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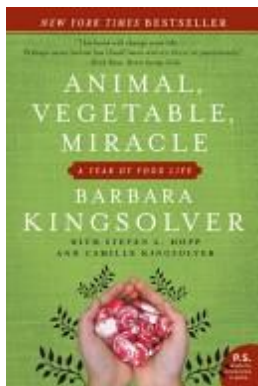
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SPC Reads SPC Downtown Book Club

We invite you to join the SPC Downtown Book Club. Drop by the Learning Support Commons (DC 255) and pick up your free copy of Barbara Kingsolver's award-winning book, *Animal, Vegetable, Miracle*. You will need to complete a Book Club Agreement form agreeing to participate in one of the roundtable

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ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSIONS:

Wednesday, 4/7: 12:30pm-2:30pm, Community Room (DC 210)

OR

Thursday, 4/8: 7pm-9pm, Community Room (DC 210)



St. Patrick's Day Celebration Feast!

Wednesday, March 17

12:15 pm—2 pm

Student Activities Lounge

Everyone wear green today, dance a little jig and enjoy the traditional corned beef and cabbage feast prepared by Orange Blossom Catering. Be sure to try the Emerald Isle Jell-O and Shamrock Sheet Cake!



American Stage in the Park

End of Spring Term Celebration on Friday, April 30

7:00 p.m. Picnic 8:00 p.m. Performance

Tickets are limited! Sign up at the front desk starting April 5th.

It's time to grab your blankets, dress in your grooviest 60's attire and join the Downtown Center for our annual end of spring term celebration at Demens Landing. This year, American Stage presents, *Hair*. *Hair* is a story of a group of young Americans searching for love and peace during the Vietnam era. With a groundbreaking rock score, *Hair* depicts the birth of a cultural movement that changed America forever. The college bus will transport students from the SPC Downtown parking garage to Demens Landing, 200 1st Avenue S.E. Parking will be available in the SPC Parking Garage the night of the event. A current student ID will be needed to access the parking garage, ride the bus and pick up your tickets for the show. Tickets will be distributed in the Downtown Center lobby starting at 6:15 pm. Picnic in the park at 7pm catered by Orange Blossom Catering.



Career Watch: Jim Gonyea



A few tips regarding...

Job hunting in tough economic times!

- ✔ **First and foremost, don't give up because it's difficult!** Stay positive and avoid negative people. A strong, positive attitude is key to success.
- ✔ **Understand that the current tough economic times will end!** They always do!
- ✔ **Cut your spending!** Make a budget to see what you actually earn and spend, and then find ways to reduce your expenses. Be willing to sacrifice!
- ✔ **Know your talent!** Know what you can do for an employer. What skills do you have? How can an employer benefit from hiring you?
- ✔ **To find employment opportunities, monitor "help wanted ads" in newspapers and online daily!** But don't let this be your only or main method of finding employment!
- ✔ **To find employment opportunities, enter the "hidden job market!"** Understand that most jobs are never advertised. Therefore, to find them you must directly contact employers who have not posted any "help wanted ads" and inquire about employment. This works!
- ✔ **Use your network!** Contact your friends, relatives, colleagues and acquaintances on a weekly basis and ask them to forward information about job leads.
- ✔ **Prepare your resume in electronic format!** Prepare an edited copy for each job that you want to secure! Don't use one resume for all jobs! Use keywords in each resume that match the duties of the job you wish to land.

- ✔ **Sharpen or upgrade your general and/or core skills!** There's no better time to enhance your skills. Take courses, do independent research. Enhance your general skills, such as reading, writing, math and, if necessary, develop leading-edge skills, especially computer skills.
- ✔ **Sell your ability to achieve goals, not just your past record of duties!** Demonstrate that you're the best candidate by emphasizing how you have accomplished goals and achieved success in the past, and how you will do it for the new employer.
- ✔ **Learn the art of sales!** It may be uncomfortable at times, but you've got to learn how to shine your own light. Be prepared to tell employers what you're good at and how you can help the employer succeed.
- ✔ **Focus on growth industries!** Check the Occupational Outlook Handbook website (<http://www.bls.gov/oco/home.htm>) to learn which industries are growing and why. Target your job search into those growth areas.
- ✔ **Take freelance and temporary assignments!** Don't be too proud to take any position you can get. Consider it merely as a temporary position until you can find the job you want.
- ✔ **Form a support group!** Find other job seekers and meet together weekly to share ideas and offer support.
- ✔ **Use the services of a recruiter!** Search Google.com to find recruiters in your industry. Contact them and sign up to use their services. Never pay for recruiting assistance - the good recruiters are paid by the employers they serve.

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Counselor's Corner: Jerry Cade



Rollo May observed; "It is an old and ironic habit of human beings to run faster when we have lost our way." That is so well stated and so true. When we're stressed out, late or lost, we tend to become more impulsive. We make decisions without facts and then cause ourselves and others more trouble. We can avoid unnecessary "run faster" behavior by taking the time to plan, and by keeping our eyes on the

goal. Our student services staff will be happy to help you with those things and more.

Speaking of planning, regular registration for the summer 2010 session begins Wednesday, March 31st. That week is the best time to find classes that fit your plans. We now have an instruction booklet that will help you figure out how to register through MySPC. Stop by the front desk and request your copy.

Remember, keep your eye on the goal and take it one choice at a time.

**Counselor's
 Corner**

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Confused about Registration?

MySPC Registration Classes

For ALL Downtown Center Students

Mondays 4-5 pm in DC 123

March 8, 15, 22, 29

April 5, 12, 19

Topics Include:

~How to find out what classes you need to graduate

~How to find out when and where classes are offered

~How to view your Educational Plan

*Reserve your space early by calling

727-341-4249



Free

Learning Support Commons, DC 251
Math Tutoring @ SPC Downtown

Diana Timmons



Tuesday & Thursday
6:00pm - 9:00pm
DC 251

Lonnie Jackson



Monday & Wednesday
6:00pm - 9:00pm

Chuck Torrey



Tuesday & Thursday
11:00am - 2:00pm
DC 251

MAT 0012 Pre-Algebra
MAT 0024 Elem. Algebra
MAT 1033 Inter. Algebra
MAC 1105 College Algebra

⇐ **Classes Include:** ⇒

MAC 2233 Appl. Calculus
STA 2023 Elem. Statistics
MGF 1106 Lib. Arts Math I
MGF 1107 Lib. Arts Math II

LEARNING SUPPORT COMMONS and Study Hall

Spring 2010

Located on second floor in DC 251

Services include tutoring in Reading, Writing and Computer Skills

For more information, call 341-7911

Rita Hooks

Writing Tutor



Monday - Thursday
8am - 12pm
2pm - 5pm
Fridays
8am - 12pm

Jan Moss

Writing & Computer Tutor



Tuesday & Wednesday
6pm - 9pm

Roberta Newman

Reading Tutor



Monday & Wednesday
6pm - 9pm



Actively Speaking: Erin Senack

Happy Spring! In addition to the three spectacular events that are highlighted on the front page of this newsletter, listed below are some of the other great activities that are happening at the Downtown Center. Please take advantage of the opportunities that have been made available to you. Let me know how you are enjoying student life at the Downtown Center. Stop in and say, "hi." I am located in DC 472.

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STUDENT ACTIVITIES



Wednesday, 3/17: 12:15pm-2pm, Student Lounge

St. Patrick's Day Celebration! Step into the Lounge for a traditional Irish feast!.

Tuesday, 3/23: 5:15pm-7pm, Student Lounge

Nite Bites! Watch in amazement as the chef provides a selection of hot, fresh, personal pizzas, dessert pizzas and salads for you. Food prepared by Catering Specialties by Steve.

Friday, 3/26: 11:00am-1:40pm, DC 257

Women's History Month Celebration! Award-winning Dame Helen Mirren gives a spellbinding performance in *The Queen*, the provocative story behind the tragic death of Princess Diana. Mirren plays the private and traditional Queen Elizabeth II in conflict with the modern and image-conscious Prime Minister, Tony Blair. Hooker Tea will provide tea and finger foods so that we may sip with the Queen. Joyce Flemming, Communications Instructor, will lead a discussion following the film.



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Monday, 5/3-Friday, 5/7: Final Exam Snack Attack, Lobby

Grab some snacks and refreshments to keep your brain and body operating at peak performance! Good luck with your exams and papers.

