

Collegiate high school principal chosen

Collegiate High School Principal Linda Benware is retiring at the end of 2008 but she will not leave worried about the future of the school.

Her longtime friend, Starla Metz, was named Friday to succeed the only principal the collegiate high school has had since it opened in 2004.

"I couldn't be happier with the selection," Benware said. "Starla and I grew up in the Pinellas

County school system together. It should be a seamless transition."

Metz will join the collegiate high school Feb. 25. She and Benware will work together through the end of the school year. During that time, Benware will divide her time between the high school and working in the office of President Carl M. Kuttler Jr.



Starla Metz

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Part of the cleanup crew at the Tarpon Springs Campus, from left: Maintenance Personnel Chris Dixon, J.R. Kok and Steve Leatham.

Two Love and Logic training sessions offered at no cost

Kids don't come with an owner's manual, and that's why St. Petersburg College is offering two Love and Logic training sessions free for parents and educators.

Both sessions are at the EpiCenter, 13805 58th St. N. The first is Thursday, Feb. 28 from 6 to 9:30 p.m. The second is Saturday, March 15 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Each session is valued at \$175. It is suggested, but not required, that you attend both sessions.

Love and Logic provides research-based tools for educators and parents to work with children, preparing them to be responsible, respectful,

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Storm damages Olympia Building

Rain and wind caused major damage to the Olympia Building at the Tarpon Springs Campus Jan. 19.

Heavy winds got under the roof's gutter system and lifted it about 200 feet on the building's west side, according to Jim Waechter, director of facilities services.

"Without the gutter system, large amounts of water poured into the building," Waechter said. "More than a foot of water got into the chemical

storage room in the southwest corner of the building, and water also permeated the south two-thirds of the building."

College officials learned of the damage an hour later when winds triggered a security alarm. Security Officer Joe Barry responded to the alarm and found the damage. Before long, workers were on hand with pumps, mops and squeegees, forcing

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Quoteworthy

"People, even more than things, have to be restored, renewed, revived, reclaimed, and redeemed; never throw out anyone."

— Audrey Hepburn

Submitted by Ruth Hufford,
District Office



Iraqi delegation visits

A group visiting from Iraq met with SPC President Carl M. Kuttler Jr. and International Programs Dean Karen Kaufman White Jan. 18 at the District Office. The delegates expressed interest in the college's ability to export viable curriculum and instruction, and plans were made for continuing correspondence. Greg Nensteil, director of Curriculum, College of Technology and Management, made a presentation. Participants are, from left: White; Shaaban El Azhary, U.S. Department of State interpreter; Hayder Almamoori, Information Technology support department, Office of Deputy Prime Minister; Lawen Hawzey, executive assistant to Iraqi deputy prime minister; Kuttler; Salam Al-Aridhee, professor, Al-Qadisiyah University; and Nensteil.

Basketball teams battling to stay in contention for state berths

The St. Petersburg College basketball teams have about three weeks left in their regular seasons and neither is assured of postseason play at this point.

The women are 3-2, in third place in the Southern Conference and 10-11 overall. The top three teams in the seven-team conference advance to the state tournament March 6-9 in Marianna.

The team traveled to Indian River Community College (2-3) Wednesday night and is at home Saturday afternoon at 2 against Brevard (0-5).

The men's team is 2-3 in the Suncoast Conference and 8-13 overall. Only the top two teams in the five-team conference advance to the state tournament, which is played at the same time and place as the women's tournament. The men are in third place behind Polk CC (6-0) and

Hillsborough CC (4-2). They are on the road this week, traveling to Manatee CC (1-4) Wednesday night at 7 and to Polk CC Saturday afternoon at 4.

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The baseball team is 3-0 after clubbing Lake City CC 26-6 Monday. The team plays at Bighthouse Field today at 3 p.m. against Pasco-Hernando CC. Saturday it is home for a double-header

beginning at 1 p.m. The opener is against Palm Beach CC and the second game is against Indian River CC.

The softball team is 1-3 after dropping a Saturday double-header with Indian River CC. This weekend the team travels to St. Augustine for a two-day tournament.

Registration under way For Relay for Life

Registration has begun for the Fourth Annual Relay for Life at the St. Petersburg/Gibbs Campus March 28 at the physical education facilities and track.

The event will begin at 8 p.m. and conclude at 6 a.m. March 29.

The goal this year is \$45,000 with 22 teams already registered. Last year, \$38,000 was raised.

For more information, or to register, contact Gail Lancaster at Ext. 7180, Marse Walsh at Ext. 3297 or Barbara Weaver at Ext. 3496.

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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Wellness update

by Cathleen Shears

Osteoporosis risk is real for many

It's time for another update on the results of the health screenings of more than 500 SPC employees. The top health concern (high cholesterol) was addressed in an earlier column. Today, it's time to focus on the next-most-frequent health concern revealed: low bone density.

In reviewing anonymous data from the 2007 wellness screenings, 175 — or 31 percent — of 556 tests performed revealed low bone density. Of the 175, 18 percent indicated osteoporosis.

Here are some of the most common questions regarding low bone density and osteoporosis.

Q: What is osteoporosis?

A: The origin of the word is from the Latin meaning "porous bone." Osteoporosis is a disease in which bones become thin and fragile as we age. If not treated, osteoporosis may lead to bones that fracture easily; the most common are hip, spine and wrist bone fractures.

Q: Who gets osteoporosis?

A: Men and women, though women are at a higher risk for two reasons: 1) their bones are smaller; and 2) they experience accelerated bone loss after menopause.

Q: What are the risk factors for osteoporosis?

A: There are several:

- Being Caucasian or Asian
- Being female
- Having a small body frame
- Having a low body weight
- Smoking cigarettes
- Excessive alcohol intake
- No activity, especially weight-bearing exercises
- Low lifetime calcium intake
- Menopause and aging

Q: What if I have — or am at risk for — osteoporosis?

A: If you have low bone density your goal is to maintain bone strength as you get older.

You should follow these tips:

- Eat foods rich in calcium and vitamin D such as low-fat dairy products.
- Exercise, especially including weight-bearing exercises that work against force or gravity, to make muscles and bones stronger.
- Speak to your health-care provider about therapeutic medications to inhibit bone loss.



Olliver named Mr. Seminole

Seminole Provost Jim Olliver was named Mr. Seminole by the Seminole Chamber of Commerce in ceremonies Jan. 18. He was cited for his longtime dedication to the community. He has been the only provost in Seminole since it opened almost 10 years ago. Pinning the boutonniere on Olliver is his wife Shelia.

Palladium begins African-American History Month celebration Thursday

The Palladium Theater at St. Petersburg College will offer four special shows in February celebrating African-American History Month. The first three shows are part of the Palladium's Side Door Jazz Series. All shows start at 7:30 p.m.

- Feb. 7 — "A Salute to Satchmo," featuring the Nate Najar Trio with trumpeter Jon-Erik Kellso and bassist John Lamb. Tickets are \$20.
- Feb. 12 — "The Journey" by the A Capella Gospel Ensemble. A gospel theatrical performance that captures the periods of slavery to the present day. Tickets are \$15.
- Feb. 21 — Pianist Kenny Drew Jr. and his trio, presented in partnership with the Al Downing Tampa Bay Jazz Association. Tickets are \$20
- Feb. 28 — The 1st African Culture Showcase features African dancers and drummers, steppers and poets. Skits will be performed before each act to explain the historical relationship of how the art form is expressed today. Admission is free.

Faculty, staff and students at St. Petersburg College receive a \$5 discount on all Side Door shows. Tickets are available at the Palladium box office, by phone at 822-3590, or by visiting www.mypalladium.org.

More health screenings available March 5

Comprehensive health screenings are now available for budgeted* employees who did not get the screenings in 2007. Because of high demand, the first two screenings will be at the EpiCenter.

To schedule a time to screen, call 1-888-822-3247.

Place: EpiCenter Services building
(south side of the building)

Date: Wednesday, March 5

Hours: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

* Budgeted employees are those who qualify for SPC health benefits.



Hanging out in the library

The City of St. Petersburg donated to the college Mind's Eye, a six-foot long piece of art described by artists Ralph Helmick and Stewart Schechter as "a surreal homage to the transformative potential of literature and learning." It hangs in the West St. Petersburg Community Library at St. Petersburg College on the SP/G Campus. Participating in the dedication ceremony Jan. 22 are, from left: Helmick; Leslie Curren, council member; Rick Baker, mayor; Herb Polson, councilman; Jamie Bennett, council chairman; Lars Hafner, SP/G provost; Winfred Newton, councilman; and Bill Dudley, councilman.

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Metz is no stranger to the college. "My husband and I and our daughter are all graduates of the college," she said. "It has played a big role in all of our lives."

She said her daughter would have been a collegiate high school student if the program had existed 10 years ago. She graduated from SPC in 2000 with an Associate in Arts degree, despite not graduating from high school. "She was very mature and decided to start college after her sophomore year," Metz said. "She earned her A.A. by the time she was 18, but doesn't have a high school diploma."

Metz has been an employee of Pinellas County Schools since 1990. For the past nine months she has been one of four human resource directors.

Before that, she was a middle school principal at Baypoint and John Hopkins. She also was the principal at Fugitt Elementary for five years.

Creatives speak up!

By Paul Wilborn, executive director, Palladium Theater

As I write this column in my office at the Palladium Theater, carpenters are pounding in the concession booth, a glass cutter is whirring in the landing, and a locksmith is drilling into my office door. As someone who spent 25 years working amid the clattering, yelling and jangling of a big city newsroom, I'm actually enjoying the noise.

It's all part of a month of major renovations at this nine-year-old community performance venue located where downtown St. Petersburg meets the Old Northeast. The renovations include: a refurbished concession area, updated dressing rooms and green room, four coats of ebony paint on our Hough Hall stage, and the removal of some very old asbestos insulation. The shuddering window unit in my office also has been replaced by a machine that whispers out cool air.

These renovations, and more to come this summer, are thanks

to St. Petersburg College. In 2007, the Palladium became part of this historic and vital educational institution with campuses across Pinellas County. The Palladium is a gem of a theater, but it clearly needed some polishing and the college has taken on the challenge.

While the Palladium is dark in January, we are moving our Encore Chamber Music Series, now in its eighth year, to the beautiful Music Center at the St. Petersburg/Gibbs Campus.

The lights go back on at the Palladium's beautiful concert hall on Friday night, Feb. 1. Pianist Jeffrey Siegel, who played a sold-out show last year, is in town to perform some of the greatest hits of the piano repertoire: Chopin's "A Flat Polonaise," Debussy's "Clair de Lune," Liszt's "Rhapsody No. 13," Rachmaninoff's "C Sharp Minor Prelude" and Schubert's "The Trout." Siegel doesn't just play beautifully, he tells compelling anecdotes about the composers and the works.

Before the Palladium goes dark again this summer for more



renovations, we'll continue to present the finest work by local and regional performers. We're partnering with WMNF Radio on a series of concerts and we're continuing to present jazz, gospel and blues in our Side Door cabaret downstairs.

The Palladium remains committed to the community mission envisioned by our founders almost 10 years ago. By becoming part of St. Petersburg College, the next 10 years could be the best ever. Please come and see our improvements!

You can reach me at pwilborn@mypalladium.org.

Roof from Page 1.

the water out of the building.

Contents of the warehouse section of the building sustained significant damage, as did the bookstore carpet. Inventory in the bookstore was spared.

Waechter said a number of SPC employees from maintenance, custodial and mail/receiving turned out to clean up the mess, some of them working throughout the night.

"Even before I arrived, the priorities were safety first and preservation of the college's assets second, exactly as these priorities should be," Waechter said. "Rank, pride and job responsibilities were never an issue. There was a crisis to be addressed, and everyone pitched in and helped."

Another front moved through three nights later and complicated the cleanup, Waechter said. "We had a lot of people who were there all night trying to remove the water from the Tuesday night rain."

Repairs to the building already have begun.

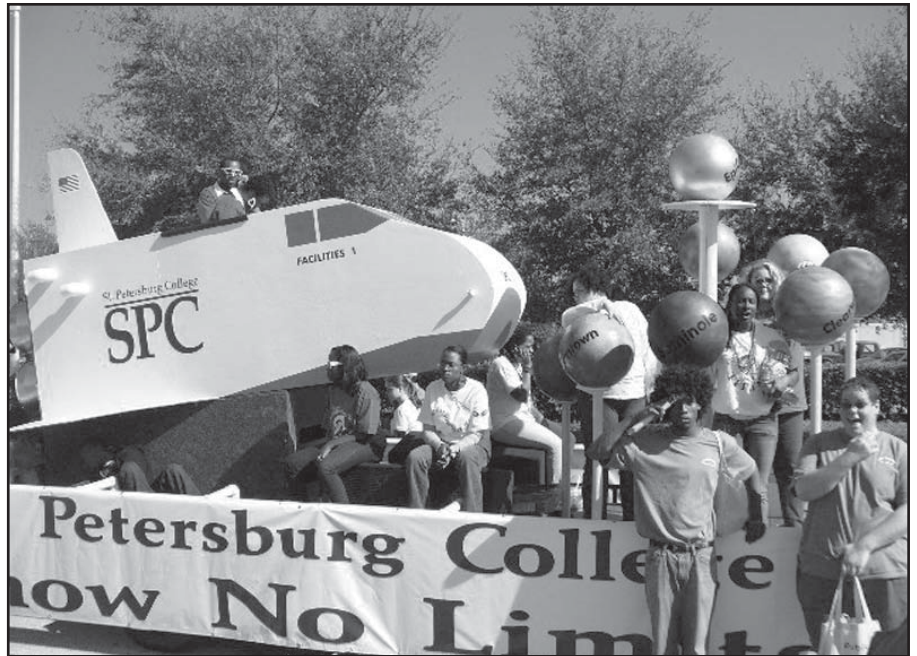
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and ready for the real world. It is a common-sense approach that offers children good decision-making skills by providing them choices, empathy and respect, while adults avoid anger and power struggle.

The college's National Center for Teacher Transformation (NCTT) www.spcollege.edu/nctt, College of Education, www.spcollege.edu/bachelors and Corporate Training www.spcollege.edu/ct are sponsoring the sessions.

Love and Logic was started more than 30 years ago by Jim Fay, an elementary school principal, and Foster Cline, a child psychiatrist, in their quest to develop strategies for raising responsible children. Fay's son, Charles, a school psychologist, joined the team to form the Love and Logic Institute.

Seating is limited. Please register online at http://it.spcollege.edu/cfsurveys/survey.cfm?su_id=2001 or call (727) 341-4445.



Celebrating Martin Luther King Jr. Day

St. Petersburg College was represented in the Martin Luther King Jr. Parade Jan. 21 in St. Petersburg. Students from all sites rode and walked alongside the float, which was built by the students and staff of the Tarpon Springs Campus.

Singer James Rogers to appear at Seminole Campus March 1

Singer-songwriter James Rogers will perform at 1 p.m. March 1 in the Digitorium at St. Petersburg College's Seminole Campus as part of "Seminole Sings."

Rogers has been voted Best Entertainer in the Smokies three years running, and audiences respond enthusiastically to his multimedia performances. A composer of patriotic music, his "Fly Eagle Fly" was selected as the Bicentennial song for the state of Tennessee, and is now one of the state's official songs.

Another of his songs, "I Guard America," has been selected as the

theme song for the Air and Army National Guard.

Rogers first performed at the Grand Ol' Opry in 1985, and has been a featured performer at Dollywood in Pigeon Forge, Tenn. for the past 20 years. He has performed with such stars as Alabama, Georgia Satellites, Ronnie Milsap, Ricky Skaggs, Roy Clark, Dolly Parton, Glenn Campbell and Tammy

Wynette, to name a few.

Tickets are \$15, and are available in the provost's office at the Seminole Campus. They also are available at the Seminole Chamber of Commerce office, 8400 113th St N, Seminole.



James Rogers

Upcoming graduation dates

May 3, 10 a.m. Tropicana Field

July 19, 10 a.m. Ruth Eckerd Hall

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>ANGEL System Offline Daily 6AM - 7 AM</p> <p>February 4th - State Database 1st Load FYI: 2E = End of Fall 3B = Beginning of Spring</p> <p>Celebrate Black History Month</p> <p>0390 Sr Citiz & State Employee Express Class Registration Runs Fri, Feb 1st through Fri, Feb 8th</p> <p>0390 Sr Citiz/State Employee Express Class Registration Begins 0390 2nd Clearinghouse File Submission HR mails Instructional Agreement Letters</p>						
<p>3</p> <p>TOMORROW: Spring CLAST Letters sent to Students</p>	<p>4 0390 Exp Class Begin Sl Database (2E/3B) 1st load A&SA Meeting 10AM-Noon, EpiCtr SPG W/P sends SSI labels to Siles 0395 Semifinal Draft Schedule Booklet to PDS</p>	<p>5</p> <p>C & I Meeting</p>	<p>6 <i>Ash Wednesday</i> Deadline for 2/26 C & I Meeting 0395 Room Release to Noncredit PDS 0395 Final Draft Schedule Book to PDS</p>	<p>7</p> <p>0395 Final Schedule Adjustments by PDS in PS by 4PM Ps send SSI materials for 1st 8-Wk Mod to PDS</p>	<p>8 Sr Citiz/State Employee 0390 Exp Cl Reg Ends Last day to drop/refresh to audit 0390 Exp Class 0395 Due dates for A&SA 0395 Fin Sched Book Completed by AIS by Noon. Elect version to IA Last day to withdraw w/ "W" 0390 1st 8-Wk Mod Class</p>	<p>9</p>
<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p> <p>C & I Meeting</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14 <i>Valentine's Day</i> 0400 Fall Rollover Classes</p>	<p>15 0390 3rd Clearing-house File Submission 0395 Registration Letters Reviewed by A&SA</p>	<p>16</p> <p>CLAST</p>
<p>17</p>	<p>18 <i>Presidents' Day</i> A&SA Meeting 10AM-Noon, EpiCtr</p>	<p>19</p> <p>0390 Student Survey of Instruction - 1st 8-Wk Mod 0400 Fall 2008 Schedule Adjustments</p>	<p>20 Deadline for 3/11 C & I Meeting FTE - 2 estimates</p>	<p>21 0395 Batch Term Activation</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>
<p>24</p> <p>COLLEGE GOAL SUNDAY 2 - 5 PM - EPI</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Ps send SSI materials to PDS for Reg, Exp, 2nd 8-Wk Mod</p>	<p>26</p> <p>C & I Meeting 1098T File to IRS</p>	<p>27</p> <p>0400 Fall 2008 Schedule Adjustments</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p> <p>0390 1st 8-Wk Mod Classes End 0390 4th Clearing-house File Submission</p>	

BOT *Highlights*

JANUARY 15, 2008

PRELIMINARY MATTERS

The Board adopted retirement resolutions for Jean B. Corey, Counseling & Advisement, Downtown Center; Robertine D. Henchey, West St. Petersburg Community Library, St. Petersburg/Gibbs Campus; Uyen Van Nguyen, Facilities Services, St. Petersburg/Gibbs Campus; and Connie F. Szuch, Business Technologies, St. Petersburg/Gibbs Campus. Ms. Corey and Ms. Szuch were both in attendance and, joined by colleagues, received their resolutions as presented by President Kuttler and Chairman Johnston.

Ms. Jamelle Conner, the College's new Associate Vice President for Financial Planning, Management and Compliance, was introduced to the Board. Dr. Larry Stewart, Dean of the College of Public Safety Administration (PSA), was recognized by the Board, as he leaves the College to serve as Director of the International Law Enforcement Academy in Central Europe.

Ms. Nancy Riley, 2007 President of the Florida Association of Realtors (FAR), and Mr. John Fridlington, Executive Vice President and Chief Management Officer, were introduced to the Board as new College partners in developing a baccalaureate program with real estate-related tracks under the degree of Organization and Management. In addition to a commitment of \$17,000 in ads in FAR's publication promoting the 4-year program, Ms. Riley presented a check to SPC on behalf of FAR for \$50,000 in appreciation for what SPC has done to promote education and real estate. Mr. Fridlington expressed pride in partnering with SPC and appreciation for the quality of its staff. The Board was given opportunity to view the EpiCenter classroom newly named in honor of FAR as approved at this Board meeting.

EXPENDITURES AND CONTRACTS (exceeding \$250,000)

Approval was given by the Board to enter into the following agreements: (1) Florida Lambda Rail, LLC and Time Warner Telecom Holdings, Inc. for network connectivity to Internet2 and backup Internet services; (2) Verizon Credit Incorporated to lease new core network equipment to replace aging network equipment currently in operation on the Clearwater and Tarpon Springs Campuses and in the Seminole Data Center.

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

The Board approved the following: (1) Disposition of Surplus or Obsolete Property; and (2) Assignment of Proposed Partnership with Pinellas County School Board to the design-build firm of W. G. Mills for the location of the Veterinary Technology Project to the Seminole Vocational Education Center on the Pinellas County School Board property.

CREDIT CURRICULUM CHANGES

EFFECTIVE TERM II, 2007-2008: The Board approved **addition** of the following courses: MAN 3503 Managerial Risk Analysis and Decision Making; MAN 4900 Senior Capstone Project in Management and Organizational Leadership; PSY 3XXX Psychology of Adolescence. The Board approved **changes** in the following courses: BCH 3023 Elementary Organic and Biological Chemistry; BSC 1930 Biological Issues; BSC 2010L Biology I Laboratory; BSC 2011 Biology II-Organisms and Ecology; BSC 2011L Biology II Laboratory; CHM 2210 Organic Chemistry I; EMS 1522C General Pharmacology for the EMS Provider; HSA 1100 Healthcare Delivery Systems; MNA 1771 Critical Skills for Supervisors; MTG 3212 Modern Geometries. The Board approved **deletion** of the following course: FFP 2401 Hazardous Materials I. The Board approved **addition** of the following **Certificate** program: Veterinary Management (VMG). The Board approved **changes** in the following programs: **BS** Degree programs: Middle Grades Mathematics Education (5-9) (MGMED); Middle Grades General Science Education (5-9) (MGSED); Educational Studies (EDST); **BAS** Degree program: Management and Organizational Leadership (MGTORG); **AS** Degree programs: Early Childhood Education (CHDEV); Human Services-Social Services (HSDIS) or Alcohol/Substance Abuse (HSM); **ATD** program: Associate Addiction Professional (CAP); **Certificate** programs: IMPACT Middle Grades Mathematics Education (IMPMMG); IMPACT Middle Grades General Science Education (IMPMMGS).

EFFECTIVE TERM III, 2007-2008: The Board approved **addition** of the following course: CJE 3XX1 Supervising Tactical Gang Units and High Risk Operations. The Board approved **addition** of the following **Certificate** program: Public Safety Administration in Gangs Enforcement Management (GEMS). The Board approved **changes** in the following **BAS** Degree program: Public Safety Administration (PSA).

EFFECTIVE TERM I, 2008-2009: The Board approved **addition** of the following course: NUR 3XXX Pharmacology in Nursing Practice. The Board approved **changes** in the following courses: NUR 3066C Health Assessment and Physical Appraisal; NUR 3655 Nursing in a Multicultural Society; NUR 3805 Professional Roles and Dimensions of Nursing Practice; NUR 4606 Nursing of the Family; NUR 4636 Community Health Nursing Theory. The Board approved **deletion** of the following course: NUR 4606L Nursing of the Family Practicum. The Board approved **changes** in the following **BS** degree: Nursing (NURS).

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2008-2009 INSTRUCTIONAL CALENDAR

The Board approved the College's proposed 2008-2009 instructional calendar, which was developed according to State Board Rules and Calendar Committee guidelines. The College will seek approval for a late exception to begin Term II classes on Mon., Jan. 12, 2009 and to begin Term III classes on Mon., May 18, 2009 to allow a full week for student advising, registration and financial activity.

STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS AND INSTITUTIONAL OBJECTIVES

The Board gave final approval to the 2006-2009 Strategic Directions and the 2008-2009 Institutional Objectives (SD/IO) as presented. Trustees encouraged periodic assessment reports on where the College stands in response to this planning document. The SD/IO document serves as a key ingredient in the College's Institutional Effectiveness process and in the 2008-2009 Unit Planning and Operating Budgeting processes, which are scheduled for kickoff in February 2008.

EPICENTER DISTRICT OFFICE NAMING OPPORTUNITIES

The Board approved an annual ceremony whereby the EpiCenter District Office would be named in honor of a significant person, including their name on the building, and each year rotating that name to an inside plaque at a renaming event. The Board agreed that the first honorees should be Mr. & Mrs. John Galbraith for their tremendous support of the College.

FEBRUARY BOARD MEETING WITH WORKSHOP

The Board confirmed its next meeting for Tuesday, February 19, 2008, at the Allstate Center, beginning with a workshop entitled "Overview of Allstate Center" at 8 a.m.