

## Some Palladium work complete; more scheduled for summer

The Palladium Theater reopened Feb. 1 after a month of renovations and upgrades, the first efforts in a program that will stretch at least into the fall.

Paul Wilborn, the Palladium's director, said the theater closed at the beginning of January for renovations to the concessions area, the dressing rooms, the Green Room, and several other locations within the 80-year-old building. A quantity of asbestos also was removed from the building.

The stage was stained a deep ebony, which Wilborn said "is pretty standard for theaters."

"We were able to get a great deal of work accomplished in the one-month period," Wilborn said. "We will be closing the Palladium again this summer, this time for three months, to get more of the building's



The concessions area improvements include new coolers.

infrastructure up to good standards."

Workmen removed a small office from the concessions area, then widened a doorway and added two new doors that open to a side hallway. They also built a large new storage closet nearby.



Paul Wilborn

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## Graduation reminder to faculty and staff

Spring Graduation is at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 3, at Tropicana Field, and the deadline to order rental or keeper graduation regalia is March 21.

Attendance is mandatory for all full-time faculty and Administrative and Professional staff. Adjuncts and percent-of-load faculty are not required, but are welcomed to participate. Required faculty and staff may seek to be excused by submitting a written request to President Kuttler by April 18 with the purpose clearly stated.

Regalia can be ordered from Follett's Bookstore on any campus. Follett's will need your name, height (with shoes), weight, cap size (or head measurement, in inches), full title of your degree, and the school which conferred your degree along with the university's location (city and state), and a phone number where you can be contacted.

Orders received after March 21 will incur a late fee. Questions should be directed to your campus bookstore.

## SPC library materials now on Google Scholar

Google Scholar ([scholar.google.com](http://scholar.google.com)), an Internet search engine that specializes in academic subjects, now has the ability to seek out many full-text articles that reside within SPC's subscription databases.

The link came about through work by the St. Petersburg College libraries, with help from the IT department, the College Center for Library Automation, and Ex Libris

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### Protect your identity

St. Petersburg College has a new Identity Theft Awareness Web page that employees can consult for tips to help keep personal information safe. The site, [www1\cops\docs\Cop\IDtheft.htm](http://www1\cops\docs\Cop\IDtheft.htm), was developed by Eileen LaHaie and the staff at the Allstate Center's Florida Regional Community Policing Institute, at the request of President Carl M. Kuttler Jr.

**Catch up with the latest college happenings on the SPC Web site.**

[www.spcollege.edu](http://www.spcollege.edu)

# Baseball team opens conference play

With the basketball teams failing to qualify for the state tournament this weekend at Chipola College in Marianna, the sports focus at the college shifts to the baseball, softball and tennis teams:

- The baseball team is 16-10 after losing two of three games last weekend against Chipola. The team begins the 25-game Suncoast Conference schedule tonight at home at 6 against Polk CC. All conference home games are played at Carpenter Complex in Clearwater.
- The softball team is 3-0 in the Suncoast Conference and after beating Lake Sumter CC twice

Feb 28. The next conference games are Tuesday at Manatee CC.

- The tennis team remains in search of its first victory of the season after five matches.
- The men's basketball team lost to Manatee CC 112-87 in the Suncoast Conference tournament play-in game. The women lost in the first round of the Southern Conference tournament 61-49 to Palm Beach CC. The men finished 16-16 overall and 7-5 in the conference. The women ended 12-17 and 5-7 in the conference. To keep up on all of the sports teams, visit the Athletics Web site at [www.spcollege.edu/athletics/](http://www.spcollege.edu/athletics/).

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On the second floor, workers rebuilt a series of dressing rooms, and also renovated the Green Room, where guests and performers gather before taking the stage.

One unexpected benefit to the renovation came when workers removed a series of overhead lights, intending to replace them with new ones.

"We couldn't find anything that even came close to matching those old fixtures," Wilborn said. "Then we noticed that the fixtures had been painted a number of times over the years. When we removed several layers of paint, we found that the fixtures were made of brass and were really in very good condition."

Wilborn said the paint was carefully stripped away, and the fixtures were sent out for polishing. When they came back, they looked like new. The lights have been rewired and will be reinstalled in their original locations.

Other upgrades included new air conditioning ducts, some new ceilings, and paint that was carefully selected to match colors in the original tile floors.

"When the college took the Palladium over last fall, it was really in pretty good shape, but the previous owner, a non-profit, did not have the money to maintain it, and the building needed a fair amount of work,"



**The brass fixtures were covered in paint.**

Wilborn said.

Furniture for the dressing rooms and the Green Room has been ordered but has not arrived, according to Wilborn.

The Palladium will be closed again at the beginning of July and will remain dark through the end of September. During that period, the entire theater will be rewired, and new heating and air systems will be installed.

"Our electrical service is all over the place right now, and we need to replace that from the ground up," Wilborn said. "We also plan to build on a small addition that will provide a handicapped-accessible elevator."

"The college is really committed to making the Palladium into a showpiece," Wilborn said. "It's a gem, but it's a gem that needs a bit of polishing."

## Study abroad opportunities available

Eligible employees will have their SPC study abroad tuition waived for programs this summer in Belize, Ecuador, England and Japan. Those interested can attend an information meeting Monday, March 17 from 7 to 9 p.m. in Room 303 of the UP building, Seminole Campus. For more details, visit the Web site at [www.spcollege.edu/central/internationalprograms/study\\_abroad/](http://www.spcollege.edu/central/internationalprograms/study_abroad/).

## *Employment Opportunities*

For job openings at the college, visit the Human Resources Web site at [www.spcollege.edu/central/hr/](http://www.spcollege.edu/central/hr/).

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## Wellness update

by Cathleen Shears



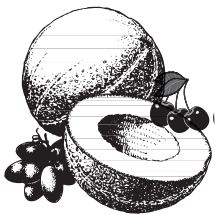
### Add fruit to your diet during National Nutrition Month™

*Nutrition: It's a Matter of Fact* is the theme of the American Dietetic Association's National Nutrition Month™ in March. So here are some facts about fruit, which is loaded with vitamins, minerals and fiber to help you stay healthy.



- Most adults should eat a minimum of two cups of fruit a day. That's easier than you think. Some examples of a cup of fruit: a small apple, a large banana, a large orange, a medium pear, a medium grapefruit, two large plums, eight large strawberries, or a small wedge of watermelon.
- Color counts, so eat a variety of colors to get a wider range of nutrients and health benefits. Cantaloupe, for example, is a good source of Vitamin A for healthy skin and eyes. Kiwi, strawberries, oranges and mangos have Vitamin C for healthy gums.
- Frozen, canned or dried fruits are just as nutritious as fresh. A half cup of dried fruit equals one cup of fresh fruit. A cup (8 ounces) of 100 percent fruit juice counts as a serving of fruit. But avoid juices with added sugar.
- Substituting fruit for high-calorie snacks can assist in weight loss. The fruit adds water and fiber to your snack so that you feel full with fewer calories.
- In addition to vitamins, minerals and fiber, fruit contains compounds called phytochemicals that appear to promote good health. Some notables are:

- Lycopene, which is found in watermelon and pink grapefruit, may decrease the rate of prostate cancer and heart disease;
- Anthocyanin, which is found in blueberries, blackberries, cherries, kiwi, and plums, may help lower the risk of cancer and may prevent urinary tract infections; and
- Resveratrol, which is found in red grapes, may help lower the risk of heart disease and cancer.



For more nutritional information, check out [mypyramid.gov](http://mypyramid.gov).

### Special invitation

All cancer survivors who work for the college, plus their caregivers, are invited to the Survivors Dinner March 28 at the Relay for Life on the St. Petersburg/Gibbs Campus/PE track and field. Survivors lead the first lap of the Relay fundraiser, which begins at 6 p.m. and ends at 8 a.m. Dinner by Longhorn Steak House is at 7 p.m. Survivors also receive a T-shirt from the American Cancer Society. To register, contact Marse Walsh at ext. 3297.

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SFX technology.

"This is an exciting development that will make millions of words of material residing in SPC databases available to people everywhere," said Deborah Robinson, director of Library Services.

Google Scholar search is popular and easy to use, but it cannot link to all SPC databases, Robinson said.

A handout explaining how SPC materials can be found through the use of Google Scholar is available at all SPC library locations, she said.

### Visit SPC Day is Wednesday

The college will open its campuses Wednesday to high school students who have already passed the Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test – FCAT.

Testing in reading, math and science will be held on that date in Pinellas County high schools, but students who don't need to make up or retake the FCAT test can be excused to visit SPC's Clearwater, Seminole, St. Petersburg/Gibbs or Tarpon Springs campuses.

The college will offer maps to guide potential students around the

campus and also will provide information on majors and career training, according to Mark Strickland, director of enrollment management.

Visit SPC Day programs begin at 9 a.m. at: **St. Petersburg/Gibbs**, Administration Building **Seminole**, University Partnership Center **Clearwater**, Administration Building; and **Tarpon Springs**, Administration Building.

Call Ext. 4772 or visit [www.spcollege.edu/fcat](http://www.spcollege.edu/fcat) for more information.

### SPC night at Vatican Splendors

Tonight is the second of three special evenings for SPC students, faculty and staff to enjoy the Vatican Splendors exhibit at the Florida International Museum at the downtown site. Hours are from 5 to 8 p.m. Tickets tonight and on the other SPC night April 18 are \$15 for adults, \$6 for SPC students, \$13 for ages 6 to 12 and free for ages 5 and younger. Tickets can be purchased at the box office, which closes at 7 p.m. RSVP at [www.spcollege.edu/events](http://www.spcollege.edu/events). SPC faculty, staff and students can park free in the SPC parking garage next to the museum, which is at 244 Second Ave. N, St. Petersburg. Refreshments will be served in the second floor Community Room.

# BOT *Highlights*

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## **OVERVIEW OF THE ALLSTATE CENTER**

Prior to the meeting, Mr. J.C. Brock, Campus Executive Officer of the Allstate Center, presented an "Overview of the Allstate Center," which included a video presentation using a virtual studio set to highlight various programs offered at the site. Trustees were further given an on-site tour of the studio and a sampling of how the virtual set operates.

## **PRESENTATION OF RETIREMENT RESOLUTIONS**

The Board adopted retirement resolutions for Amelia W. Carey, Institutional Advancement, EpiCenter Services; and Suzanne Corter, Counseling & Advisement, Clearwater Campus. Both Ms. Carey and Ms. Corter were in attendance and, joined by colleagues, received their resolution as presented by President Kuttler and Chairman Johnston.

## **EXPENDITURES AND CONTRACTS**

The Board approved the following: (1) Purchase of increased printing and auxiliary services for the National Terrorism Preparedness Institute (NTPI) through National Media Services, as requested by the Technical Support Working Group (TSWG); and (2) Purchase of Oracle/PeopleSoft consulting services for custom developments and upgrades to the Student Administration and HR/Payroll Systems, and employee training tools. The Board accepted, as information only, the Quarterly Report of Exempt and Non-Exempt Purchases, as well as the Quarterly Report on Contracts Items, covering contracts and other items in individual amounts not exceeding \$250,000.

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

The Board approved the following: (1) Selection of pre-qualified small contractors; and (2) Phase III construction documents for chiller plant expansion and underground infrastructure at the Clearwater Campus. The Board accepted, as information only, the Quarterly Report of Construction Contract Approvals Not Exceeding \$250,000. Further, an update was provided to the Board on the status of the Bay Pines Property.

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

The Board approved the following changes to the Rules and Procedures Manual: (1) Rule 6Hx23-5.02 Budget Amendments. This updates the approval requirements for budget amendments and establishes which budget amendments require approval of the Chancellor; and (2) Rule 6Hx23-5.17 Student Fees. This modifies the verbiage regarding International Study Abroad "application" fee to "program" fee, as well as increases said fee from \$150 to \$200.

## **CREDIT CURRICULUM CHANGES**

### **EFFECTIVE TERM II, 2007-2008:**

The Board approved addition of the following course: MAN 4061 Corporate Social Responsibility. The Board approved changes in the following courses: ENG 2103 World Cinema; LIT 2090 Contemporary Literature; MUN 1120 College Band. The Board approved deletion of the following courses: CIS 1353 Network Security Auditing, Attacks, and Threat Analysis; CIS 1355 Security Engineering; CIS 1356 Network Security and Firewalls. The Board approved changes in the following program: Certificate program: Information Technology (IT) Security Certificate (ITSEC). The Board approved deletion of the following programs: AS degree: Graphic Design Technology (GRAPH); Certificate program: Desktop Designer Certificate (DESK).

### **EFFECTIVE TERM III, 2007-2008:**

The Board approved addition of the following course: ATE 33XX Companion Animal Diseases. The Board approved changes in the following courses: AST 1022L Observational Astronomy Laboratory; PEM 1177 Pilates Plus; PEM 2131 Weight Training; PEN 2136 Skin and Scuba Diving. The Board approved deletion of the following courses: ISC 1004C Physical Science Matters; ISC 1005C Biological Science Matters; PEL 2211 Softball; PEL 2321 Volleyball I; PEM 1142 Advanced Aerobics Heavy Hands.

### **EFFECTIVE TERM I, 2008-2009:**

The Board approved addition of the following courses: ATE 31XX Tools for Success; ATE 32XX Safety and Regulatory Compliance in Veterinary Technology; ATE 4XXX Veterinary Technology Capstone I; ATE 41XX Veterinary Technology Capstone II; MAN 4584 Process Improvement Methodologies. The Board approved changes in the following courses: ATE 3316 Finance for the Veterinary Manager; ATE 3344 Supervision in the Veterinary Hospital; ATE 3515 Business Law; ATE 3616 Small Animal Nursing; ATE 3633C Small Animal Nutrition; ATE 3658 Anesthesia and Surgical Nursing; ATE 4317 Veterinary Hospital Management; ATE 4854 Leadership in Veterinary Technology. The Board approved changes in the following programs: BAS degrees: College of Technology and Management (TMGT); International Business (INTBUS); Veterinary Technology (VETTC).

## **GRANTS/RESTRICTED FUNDS CONTRACTS**

The Board authorized applications for and acceptance of grant funding (if awarded) from: (1) Centers for Disease Control for a Conference Planning Grant on Emergency and Risk Communication; (2) Centers for Disease Control for a Conference Planning Grant on Youth Violence Prevention; and (3) State of Florida, Department of Health, to provide services through NTPI to the Pinellas County Health Department for the Strategic National Stockpile Project.