

## After 8 years in communist prison, he's thankful he found his way here

*As Thanksgiving approaches, we all have a lot to be thankful for. College custodian Nguyen Long is thankful to be alive, and employed at the college. His story is a reminder of how formidable the road sometimes can become.*

Nguyen Long was a 22-year-old student at the University of South Vietnam in 1962 when his country called. Communists in the northern part of the country were attacking the non-communist south, and men were needed to join the South Vietnamese military.

"They said they needed more soldiers," Long said. "I volunteered."

Now, Nguyen Long is a 67-year-old custodian at SPC, taking care of the EpiCenter and EpiServices buildings. But the road here was a long and difficult one that included a decade of military service and eight years in a jungle prison.

After volunteering, Long was able to finish his math and science studies. He was the right height and weight, his eyesight was excellent, and he was in good physical shape, assets that led him to the South Vietnamese Air Force. He found himself at Nha-Trang Air Base. He was there about three months.



**Nguyen Long in 2007.**



**The Republic of Vietnam flag: yellow field with three red stripes.**



**Maj. Nguyen Long in 1970.**

Texas to learn to fly a T-28 airplane." He studied hard during his three months at Lackland. He went through ground training, and he also learned English. Then he was moved to Pensacola Air Force Base for more training.

"There were many Vietnamese there at that time, and also many Iranians," Long said. "We were in the U.S. almost one

"They let me shoot the gun, rifle, pistol. They cut off my hair. It was basic military training. I was not yet an officer. Late in 1962 they chose me for flight training, and I went to Lackland Air Force Base in

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**"They said they needed more soldiers. I volunteered."**  
 — Nguyen Long

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## Seminole Campus custodian Angel Rodriguez dead at 64

Angel F. Rodriguez, a custodian at the Seminole Campus and a friend to many people there, died Wednesday (Nov. 7) while at work. He was 64.



**Angel F. Rodriguez**

Mr. Rodriguez was a native of Cuba who came to this country in 1963. He worked for many years as a painting contractor, operating Angelo's Painting. He had worked for the college for four years.

"He was the sunshine in a lot of people's day on the Seminole Campus," Seminole Provost Jim Olliver said. "When I sent out the news of his passing, I was overwhelmed by people across the campus. You couldn't be in a bad mood around him. If you were, he would change that."

For many people on the Seminole Campus, it felt like the loss of a family member, Olliver said.

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**Because of the Thanksgiving holiday, there will be no Blue & White next week. The next edition will be published Nov. 30.**





### **Learning about baccalaureate programs**

Djuan Fox, left, coordinator of New Baccalaureate Programs and University Partnerships, answers the questions of Sean Thompson at the Baccalaureate Expo Nov. 8 at the EpiCenter. Thompson applied and registered for the International Business degree. Tracy Garrett, marketing coordinator, Baccalaureate Programs, said 150 prospective students stopped by during the day. Of those, 53 filled out applications. "We were very pleased with the outcome," Garrett said.

## **Tough weekend for basketball teams**

The men's and women's basketball teams headed in different directions last weekend, but the result was the same – two losses for each team.

The men went south and lost to Broward Community College (102-72) and Palm Beach CC (86-75). The losses left the men at 1-2 with the next home game Saturday at 4 p.m. against Miami Dade College.

The women traveled north for the North Florida CC Classic and lost to Darton (Ga.) College (78-56) and to South Georgia Technical College (67-57).

Before heading north, the women defeated Clearwater Christian College (60-35). They are now 1-3 on the season.

Their next home game is Tuesday against Webber University at 6 p.m.

All home games are played at the SP/G gym, 6605 Fifth Ave. N.

Several members of the volleyball team have recently been honored for their efforts leading the Titans to a 16-9 Suncoast Conference record.

Outside hitter Zuzana Cizova was named to the all-state team. She also was all-region, all-conference and on the first team at the state tournament. Sarah West also was first team all-conference. On the second team were: Kelli Johnson, Hanicka Hana Jerabkova, Heloisa dos Santos and Lorena Gomez Salgueiro.

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"He danced while he cleaned," Olliver said. "He loved SPC, and he loved the Seminole Campus. There were a lot of tears here from faculty and students, and we are still dealing with it. He was one of those people — everyone knew and loved him."

Olliver said an oak tree with a memorial plaque will be placed on campus in December in Mr. Rodriguez' memory.

A service was Sunday at R. Lee Williams Funeral Home in St. Petersburg. Interment was Monday at Memorial Park Cemetery.

## **Onward & Upward**

**Lisa McDonnell**, Social Science, SE, received her Ph.D. recently in Teaching and Teacher Education with a minor in Mathematics from the University of Arizona.

**Tony Smith**, Communications, SE, received his Ph.D. in Leadership and Education from Barry University.

**Kevin Grass**, Fine Arts, CL, presented "Inspiration in Art" Nov. 2 for the Friends of the Tarpon Springs Library at the Tarpon Springs Yacht Club. Grass also is exhibiting his landscape painting "Pool with Egrets" and his photorealistic painting "Sponge Docks" in the Dunedin Fine Art Center's holiday exhibition, "Ever Present", which runs through Dec. 24.

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## Wellness update

by Cathleen Shears

### Managing stress at work

What is stress?

Stress is your reaction to a stressor — a person, place, thing, idea or concept that causes the stress response in your body. The stress response is physical in nature and is sometimes referred to as the "fight-or-flight" response. This is when your heart rate quickens, your blood pressure rises, your muscles tighten and your body prepares to escape physical danger.

This reaction is protective and helps you quickly react and escape from a stressor such as a growling dog or to avoid a speeding car. But, a chronic stressor that you can't see and easily resolve — such as feeling overwhelmed balancing work and home obligations — can cause illness due to the relentless release of stress hormones that have a negative impact on your heart and overall health. Chronic stress can lead to physical symptoms such as headaches, muscle pain, indigestion and insomnia.

Here are some strategies for managing work-place stress:

- Identify work stressors.
- Come up with solutions to minimize work stressors once identified.
- Sharpen your communication skills to resolve conflicts.
- Get organized.
- Plan ahead and learn to manage your time well.
- Know your priorities each day.
- Simplify.
- Be positive. Recognize your negative self talk.
- Develop healthy habits, such as bringing in fruit for an afternoon snack and taking a stretch break.
- Find a support system.

The SPC Employee Assistance Program (EAP) offered through Aetna is for employees and household family members — even if you are not enrolled in the Aetna health plan. To get assistance, at no cost to you, go to [www.AetnaEAP.com](http://www.AetnaEAP.com), select Aetna EAP, and then log on with your company ID code: SPCOLLEG, or call 1-888-238-6232.

The EAP benefit offers confidential face-to-face counseling for stress, family/parenting issues, anxiety, depression and marital/relationship issues. EAP also offers legal and financial services. EAP offers you support when you need it the most.



### College honors veterans

Jennifer Greenough sings the National Anthem during a ceremony honoring veterans Monday at the Clearwater Campus. Greenough is a student at the campus and works in the Learning Support Center. The huge flag in the background was presented with the help of the Clearwater Fire Department. All college sites had ceremonies to show their support for veterans.

### For sale: condo in Clearwater

The SPC Foundation has received a condominium through an estate and is selling it for \$89,000. Proceeds will go into a scholarship fund.

The 980-square-foot condo is in Normandy Park South in Clearwater, which is a 55 and over community. It has two bedrooms and two baths. Furniture and appliances are included. It was built in 1971.

Contact Donna Shea at REMAX (727) 744-5783.



### Regional Ethics Bowl Saturday

The Southeast Regional Intercollegiate Ethics Bowl competition is Saturday at the EpiCenter at St. Petersburg College. Registration starts at 7 a.m., and actual rounds begin at 9 a.m. The event runs through 5 p.m.

The competition will

include 20 teams from colleges and universities across the Southeast. Top finishers will earn the right to compete in the national Ethics Bowl competition in San Antonio, Texas in February.

The event is free and open to the public.

## Enroll now for Flexible Spending Accounts

It's time to sign up for saving money: Flexible Spending Accounts (FSA) enrollment time is here.

When you open a Flexible Spending Account, you set aside money in 24 of your 26 yearly paychecks, which may be used for any medical expense, as well as for covered dependent care and adoption expenses. Because the money is set aside before taxes, you reduce your taxable income.

The amount you designate will be deducted from 24 paychecks during 2008.

Examples of reimbursable expenses include:

- Medical and prescription co-pays.
- Numerous over-the-counter medications and pharmacy items.
- Child dependent care.
- Adult dependent care.
- Adoption expenses.

For more information, go to the Human Resources Web site and click on "exflexplan" at the bottom of the page, under the heading, "Flexible Spending Account," or go to: <http://www.ezflexplan.com/cbs/home.asp>. Focus on the "employee" portion of the Web site.

When figuring your deductions, just make sure your bi-weekly amount is an even amount, (no repeating decimals, please). For a list of qualifying expenses, please refer to Custom Benefit Services' easy-to-use Web site, <http://www.ezflexplan.com/cbs/home.asp>.

How to sign up:

1. Complete the form included in this issue of the *Blue & White*, or call Cynthia McLeod at Ext. 3096.
2. Send the form to Anh Nunag in Human Resources.

NOTE: The deadline is Monday, Dec. 3.



### Experience SPC

About 70 people visited the Seminole Campus on Monday as part of Experience SPC. David and Susan McPhee, left, accompanied their daughter Sarah, 16, to see what the campus has to offer. They talked with Nadia Yevstigneyeva, assistant director of SPC's Honors College, seated, and Honors College student Hayato Urata, seated next to Yevstigneyeva. Experience SPC took place on the St. Petersburg/Gibbs, Tarpon Springs and Clearwater campuses later in the week.



### Iraq/Algeria: delegation

A delegation of educators from Iraq and Algeria visited SPC Tuesday to confer on a number of issues, including standards and evaluations of professors, faculty recruitment and interaction between professors and university managers. Back row, from left: Mohammed Smadi, interpreter; Emir Kassam Daoudi, director of Human Resources for the Ministry of Higher Education, Algeria; Ali al-Wadi, head of the department of Public Law at the University of Basrah, Iraq; SPC President Carl M. Kuttler Jr.; Salwan R. Anjo, head of the Law Department, University of Dohuk, Iraq; and Karen Kaufman White, SPC's special assistant to the president. Front row, same order: George Thomas, interpreter; Kay Burniston, SPC's associate vice president of Baccalaureate Programs and University Partnerships; Susan Demers, program director of Paralegal – Legal Assisting; and Doug Duncan, SPC's director of Human Resources.

year. I went back to my country with wings, and First Lieutenant bars.”

Back in South Vietnam, Long was assigned to Pleiku Air Force Base in the mountains north of Saigon. He flew an AD6 Skyraider, a prop-driven single-seat attack aircraft that first saw service by the American military in 1946. He flew missions for several years, accumulating about 3,000 hours in the air.

In the early and mid-60s, Long said, the war was fairly calm compared to what came later.

“The communists would wait for a convoy, and then they would attack,” he said. “When they attacked, we would drop bombs.

Dropping bombs was very exciting.”

In 1968 Long returned to Saigon and married. He was assigned to Tactical Air Command Control in Saigon, working side-by-side in planning and overseeing aircraft flights and attacks.

“I worked in a big headquarters, with lots of Americans,” he said. “When you reach 3,000 hours, you can stay in the office. I was promoted to captain.”

But by the late 1960s, the war had heated up and the communists were becoming more aggressive, moving south and into Thailand and Laos. Long continued to work at Tactical Air Command Control, and in 1972 he was

promoted again, this time to Major.

On April 30, 1975, the North Vietnamese entered Saigon, and the war was over.

“I am unlucky,” Long said. “Some (pilots) took airplanes and flew to Bangkok, and they moved to America

right away. When I got to Ton Sun Nhut Air Base, there were no more airplanes. The planes that were there won’t fly anymore. So I just stayed with my family.”

The North Vietnamese put the word out that former South Vietnamese military people could come forward and then go back home after 15 days of studying communist policies, Long said. But that’s not how things transpired.

“They tell a lie,” Long said. “When I came, they blocked us inside and wouldn’t let us go home. About 1 a.m. they took all of us down to a pier on the river, put us in the hold of a big boat, and took us north to Haiphong.”

From there, the prisoners were driven by truck to a heavily forested

area just south of the Chinese border. There was little to eat, and no shelter; they were told they would have to build their own. The men cut trees, fashioned primitive buildings, and slept on bamboo mats. Hundreds of people slept in a single long building.

Long didn’t know where he was. He said the guards told the prisoners they were not prisoners at all, but volunteers at a re-education camp. But



**Nguyen Long with his wife Hoa-le.**

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**— Nguyen Long**



**Two weeks after his release from the communist camp, Nguyen Long posed proudly with his wife, Hoa-le and their daughters, from left, Diem-Trang-Nguyen, Diem-Trinh-Nguyen and Diem-Van-Nguyen.**

no education ever took place.

There was little in the way of medical care, and food consisted mostly of small quantities of rice. The men would stay in one jungle camp for about a month, and then be moved somewhere else.

Things got much worse in 1980 when Vietnam went to war against China. The prisoners, who had been under the control of the military, were transferred to civilian prisons.

“Now the police had us,” Long said. “Very much worse.”

One good thing was that late in 1980 Long was moved to a prison in the south of the country, not far from Saigon. His family could finally visit him, and his wife could bring him gifts of food.

What Long didn’t know was that American government officials in Bangkok were having discussions with North Vietnamese officials about the release of some of the prisoners. Eventually, some of the political prisoners were released before normal relations were restored between Vietnam and the U.S.

In 1984, after more than eight years in prison, Long was suddenly released on a Sunday morning, along with a number of others.

“They gave me back the clothes I had worn when I went to prison, and they gave me a small amount of money,” he said. “When we all got outside, we stopped a bus. The driver and the passengers asked us if we were South Vietnamese soldiers.

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When we said we were, they told us to get on, and they wouldn't accept any money from us. The women on board gave us food.

"When the bus got to Saigon, they wouldn't let the bus come into the city, so I approached a cyclo driver and asked him to drive me home. When we got to my home, people went inside to tell my wife, but she didn't believe them and she stayed inside. The cyclo driver refused any payment from me. They all said 'we love you, you sacrificed everything, and we don't take your money.'

"When I go home to my wife and daughter, I never cried. I feel emotion inside only. I took a shower. My father came to see me, and my brother."

Long lived at his Saigon home from 1984 until 1990 with his wife and daughters. At some point, he decided to flee to the U.S. He and his family went first to Thailand, and then on to New York. He got a green card, and then with the help of a

friend, moved to Virginia, where he studied heating and air conditioning. In 2005, he moved to Pinellas County with his wife and youngest daughter.

His oldest daughter lives in California. His middle daughter, a nurse, remains in Virginia. His youngest daughter has management and accounting degrees and works for a company in Pinellas County.

Long retired in 2005 from Hilton Hotels, but he missed working and applied for a job at SPC.

"I like working here very much," he

said. "My supervisor, Mr. Doug, is a good guy."

Living in the U.S. with his family for more than 15 years, Long said he has much to be thankful for. He plans to spend Thanksgiving relaxing with his family in St. Petersburg and enjoying his 2-year-old granddaughter, Lory.



**Nguyen Long stands in front of Tactical Air Command Control at Tan San Nhat Air Base at Saigon City.**



**Nguyen Long has been working at the EpiCenter since he started at the college in 2005.**

## NTPI Live Response focuses on hearing impaired

The college's National Terrorism Preparedness Institute (NTPI) presented a special Live Response Oct. 27 on emergency planning, focusing on the need to involve the community in the planning process, particularly on the deaf and hard of hearing.

Guests included Mike Monge, the Director of Fire and Code Services and Fire Chief of Faribault, Minn., and Neil McDevitt, a volunteer firefighter, who is a member of the deaf community and acts as the National Coordinator

for the Department of Homeland Security's Community Emergency Preparedness Information Network (CEPIN).

During the 60-minute satellite broadcast and Web cast, panelists and callers discussed a workshop by CEPIN and telecommunications for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (TDI). Emergency Responders and the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Community: Taking the First Steps to Disaster Preparedness, brings people with hearing loss and

emergency responders together to provide the information and skills needed to prepare for, respond to, and recover from emergency situations.

NTPI broadcasts usually provide closed captioning; however, this broadcast marked NTPI's first time utilizing open captioning (which differs from closed in that it always remains in view) alongside American Sign Language (ASL). SPC Staff Interpreters Antoinette Rodi and Irma Fenley interpreted for the audience.

### **Upcoming graduation dates**

**Dec. 15, 10 a.m. Tropicana Field**

**May 3, 10 a.m. Tropicana Field**

**July 19, 10 a.m. Ruth Eckerd Hall**

# St. Petersburg College – DECEMBER 2007

Sunday      Monday      Tuesday      Wednesday      Thursday      Friday      Saturday

**Reminder!**

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 • 0390 Open Registration runs through Saturday, Jan 5th  
 • Spring CLAST Registration runs through Friday, Jan 18th  
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**Important DATE!**

Final Exams  
 0385 Online & Teleweb: Dec 6 - 8  
 0385 Week-end College: Dec 7 - 8  
 0385 Regular & Express: Dec 10 - 13

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**Student Services Hours:**  
 Mon – Tue: Dec 17 – Dec 18 / 8:30AM – 7:00PM  
 Wed: Dec 19 / 8:30AM – 4:00PM  
 Thu – Fri: Dec 27 – Dec 28 / 8:30AM – 4:00PM

**\*\* College Offices Open 8:30AM – 4:00PM:**  
 Admissions, Business Office, Call Center, Central Records, Counseling, Financial Aid, Registration & Testing Offices Only

# Cafeteria Plan

## Election Form for St. Petersburg College Employees

*St. Petersburg College*

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Employer Name \_\_\_\_\_

Plan Year \_\_\_\_\_

through \_\_\_\_\_

Employee Name \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security Number \_\_\_\_\_

Employee Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_

Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

No. of Pay Periods

Per Year 24

Hours regularly worked each week  
for this employer \_\_\_\_\_

I understand that I have an amount of flexible pay equal to \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per pay period for the purchase of qualified benefits. I hereby authorize and direct my employer to reduce my salary in the amount necessary to pay for the coverages shown below. Such reductions, considered as elective contributions under the plan, shall commence with my paycheck dated January 4, 2008. I further authorize future adjustment in the amount of the salary reduction in the event that the cost of coverage in any program selected below under the heading "Premium Only Plan" is changed during the plan year.

I also understand that the purpose of this program is to allow employees to select their qualified benefits within the guidelines of the Internal Revenue Code.

Listed below are the benefits that may be available under the plan. Please indicate which benefits you wish to select by completing the total per-deduction-period cost and the amount to be paid by salary reduction. The selections will remain in effect until a subsequent election form is filed, in accordance with the plan.

Benefit* (All amounts should be per deduction period.)	Salary Reduction Amount Per Pay Period	No. of Reductions Per Year	Annual Election Amount
<b>Dependent Care Reimbursement Plan</b> Coverage Effective Date _____	_____	_____	_____
<b>Health Care Reimbursement Plan</b> Coverage Effective Date _____	_____	_____	_____
<b>Totals</b>	_____	_____	_____

\*I understand that only benefits listed in my employer's Flexible Benefits Plan document are available. I understand that the selection of a benefit and the indication that a premium is to be paid does not necessarily include me in the insurance portions of this plan. In most instances an application for insurance must also be completed.

**This election form will remain in effect and cannot be revoked or changed during the plan year, unless the revocation and new election are on account of and consistent with a change in family status (e.g., marriage, divorce, death of spouse or child, birth or adoption of a child, and termination of employment of spouse).**

**I understand that the insurance claim payments under certain coverages may be subject to federal and state taxes when the premium is paid by salary reductions or employer contributions.**

**AUTHORIZATION:** I certify the above information to be correct and true and any dependents for which I have selected the dependent care benefit reside with me in a parent-child relationship and/or are legally dependent on me for their support. I understand that any amounts remaining in my account(s) not used for eligible expenses incurred during the plan year will be forfeited in accordance with current plan provisions and tax laws. I hereby authorize the deduction of the administrative fee, if applicable.

\*Reminder: Cosmetic and elective procedures are not eligible for reimbursement. For questions regarding specific items or procedures, please call your benefits office or Custom Benefit Services. Please note, vitamins and supplements require a letter of medical necessity from your doctor.

If you have questions or need additional information, please contact us at 1-800-809-8161 or visit our Website at [www.ezflexplan.com/cbs](http://www.ezflexplan.com/cbs).

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**IF YOU DECLINE PARTICIPATION:** The benefits of the plan have been thoroughly explained to me and I decline to participate.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTICE OF WORKSHOP AND SPECIAL MEETING AND CANCELLATION OF  
REGULAR MEETING  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES, ST. PETERSBURG COLLEGE  
AND NOTICE OF ADOPTION, AMENDMENT OR REPEAL OF RULES AND HEARING**

The Board of Trustees of St. Petersburg College announces a public meeting, to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: December 17, 2007; Board meeting commencing at 8:30 a.m.; Workshop on Corporate Training to immediately follow the Board meeting. (The meeting, which was previously advertised to be held on December 18, 2007 at 8:30 a.m. in Conference Room 1-451 at the EpiCenter of St. Petersburg College, 13805 58th Street North, Largo, Florida, has been canceled.)

PLACE: The meeting and workshop will be held at the West St. Petersburg Community Library, Community Room (101), located on the St. Petersburg/Gibbs Campus of St. Petersburg College, 6605 Fifth Avenue North, St. Petersburg, Florida.

PURPOSE: The meeting will be held for the purpose of considering routine business and such other matters that come before the Board including adopting or amending rules of the Board of Trustees pursuant to its rule-making authority.

A copy of the Agenda, proposed rules and statement of regulatory costs may be obtained by writing 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 or may be reviewed at the Campus locations referred to below.

The proposed rules and/or amendments, together with the purpose and effect and specific legal authority, will be posted no later than Friday, November 16, 2007, on the official bulletin boards as follows: at the St. Petersburg/Gibbs and Clearwater Campuses in the entrance to the libraries; at the Tarpon Springs Campus in the Lyceum Building across from Room LY 104; at the EpiCenter—Services Building, in the north corridor across from Room 168; at the EpiCenter, in the hall near Room 1-108; in Room 164 at the EpiCenter—District Office; on the south wall, across from the waiting area under the stairs, at the Health Education Center; outside Room UP 156 at the Seminole Campus; outside the Florida Room at the Allstate Center; in the lobby across from the admissions and registration desk of the SPC Downtown Center; on the wall adjacent to Room 105 at SPC Midtown and advertised in a newspaper of general circulation and in the Blue and White Faculty and Staff Announcements.

The Notice(s) of Rule Development on the foregoing rule(s) appeared in the Blue & White Faculty & Staff Announcements and was posted on each of the College's official bulletin boards on October 26, 2007. Said Notice(s) also appeared in the Gulf Coast Business Review on October 26, 2007.

Please note that the proposed changes to the rules attached do not reflect changes (if any) which are pending or have recently been approved by the Board of Trustees.

Any person wishing to be heard on the proposed rule(s) and/or amendments will be provided an opportunity to do so by appearing before the Board at said meeting.

If requested within 21 days after the date of publication of this notice, a hearing on the proposed rule(s) or amendments thereto will be held at 8:30 a.m. or soon thereafter on December 17, 2007, at the West St. Petersburg Community Library, Community Room (101), located on the St. Petersburg/Gibbs Campus of St. Petersburg College, 6605 Fifth Avenue North, St. Petersburg, Florida. See Section 120.54(3)(c), Florida Statutes.

Any person who is substantially affected by the above rules may seek an administrative determination of the invalidity of any proposed rule on the ground that proposed rule is an invalid exercise of the Board's delegated legislative authority. Such request shall be by Petition in writing and filed within 21 days after the date of publication of this notice. See Section 120.56(2), Florida Statutes.

Any person who wishes to provide the Board with information regarding the statement of estimated regulatory costs, or to provide a proposal for a lower cost regulatory alternative as provided by Section 120.541(1), Florida Statutes, must do so in writing within 21 days after the date of publication of this notice.

If any person wishes to appeal a decision made with respect to any matter considered by the Board, he or she will need a record of the proceedings. It is the obligation of such person to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made. See Section 286.0105, Florida Statutes.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this workshop/hearing/meeting is asked to advise the agency two business days (at least 48 hours) before the workshop/hearing/meeting by contacting the Board Clerk at 727-341-3260. If you are planning to attend the workshop/hearing/meeting and are hearing impaired, please contact the agency by calling 727-791-2628 (V/TDD).

Information regarding the proposed rule(s) and/or amendments for consideration and intended action is attached to this Notice.

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NAME OF AGENCY: BOARD OF TRUSTEES, ST. PETERSBURG COLLEGE

RULE TITLE: GRADING SYSTEM

RULE NO.: 6Hx23-4.20

RULE NOTICE DATE: November 16, 2007

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**PURPOSE AND EFFECT:** The proposed changes to the Rule will revise the policy regarding voluntary withdrawal and provide that a "WF" grade indicates that a student withdrew from a course after the deadline to receive a grade of "W", and provide that a "WF" grade has the same impact as a grade of "F."

**SUBJECT AREA TO BE ADDRESSED:** See Purpose and Effect above.

**SUMMARY:** See Purpose and Effect above.

**SPECIFIC AUTHORITY:** 1001.64(2) & (4), F.S.

**LAW IMPLEMENTED:** 1001.64(4)(b), 1004.68, F.S.

**SUMMARY STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED REGULATORY COSTS:** The proposed changes to the Rule will affect faculty, staff and students of St. Petersburg College. There is no cost to the College associated with the proposed Rule change. There is no anticipated adverse effect on state or local government. There are no transactional costs associated with this amendment. There is no anticipated adverse impact on small business.

**PROPOSED DATE TO BECOME EFFECTIVE:** Session II, 2007-08

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**NAME OF AGENCY:** BOARD OF TRUSTEES, ST. PETERSBURG COLLEGE

**RULE TITLE:** CLASS ATTENDANCE

**RULE NO.:** 6Hx23-4.30

**RULE NOTICE DATE:** November 16, 2007

**PURPOSE AND EFFECT:** The proposed changes to the Rule will revise the attendance policy to modify the requirements necessary for taking of attendance by faculty.

**SUBJECT AREA TO BE ADDRESSED:** See Purpose and Effect above.

**SUMMARY:** See Purpose and Effect above.

**SPECIFIC AUTHORITY:** 1001.64(2) & (4), F.S.

**LAW IMPLEMENTED:** 1001.64, 1001.65, F.S.; 34 CFR 668, Return of Title IV Funds

**SUMMARY STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED REGULATORY COSTS:** The proposed changes to the Rule will affect faculty, staff and students of St. Petersburg College. There is no cost to the College associated with the proposed Rule change. There is no anticipated adverse effect on state or local government. There are no transactional costs associated with this amendment. There is no anticipated adverse impact on small business.

**PROPOSED DATE TO BECOME EFFECTIVE:** Session II, 2007-08

**NAME OF AGENCY:** BOARD OF TRUSTEES, ST. PETERSBURG COLLEGE

**RULE TITLE:** WITHDRAWAL

**RULE NO.:** 6Hx23-4.31

**RULE NOTICE DATE:** November 16, 2007

**PURPOSE AND EFFECT:** The proposed changes to the Rule will provide students a procedure to voluntarily withdraw after the withdrawal deadline with a grade of "WF."

**SUBJECT AREA TO BE ADDRESSED:** See Purpose and Effect above.

**SUMMARY:** See Purpose and Effect above.

**SPECIFIC AUTHORITY:** 1001.64(2) & (4), F.S.

**LAW IMPLEMENTED:** 1001.64, 1004.68, 1001.02, 1001.03, F.S.; Rule 6A-14.0301, F.A.C.; Articulation Agreement between University, Community College and School Districts; 34 CFR 668, Return of Title IV Funds

**SUMMARY STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED REGULATORY COSTS:** The proposed changes to the Rule will affect faculty, staff and students of St. Petersburg College. There is no cost to the College associated with the proposed Rule change. There is no anticipated adverse effect on state or local government. There are no transactional costs associated with this amendment. There is no anticipated adverse impact on small business.

**PROPOSED DATE TO BECOME EFFECTIVE:** Session II, 2007-08

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**NAME OF AGENCY:** BOARD OF TRUSTEES, ST. PETERSBURG COLLEGE

**RULE TITLE:** REQUIREMENTS OF THE FUNERAL SERVICES PROGRAM

**RULE NO.:** 6Hx23-4.71

**RULE NOTICE DATE:** November 16, 2007

**PURPOSE AND EFFECT:** The proposed changes to the Rule will require students to pay special fees to cover the costs of off-campus site visits by faculty for students to clinical sites outside the zone of district travel. These fees will be assessed as provided in Board of Trustees' Rule 6Hx23-5.17.

**SUBJECT AREA TO BE ADDRESSED:** See Purpose and Effect above.

**SUMMARY:** See Purpose and Effect above.

**SPECIFIC AUTHORITY:** 1001.64(2) & (4), F.S.

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LAW IMPLEMENTED: 1001.64(4)(b), 1007.263, 1001.02, 1001.03, F.S.; Rules 6A-14.030, 6A-14.054, F.A.C.

**SUMMARY STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED REGULATORY COSTS:** The proposed changes to the Rule will affect students in the Funeral Services Program at St. Petersburg College who have faculty site visits at a clinical site outside the zone of district travel. There is no cost to the College associated with the proposed Rule change. There is no anticipated adverse effect on state or local government. The transactional costs associated with this amendment will include the added fees to cover the costs of off-campus site visits by faculty as further described in the Purpose and Effect above. There is no anticipated adverse impact on small business.

PROPOSED DATE TO BECOME EFFECTIVE: Session II, 2007-08

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NAME OF AGENCY: BOARD OF TRUSTEES, ST. PETERSBURG COLLEGE

RULE TITLE: TRAVEL BY COLLEGE PERSONNEL, BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND AUTHORIZED PERSONS

RULE NO.: 6Hx23-5.16

RULE NOTICE DATE: November 16, 2007

**PURPOSE AND EFFECT:** The proposed changes will amend language pertaining to Class C travel (same day travel) to comply with Florida Statutes.

**SUBJECT AREA TO BE ADDRESSED:** See Purpose and Effect above.

**SUMMARY:** See Purpose and Effect above.

**SPECIFIC AUTHORITY:** 1001.64(2) & (4), F.S.

**LAW IMPLEMENTED:** 112.061, 1001.64(18), F.S.

**SUMMARY STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED REGULATORY COSTS:** The proposed changes to the Rule will affect St. Petersburg College personnel, the Board of Trustees and authorized persons reimbursed for official travel. There is no cost to the College associated with the proposed Rule change. There is no anticipated adverse effect on state or local government. There are no transactional costs associated with this amendment. There is no anticipated adverse impact on small business.

PROPOSED DATE TO BECOME EFFECTIVE: Upon Board Approval

NAME OF AGENCY: BOARD OF TRUSTEES, ST. PETERSBURG COLLEGE

RULE TITLE: STUDENT FEES

RULE NO.: 6Hx23-5.17

RULE NOTICE DATE: November 16, 2007

**PURPOSE AND EFFECT:** The proposed changes will: 1) add a lab fee to BSC 1084C Human Anatomy and Physiology Lab I; 2) clarify the charge for a replacement SPC OneCard; 3) increase student tuition and special fees for lower and upper division courses per the Florida Legislature; 4) add fees for Funeral Services out-of-district and out-of-state clinical visits; and 5) increase Postsecondary Adult Vocational course fees per the Florida Legislature.

**SUBJECT AREA TO BE ADDRESSED:** See Purpose and Effect above.

**SUMMARY:** See Purpose and Effect above.

**SPECIFIC AUTHORITY:** 1001.64(2) & (4), F.S.

**LAW IMPLEMENTED:** 1001.64(2) & (4), 1001.64(10), 1009.22, 1009.23, 1009.25, 1009.26, 1009.26(7), 1009.27, 1011.83, F.S.; Rules 6A-14.054, 6A-14.054(11), F.A.C.

**SUMMARY STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED REGULATORY COSTS:** The proposed changes to the Rule will affect students at St. Petersburg College assessed fees in various programs. There is no cost to the College associated with the proposed Rule change. There is no anticipated adverse effect on state or local government. The transactional costs associated with this amendment will include increased or new fees as further described in the Purpose and Effect above. There is no anticipated adverse impact on small business.

PROPOSED DATE TO BECOME EFFECTIVE: Session II, 2007-08 for Human Anatomy and Physiology Lab I course and Funeral Services fees and Upon Board approval for all other fees