams.

Recognized for their service to SPC were retirees Vuong Van Nguyen (10 years), George Cooney (12 years) and Leroy Cowart (31 years).

Along with Susan Reiter, director of Facilities Planning and Institutional Services; Dave Boehm,

director of Facilities Services; Angelo Rivera, supervisor of Custodial Services; and the individual sites' custodial leaders, the custodians watched as a Host Company representative tackled a tough piece of carpet using the Host Carpet Cleaner the college has purchased.

The demonstration was in the program room of the campus library, where soft drinks and popcorn have accompanied twice-a-week movie showings for some time.

"The carpet had spots on it that we could not get out with the truck-mount hot water extraction method," Boehm said.

The test, which took only a few minutes, resulted in a carpet that was clean, dry and ready for immediate use.

Boehm is hopeful the new method will spell an end to rug areas that have proven difficult or impossible to clean.

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## **Brown new institutional test administrator**

The college's new institutional test administrator is Lolita Brown.

A counselor on the St. Petersburg/Gibbs Campus, she succeeds Jim Cashon, who held the job until his retirement in June. She will continue

as a counselor at SP/G while serving in her new post.

Earlier, she was the Clearwater Campus testing coordinator for 10 years. She has been with the college since 1989.



# Deadline extended to Sept. 30 to apply for Silverberg Grant

The deadline for applications for the 2006-07 Silverberg Grant has been extended to Sept. 30. Proposals are invited from faculty and staff in regular (non-acting) budgeted positions in any area of SPC. Grants are for up to \$5,000.

Submissions should be forwarded to the applicant's campus provost for review and signed approval, then sent to Executive Director Janice Buchanan of the SPC Foundation at the EpiCenter by Sept. 30. Particularly sought are those ideas that will engage persons in creative endeavors and activities.

Proposals will be considered by the Silverberg family, and it is expected that the 2006-2007 award will be announced Oct. 15.

## **When submitting proposals, include:**

- Campus and department submitting proposal.
- Name(s) and campus address(es) of proposal originator(s).
- A brief description of the proposal, including goals and objectives, costs involved, project timeline, method of evaluation, and statement of purpose and need.

## **Silverberg Award Winners, 1983-2005**

The Silverberg Endowment for Academic Excellence is a fund established by St. Petersburg's Silverberg family for the purpose of "developing, supporting or enriching various academic programs and other projects at SPC."

- 2005 - Nadia Yevstigneyeva**, Assistant Director, Honors College, and **Roxana Levin**, Foreign Languages Honors Faculty, Clearwater Campus (CL), for "Silverberg International Film Festival Week: Celebration of International Cultures and Languages Through World Cinema."
- 2004 - Karen Sidwell and Gregory L. Byrd**, Letters, CL, for "Creative Writing Camp - Summer 2005." A special feature of the camp: guest lectures by published poets and authors.
- 2003 - Carol Weideman**, Mathematics, CL, for "Math Is Power Experience," a program designed (with help from Math Instructors **Joel Mercer** and **Suzie Pickle**) to motivate middle-school students toward a greater appreciation of math, hopefully resulting in their taking a four-year math sequence in high school.
- 2002 - Mary Gaier**, Communications, CL, for "The Silverberg Coffee Talk Series," to offer opportunities on all campuses for students, faculty and staff to meet with published writers.
- 2001 - Ben R. Wiley**, Communications Instructor, CL, for his proposal to provide SPC students with scholarship opportunities to study abroad for a four-week period at Cambridge University.
- 2000 - Barbara Bird and Karen Miller**, Communications Instructors, CL, for their plan to incorporate film, videos and live theater into the teaching of basic composition.
- 1999 - Sharon Swallowood**, Reading Instructor, CL, for summer institute attendance; **Beth Goodbread** and **Maile Lyons**, Department of Natural Science, Tarpon Springs Campus (TS), for teaching and laboratory equipment, field equipment.
- 1998 - Craig Joseph**, Natural Science, St. Petersburg/Gibbs Campus (SP/G), for development of the College's solar observatory.
- 1997 - Patricia Chauvin**, Humanities/Fine Arts, SP/G, for her proposed telecourse in East-West Synthesis of Humanities
- 1996 - Jen Day Shaw**, Educational and Student Services, for "Choices: Career Institute for Young Women"
- 1995 - Barbara Glowaski and Sammie Elser**, Interpreter Training Program, CL, for sign language interpreter-training video material.
- 1994 - John Chapin**, Natural Science, TS, for interactive computer software from Human Anatomy/Physiology labs.
- 1993 - David Manson**, Humanities/Fine Arts, SP/G, for Musical Instrument Digital Interface.
- 1992 - Max Barber**, Development, for video production for Project Flamingo (collegewide computerization project).
- 1991 - Vilma Zalupski**, CL Provost, for Summer of Success.
- 1990 - Wilhemina Petrillo**, Natural Science, CL, for high-resolution TV camera and attachments.
- 1989 - Vilma Zalupski**, CL Provost, for Summer of Success.
- 1988 - Theresa Goss**, Library, SP/G, for IBM computer.
- 1987 - Martha Adkins**, Project Success, SP/G, for Summer of Success.
- 1986 - Thomas J. King**, Natural Science, SP/G, for Celestron II telescope.
- 1985 - Gail Janssen**, Counseling, Caruth Health Education Center (HEC), for establishment of a career information/education center.
- 1984 - For HEC** equipment.
- 1983 - Frances Eckland**, HEC, for purchase of video; **W.J. Ardifff**, Physical Therapist Assistant Program, SP/G, for purchase of PTA machine; and to SPC for oil portraits of past SPC presidents.

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## **PRESENTATION OF RETIREMENT RESOLUTIONS**

The Board adopted retirement resolutions for James R. Cashion, Course & Curriculum, EpiCenter; George Cooney, Jr., Facilities Services, St. Petersburg/Gibbs Campus; LeRoy Cowart, Facilities Services, Clearwater Campus; Sonja H. Hensler, Mathematics, St. Petersburg/Gibbs Campus; Dennis L. Hill, Facilities Services, Tarpon Springs; Vuong V. Nguyen, Facilities Services, St. Petersburg/Gibbs Campus; and Nancy L. Potts, Nursing, Health Education Center. Mr. Cooney, Mr. Hill and Ms. Potts were present and, joined by colleagues, received their resolutions as presented by Chairman Keene and Dr. Vittetoe.

## **WORKSHOP ON HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS**

The Board held a Hurricane Preparedness Workshop with the following presenters: Ms. Susan Reiter, Director of Facilities Planning & Institutional Services; Mr. Willie Felton, Acting Vice President of Educational & Student Services; Dr. Marty Clay, Vice President of Educational & Student Services; Mr. Doug Duncan, Director of Human Resources; Mr. Conferlete Carney, Vice President of Information Systems, Business Services, Planning & Budgeting; and Mr. Charlie Crowther, Fire Science Instructor, Allstate Center. Draft processes discussed under the Plan for Continuity of Operations were: Academic Plan, Personnel Disaster Planning, Information Systems, Facilities, Communications and Budget.

## **BIDS, EXPENDITURES AND CONTRACTS (through Purchasing)**

The Board accepted, as information only, the quarterly report of exempt and other purchases not exceeding \$250,000 each. The Board approved rescission of its previous approval to contract with Gevity for leasing One-Stop Program employees and approved continuing with the existing contract with Crum Services.

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

The Board accepted, as information only, the quarterly report of contracts and other items in individual amounts not exceeding \$250,000. The Board approved entering into a continuing arrangement with Lexis/Nexis to allow Paralegal Studies students to purchase their own Lexis passwords each semester for a set fee.

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

The Board accepted an informational report on construction contract approvals not exceeding \$250,000. The Board approved the following: (1) Certificate of Final Inspection and Release of Final Payment for the re-roofing of Annex 3, EpiCenter; (2) Termination of the outdoor firing range agreement with Pinellas

County; (3) Draft CIP for FY 2007-2008 through 2011-2012; and (4) Bond Resolution for Student Capital Improvement Fees.

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

The Board approved the following changes to the Rules and Procedures Manual: (1) Rule 6Hx23-4.20 Grading System. This change adds courses in the College of Education's IMPACT Program that may be graded on a Pass/Fail basis; and (2) Rule 6Hx23-5.17 Student Fees. This change deletes fees for College of Education courses no longer applicable and reduces fees for certain courses. It also establishes guidelines for determining costs associated with lab fees.

## **CREDIT CURRICULUM CHANGES**

### **EFFECTIVE SESSION I, 2006-2007:**

The Board approved **addition** of the following courses: BTE 4940 Internship: Business Technology Education 6-12, EVT 4940 Internship: Technology Education 6-12, PHI 2611 Ethics for Educators. The Board approved **changes** in the following courses: CGS 1178 Web Scripting with CGI/Perl and Javascript, EDE 4940 Internship: Elementary Education, EEX 4940 Internship: Exceptional Student Education, MAE 4940 Internship: Secondary Mathematics Education 6-12, MUG 2101 Elements of Conducting, MUT 1001 Fundamentals of Music, MVK 1125 Popular Piano Techniques, SSE 4940 Internship: Secondary Science Education 6-12. The Board approved **changes** in the following programs: BS Degrees: Business Technology Education (BTEED), Technology Education (TECED).

## **GRANTS/RESTRICTED FUNDS CONTRACTS**

The Board authorized applications for and acceptance of grant funding (if awarded) from the Florida Department of Education, Division of Community Colleges & Workforce Education, for the SUCCEED Florida – Jobs for Florida's Future solicitation (Year 2 Continuation).

## **ANNUAL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING**

The annual organizational meeting took place, with the election of Mrs. Evelyn M. Bilirakis as chairman and Mr. W. Richard Johnston as vice chairman for FY 2006/2007. The Board further voted to continue holding its regular meetings on the third Tuesday of each month at 8:30 a.m. in the EpiCenter District Office Conference Room, unless otherwise agreed upon. Alternate meeting dates were scheduled for a week later in the case of inclement weather necessitating emergency closing of the College. All meeting dates/times/locations are subject to change upon Board vote.

## **SEPTEMBER BOARD RESCHEDULED**

The Board agreed to reschedule its Tuesday, Sept. 19 Board meeting to Monday, Sept. 18, 2006, due to a schedule conflict.