

# A grand opening



President Carl M. Kuttler Jr. addresses a full house Friday night at the college's first event in The Palladium. Almost 100 people had to be turned away. The college took over the theater Feb. 1. Pianist Jeffrey Siegel entertained in a 90-minute keyboard conversation.

## Orchestra in discussions to locate offices in Downtown Center

Administrators of the Florida Orchestra are in discussions with the college to establish the orchestra's administrative offices in St. Petersburg College's Downtown Center. In the works is a complex negotiation that will result in a new arts center in downtown St. Petersburg. The center will be owned by SPC.

Earlier, SPC President Carl M. Kuttler Jr. and St. Petersburg Mayor Rick Baker facilitated an agreement to turn over The Palladium, an 880-seat theater in downtown St. Petersburg, to the college. Also on board is American Stage, which agreed to sell its old theater in order to have new facilities that will be part of the arts center at the Downtown Center.

The final piece was the Florida Orchestra, which needed both administrative space and a new practice facility. Orchestra managers expressed interest in being part of the deal, but moved cautiously. A previous deal, which would have housed the orchestra's administrative offices at the Mahaffey Theater, had recently fallen through.

On Jan. 31, the orchestra delivered a \$925,000 check to the college – money that was needed on that day to ensure that a matching check from the state could be obtained. Plans call for the orchestra to occupy approximately 10,000 square feet of office space in the

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## Copenhaver moves to Foundation research position

Carol Copenhaver, senior vice president for Educational and Student Services, has accepted a new role at the college through June 30.

Her new assignment will be with the SPC Foundation, Inc. She will retain her title until June 30.

President

Carl M. Kuttler Jr. said she requested "lighter duty".

Her duties will include researching academic and student programs that can be funded for scholarships through the Foundation.

"We appreciate what Carol has done for this college in almost 25 years and we wish her well. Her contributions have been significant," President Kuttler said.

Copenhaver was hospitalized in July after falling ill at work. She spent more than two weeks in the hospital and has been on a rehabilitation and half-day work schedule since then.

'Carol has made incredible

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Carol Copenhaver

**Quoteworthy**

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*"To be caught up in the world of thought – that is being educated."*

– Edith Hamilton

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**Lynn Hammond  
EpiCenter**

# Men's basketball team wins two; women lose twice

The men's basketball team put two games in the win column last week, while the women's team continued to struggle, losing two.

The men beat Manatee Community College 88-75 Jan. 31, and then defeated Polk CC 74-65 Saturday in Suncoast Conference games. The women lost a Southern Conference game Friday to Broward CC 54-47.

The men are 14-9 overall and 4-3 in the conference. They remain three games behind Hillsborough CC with five conference games remaining. The women are 7-18 overall and 2-5 in the conference.

At the end of the season, the first-place team advances to the state tournament. The remaining four conference teams participate in a playoff to determine the second team to advance.

The men play again Saturday at 4 p.m., when they host Hillsborough CC in the second game of a doubleheader. The women host second-place Miami-Dade College at 2 p.m. Saturday.

After losing its opener, the baseball team won four games in a row. The win streak ended Monday in an 8-6 loss to Santa Fe CC. In the most exciting of the team's victories, the Titans defeated Palm Beach CC 9-8 on Saturday (after scoring five runs in the bottom of the ninth inning) and Indian River CC 7-1 also on Saturday.

The team takes on Chipola College today (7 p.m.), Saturday (noon) and Sunday (11 a.m.) at Carpenter Complex. Also on Sunday, South Florida CC comes in for a 2 p.m. game.

The softball team won two games in the SPC Tournament over the weekend, defeating Georgia's Young Harris College 5-4 in 11 innings on Saturday, and then beating Gordon College of Georgia 4-1 on Sunday.

The softball team is 5-2. It is in St. Augustine this weekend for a tournament. Its next home game is March 15 when it hosts South Florida CC at 5 p.m. at Eddie C. Moore Complex in Clearwater.

## Sales will benefit Orthotists & Prosthetists Student Society

SPC's Orthotists & Prosthetists Student Society will have a yard sale and bake sale Feb. 17 to raise money for students to attend national and state conferences.

The yard sale will include clothing, housewares, collectibles, toys and other items.

The sale will be at the Caruth Health Education Center starting at 8 a.m.

## Employment Opportunities

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

St. Petersburg College is dedicated to the concept of equal opportunity. The college will not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, age, national origin or marital status, or against any qualified individual with disabilities, in its employment practices or in the admission and treatment of students. Recognizing that sexual harassment constitutes discrimination on the basis of sex and violates this rule, the college will not tolerate such conduct. Should you experience such behavior, please contact the director of EA/EO at (727) 341-3261 or by mail at P.O. Box 13489, St. Petersburg, FL 33733-3489.

## Northcutt and Sanchez in piano concert tonight

SPC's Piano Concert Series will feature Ruth Northcutt and Luis Sanchez in a program tonight at 8 in the Music Center at the St. Petersburg/Gibbs Campus.

Northcutt serves on the Humanities/Fine Arts faculty at SPC, where she teaches Applied Piano, Introduction to Music History and Western Humanities. Sanchez also serves on the SPC faculty. He teaches piano.

## Volunteers needed for College Goal Sunday Feb. 25 at EpiCenter

Volunteers are needed for College Goal Sunday, Feb. 25, from 2 to 5 p.m. at the EpiCenter.

College Goal Sunday is a statewide program that provides information and assistance to students who are applying for college financial assistance. Professionals from colleges and universities help students and their families complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), which is required by colleges to determine aid eligibility.

The program targets first-generation, low-income and minority students. Dependent students should

bring their parents' IRS 1040 tax return, W-2 and other income and benefits information.

A number of volunteers are needed to help prospective students and their parents or guardians fill out the FAFSA form. Also, one or two volunteers are needed to serve as sign language interpreters to assist hearing-impaired students. Volunteers also are needed to serve refreshments and help set up and tear down tables and exhibits.

Call Mark Strickland at Ext. 3408 or e-mail [EM\\_assistant@spcollege.edu](mailto:EM_assistant@spcollege.edu) for more information.

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# SAT prep course begins Feb. 24

SAT prep classes are Saturday mornings from 9 to noon, beginning Feb. 24 at the Seminole, Tarpon Springs, Clearwater and Downtown campuses. The classes will help students prepare for Scholastic Aptitude Tests on May 5.

Students from area private and public high schools and home-schooled students may take the course for \$175. The cost includes a textbook.

The classes include math and verbal portions, and new essay writing tips and practice. Students

will take official retired practice tests, do remedial exercises, review questions and receive important test-taking strategies.

Another SAT prep course will be offered at Palm Harbor University High School from 2 to 4 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays, beginning March 6. That cost also is \$175 and includes a textbook

All classes are taught by SPC English and math adjunct instructors.

For more information or to enroll, call SPC's Lifelong Learning Department at Ext. 3184.

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progress since her release from the hospital," President Kuttler said. "I'm so proud of how she has rehabilitated herself."

Copenhaver came to the college in 1973 as a member of the faculty at the Clearwater Campus. When she left in 1987, she was in charge of Academic and Student Services collegewide.

She left SPC in 1987 for DeKalb College in Decatur, Ga., where she was dean of Instructional Services and campus dean.

By 1991 she was at Howard Community College in Columbia, Md., where she became senior vice

president and dean of Instruction.

She returned to SPC in January 1997 to become vice president of Educational and Student Services. In 2003, she was promoted to the senior-level administrative position for E&SS.

Copenhaver graduated in 1968 with a Bachelor in Business Administration from the College of William and Mary. In 1971 she received her M.B.A. in Business Administration from the University of Florida. Her Ph.D. in Higher Education Administration also was earned at UF in 1986.

## **Relay for Life at St. Pete/Gibbs Campus March 30-31**

SPC employees can help fight cancer March 30-31 by taking part in the third annual SPC Relay for Life on the St. Petersburg/Gibbs Campus at 6605 Fifth Ave. N. Tent set up and registration begins at 4 p.m. on March 30 and continues until 9 a.m. the next morning. Opening ceremonies are at 6 p.m. March 30. Cancer survivors and others interested in participating may contact Marse Walsh at Ext. 3297, or Gail Lancaster at Ext. 7180.

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college's Downtown Center, paying \$6.29 per foot per year to cover utilities and other services.

However, the orchestra will continue its search for rehearsal space — administrators decided The Palladium does not offer enough space for the entire orchestra to practice.

"We're delighted to have the Florida Orchestra join our arts center partnership," Kuttler said. "We believe this center can become an arts

destination for the entire Southeast, and we feel it is critical that the Florida Orchestra be part of that."

The Florida Orchestra offices will involve major changes for the Downtown Center, but there will be other changes there, as well. In addition to American Stage, there will be a new lobby and café, as well as retail shops and a shared ticket booth.

Preliminary plans call for at least three floors to be dedicated to SPC use.



Are you adding a new program and need to track the revenues and costs associated with that program?

Do you need to pay an employee but Human Resources said there is no cost center in the PeopleSoft HR system?

Do you know that if your budget supervisor retires and his/her replacement is named, you need to update your budget supervisor authorization information.

Do you know that if a program changes, the cost center name needs to change to more properly reflect the nature of the program?

These situations now can be addressed by one form called the "New/Change Cost Center" form available on the Business Services Web site. Boxes at the top of the form direct you to which section you must complete to accomplish your task. The top of the form lets you know where to direct the completed form — everything is electronic — and the bottom of the form contains a diagram showing you the notifications that will occur once the form is submitted and processed. Questions? Call Jayne Bray, senior accountant — Operations, at Ext. 3253.

## **Hal Holbrook as Mark Twain: Tickets available through Lifelong Learning**

Tickets are available for actor Hal Holbrook's performance as Mark Twain, 8 p.m. Thursday at Ruth Eckerd Hall.

Through Lifelong Learning, tickets are available for the reduced rate of \$37.

Holbrook's performance is a recreation of his famous Broadway role. It includes material from his original Broadway show as well as updated material, which reflects contemporary events.

Call Ext. 3184 for tickets.

## Pinellas Citizen University begins Feb. 22

Pinellas Citizen University (PCU), a 12-week program that brings county residents face-to-face with county administrators and decision makers, begins Feb. 22.

Participants tour a number of county facilities and hear from the people who make county government work. Students study the 911 emergency call system, the county budgetary system, the South Cross Bayou Water Reclamation Facility and the Pinellas County Jail.

They also examine the grand jury system, talk with judges and criminal court administrators,

and learn how the county would be evacuated in the event of a hurricane or other emergency.

Enrollment is limited. Classes meet Thursday nights, usually from 6:30 to 9, with a Saturday picnic lunch at Pinewood Cultural Park. Tuition is \$30 per student, and includes a shirt, course materials, a picnic lunch, graduation ceremony and diploma.

Enrollment applications are available at the County Courthouse Information Desk, online at [www.pinellascounty.org/citizenu](http://www.pinellascounty.org/citizenu) or by calling 464-5197.

### **February is African-American History Month**

*Many activities are planned for African-American History Month at all college sites. Calendars have been printed and are available online on the SPC home page [www.spcollege.edu](http://www.spcollege.edu).*

## 'Narrowing the Gulf' returns for eighth year

The eighth annual "Narrowing the Gulf for Disadvantaged Students in Post-Secondary Education" is March 15-16 at the St. Petersburg Hilton.

The conference will include 19 breakout sessions as well as opening and closing programs. The sessions will be led by SPC experts as well as others from the University of South Florida, several areas of Florida, and New Jersey, Georgia, Maryland and Pennsylvania.

The program will include an on-site Assistive Technology Lab, where participants will explore current technology for students with disabilities. A sit-down lunch will include a student presentation and entertainment by Marion Gwizdala, a blind singer and guitarist.

The opening keynote address will be presented by John Siciliano, a successful television and movie actor. Siciliano is an amputee, who lost his mother at age nine.

Randy Snow will deliver the closing address. Snow lost the use of

his legs in a farming accident when he was in junior high school. Since then, he has become a business owner and nationally recognized sales associate, a Fortune 500 speaker and one of the most successful gold medal wheelchair athletes in history.

SPC staff may attend the conference for free, but must complete a registration form. Lunch is available for \$15. Please include your check (made payable to SPC) with your registration form and send to Peg Connell, EpiServices Building, Ste. 102, by March 2. You also may call Connell with questions at Ext. 3398.

The conference may be used toward your professional development goals. Check with your supervisor.

Brochures with registration forms can be found at Allstate Center, Caruth Health Education Center, Clearwater Campus, EpiCenter, Epi Services, Downtown Center, Midtown Center, St. Petersburg/Gibbs Campus, Seminole Campus and Tarpon Springs Campus.

## Heritage Vessel Exhibit on display at Clearwater

David Mack, a ceramics artist and adjunct instructor, has completed a seven-piece collection entitled *Heritage Vessel Exhibit* to commemorate Black History Month.

The collection is on display in the Crossroads Building at the Clearwater Campus.

The pottery includes depictions of mathematician, astronomer and surveyor Benjamin Banneker; Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall; agricultural chemist George Washington Carver; civil rights leader Martin Luther King; inventor and businessman Garrett Augustus Morgan; engineer and inventor Elijah McCoy and cosmetics manufacturer Madame "CJ" Walker.

## Diversity forum planned by Applied Ethics Institute

Strength through Diversity, a forum presented by the college's Applied Ethics Institute, will begin at 7 p.m. Monday in the Library's Multi-Purpose Room at the St. Petersburg/Gibbs Campus, and at 6 p.m. Thursday in the Library's Multi-Purpose Room at the Clearwater Campus.

Accommodations will be made for people with disabilities. Contact Peg Connell at Ext. 3398 or at [connell.peg@spcollege.edu](mailto:connell.peg@spcollege.edu) to make arrangements.

### **Onward & Upward**

**Matt Basham**, Business Technologies/Computer Science program director, has been named Outstanding Graduate Student of the Month for February at the University of Florida College of Education, Department of Higher Education, Administration and Policy.

# BOT *Highlights*

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## PRESENTATION OF RETIREMENT RESOLUTION

The Board adopted a retirement resolution for Sharon M. Manderscheid, Library, Health Education Center. Ms. Manderscheid was joined by colleagues in her acceptance of a resolution presented by the president and Chairman Bilirakis.

## EXPENDITURES AND CONTRACTS

Approval was given by the Board to enter into a sub-contract with Apogen Technologies to assist NTPI in fulfilling obligations in an impending contract with the U.S. Department of Defense, Technical Support Working Group (TSWG).

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

The Board approved the following: (1) Phase I Schematic Design documents for the Student Services Building, SP/G; (2) Certificate of Final Inspection & Release of Final Payment, Renovate/Remodel Room 286-289 for Simulated Hospital, HEC; (3) Lease for Seminole Library Addition; (4) Architectural Services for Remodel/Renovate for Classrooms & Labs, Phase C, Olympia Bldg., TS; (5) Selection of Pre-Qualified Small Contractors, Revision #1; (6) Amendment (Spot Survey) #12 to the Educational Plant Survey dated June 21, 2002; (7) Donation of Surplus Computers; (8) Agreement with Palladium Theater, Inc. and acceptance of gifts for matching funds; (9) Agreement with American Stage Company, Inc., for a long-term lease and acceptance of gifts for matching funds; (10) Agreement with The Florida Orchestra, Inc. for a long-term lease and acceptance of gifts for matching funds; and (11) Assignment of Design/Build projects for the Downtown Center, Phase III, to include the Palladium. Agreements with the Palladium, American Stage and Florida Orchestra were all approved subject to final negotiations as executed by the legal staff of the College and the Board attorney.

## CHANGES TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES' RULES

The Board approved the following changes to the Rules and Procedures Manual: (1) Rule 6Hx23-1.33 Direct Support Organizations (DSO). These changes clarify language regarding the DSO's requirements to the Board of Trustees; (2) Rule 6Hx23-4.63 Requirements of the Criminal Justice Technology Program. These changes delete the Rule, which is no longer applicable; (3) Rule 6Hx23-4.72 College of Education Program – Special Rules. This change updates the Rule to incorporate changes in the Florida Board of Education's general education requirements for College of Education students; and (4) Rule 6Hx23-5.17 Student Fees. These changes update the Rule to reflect several Engineering Technology and Computer lab fee reductions and also delete fees that are no longer applicable.

## CREDIT CURRICULUM CHANGES

EFFECTIVE SESSION II, 2006-2007: The Board approved addition of the following courses: BUL 3310 Advanced Legal Environment of Business, CCJ 1019 Crime and Delinquency, CCJ 2226 Investigative Trends, ETI 46XX Advanced Lean Techniques, MAN 4618 Quality Management (Six Sigma). The Board approved changes in the following courses: BTE 4412 Instructional Methods for Middle School Business Technology Education with Practicum, BTE 4946 Instructional Methods for Secondary Business Technology Education Practicum, BTE 4948 Field-Based Seminar in Business Education, FFP Arson Investigation, FFP 2606 Post Blast Investigations, FFP 2630 Latent Investigations, FFP 2670 Legal Issues for Investigators, FFP 2706 Fire Service Public Information Officer, ETI 4621 Techniques in Lean Manufacturing, ISM 4301 Global Information Systems, MAN 3949 Coop Work Experience in Technology Management. The Board approved addition of the following programs: AS Degrees: Technology Management (TECMGT). The Board approved changes in the following programs: BS Degrees: Business Technology Education (6-12) (BTEED); AS Degrees: Criminal Justice Technology Public Safety Services (CJPSS).

EFFECTIVE SESSION I, 2007-2008: The Board approved changes in the following courses: MAN 4934 Senior Capstone Project in International Business, MAT 0024 Elementary Algebra, MLT 1610 Clinical Chemistry, PHI 1010 Introduction to Philosophy, PHT 1801L Physical Therapy Clinical Practice I, PHT 2220L Therapeutic Exercise in Physical Therapy Laboratory, PHT 2252L Orthopedic Disabilities and Treatment Laboratory. The Board approved changes in the following programs: BAS Degrees: College of Technology and Management (TMGT), Banking (BANK), International Business (INTBUS); AS Degrees: Business Administration (BUS), Physical Therapist Assistant (PTA).

## GRANTS/RESTRICTED FUNDS CONTRACTS

The Board authorized application for and acceptance of grant funding (if awarded) from the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center for NTPI to develop cyber-security courses.

## MISSION STATEMENT

The Board approved proposed revisions and recommendations to the College's Mission Statement, also known as the "Philosophy and Objectives (Purpose)" of the College. These changes will be officially incorporated into the Mission Statement through the formal Rules process at a future Board meeting.

## STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS AND INSTITUTIONAL OBJECTIVES

The Board gave final approval to the 2006-2009 Strategic Directions and 2007-2008 Institutional Objectives as presented, including additional suggested changes brought to the Board for consideration. This document is a key ingredient in the College's Institutional Effectiveness process and in the 2007-2008 Unit Planning and Operating Budgeting processes, which are scheduled for kickoff in February 2007.