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March 4  Blood and Bone Marrow Drive: The United Student Association (USA) Community Service Committee has invited the Puget Sound Blood Center on campus, 9:00 a.m. to noon and 12:45 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., Clock Tower Plaza. A bone marrow registry representative will have a table near the Bookstore. More information can be found by contacting Mina So, USA Community Service Chair, at extension 5332.

Improving Success for Transfer Students: Campus community members are invited to join this presentation by Ted Coskey, Mathematics and Astronomy Instructor. Ted will discuss what he learned from transfer students and others during his sabbatical year at the University of Washington, 2:10 p.m., Little Theater, SCI 125.

March 6  Fear of War: Campus community members are invited to share their feelings and anxieties as America approaches war in Iraq in this discussion to be led by Carmen Chambers, Women’s Programs Coordinator, noon to 1:00 p.m., JMB-128. For more information contact Carmen at extension 6801.

March 11  Beauty Center Specials – $2 Cuts and Manicures

March 14  Legislative Update: Campus community members are invited to join President Jill Wakefield for her monthly legislative update, where she will share and discuss the latest news from Olympia, 7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m., President’s Boardroom, RSB 30. Dr. Wakefield has been asked to testify before a number of legislative committees and has met with legislators from key committees and those who represent the college’s three districts. She is helping legislators understand the impact of budget decisions and how that affects our success.
Black History Celebrations

Two Nights of Theater Sold Out

In its first venture into theatrical production the Office of Diversity has succeeded, selling out two nights.

The office and brownbox productions are bringing the play “Black to My Roots” to the Little Theater, SCI 125, on Feb. 28 and March 28.

This play, which is a part of South’s celebration of February’s designation as Black History Month, is made up of 13 monologues and ensemble pieces, the play expresses the collective experience of African American women and their unique relationship with their tresses.

Hair and race, hair and men, hair and popular culture, hair and history, the play’s subject becomes much more. It is a reflection of life’s twists and turns – even a reflection of African American roots and the reasons why they are the people they are today. “Black to My Roots” tells tales of love and laughter, pride and pain, and ultimately tales of acceptance.

“Black to My Roots” is directed by Tyrone Brown and features Kathya Alexander, Tracee Marie Jones, Wilna Julmiste, Camille-Yvonne Kennedy, Laura Malone and Michelle Robinson.

Quilters Exhibition at Art Gallery

The Art Gallery at South presents the Pacific Northwest African American Quilters exhibition, which runs Feb. 20 to March 21.

The Pacific Northwest African American Quilters (PNWAAQ) is a collective of Puget Sound women dedicated to the creation and preservation of quilting and the promotion of cultural heritage and history.

As a group, PNWAAQ presents lectures, participates in local and regional exhibits and creates quilts for community-based groups. The work of individual members is exhibited nationally and is included in many private collections.

For more information contact Lisa Palmatier, Art Gallery Coordinator, at extension 5337.

Dan Evans Awards Postponed

The SSCC Foundation will not be able to award any Dan Evans Exceptional Faculty Awards for 2002-2003. The endowment for these awards is made up of funds from the Foundation and matching funds from the State of Washington. The state’s endowment restrictions prohibit the Foundation from using the endowment principal to make awards. Recent negative investment returns have eliminated any interest earnings on the endowment and thus no awards can be made this year. It is hoped that the awards, which are named for Gov. Daniel J. Evans who signed into law the Community College Act of 1967, will resume next year.
South in the Spotlight

SSCC & Sushi – The Perfect Partners for a TV Show

Last Wednesday, South’s Continuing Education’s instructor, Kris Dews, was televised offering a “Sushi Basics” class in the Brockey Kitchen. The recipients were a Northwest pair on a blind date that had been arranged for them as part of the new television series on the Discovery Channel, Perfect Partner (a big hit in England that has been brought to the States).

In the show two friends compete against two family members in a search to find their special single a perfect match. In each half-hour episode, the featured single goes on two dates (one chosen by friends, the other chosen by family) and then determines who knows him or her best – relatives or friends.

This episode will be televised in May when the show features someone from Western Washington. To learn more about the show, participants and broadcast times go to http://dsc.discovery.com/fansites/perfectpartner/about/about.html.

Special thanks goes to Brockey staff Bob Sullivan, Donna Wilkerson and Don Vennetti for helping turn the kitchen into a great place to film and to Continuing Education’s Luisa Motten for getting the ball rolling.

Arboretum in Book

The SSCC Arboretum was recognized in a recently released book “Gardening in the Northwest”

The book, which is a part of several titles by Sunset magazine, recommends the Arboretum’s “fabulous dwarf conifer display that demonstrates more than 100 cultivars suitable for smaller landscapes.” It goes on to say: “The collection has been established with the help of conifer experts Robert and Dianne Fincham, owners of Coenosium Gardens, a mail-order nursery in Eatonville, WA. Take note of the wide variety of conifer colors, forms and textures in this unusual collection.”

This entry was submitted by Debra Prinzing, a garden writer and part-time Landscape Horticulture student at South.

The book can be ordered by going to http://www.sunset.com/sunset/Books/gardentitles/GardenNW.html.

The Business of Cooking

Pick up a copy of the Feb. 21 – 27 edition of the Puget Sound Business Journal and you will find that hard times mean good times for South’s Culinary Arts program.

The article goes on to state that despite the slowing economy and hits taken by the hospitality industry, culinary schools, including South, are enrolled to capacity.

Dean Dan Cassidy also lets readers know South is going to be even more competitive with the host of improvements from the $2.5 million culinary remodel, which is slated to be finished in fall 2003. Dan also notes that our competition will be cooked when students see the specially-design European cooking suite, along with the $7,000 it takes to complete our program versus the Art Institute’s $30,000.

Please send submissions for the next issue of the Update to Michael May by March 10.
Participants from 34 colleges around the country enjoy a working lunch at the Café Alki during the Feb. 27 College Board and American Association of Community Colleges’ “Enrolling Overseas Students in Two-year Institutions” seminar, which was held in part at the Brockey Center.

Grants Help College Programs

Area low-income families and dislocated workers will benefit thanks to the hard work by the college’s WorkFirst and Worker Retraining staff in securing grants for training.

The first is a $300,000 grant for the Automotive Technology and Medical Office Clerk programs. The grant will be for both participants in the college’s welfare to work program, WorkFirst, and program for the unemployed, Worker Retraining. The grant will provide for tuition and fees, supplies, and instructors.

The second is a $70,000 grant to help train hotel employees. The training includes English as a Second Language courses and strategies and habits for successful employment.

The third is a $43,000 grant for the Job Skills program. The program trains business and industry people in quality control standards. The program introduces participants to ISO 9000, a set of quality control standards.

The standards are generated by the International Organization for Standardization, a worldwide federation of national standards bodies from more than 140 countries. Standards are documented agreements containing technical specifications or other precise criteria to be used consistently as rules, guidelines, or definitions of characteristics, to ensure that materials, products, processes and services are fit for their purpose.

College Council Needs You

Do you want to be a part of a representative body that is responsible for advising the President’s Cabinet on policy proposals that affect the campus community as a whole? Then College Council is for you.

This role includes, but is not limited to participation in the annual planning cycle, which includes environmental and institutional assessment, goal setting, strategy formation, and budget allocation.

College Council is seeking nominations for classified and administrative/professional employees. Campus community members can nominate a colleague or themselves by March 3. Send nominations to Jennifer Whetham, English Instructor, via e-mail at jwhetham@sccd.ctc.edu.

Longing for back issues of the Update or just want to save paper? Visit us online on SouthNet at http://dept.seattlecolleges.com/southnet/pio.html#update. All you need is your Outlook user name and password.
South to Host “College Night 2003”

Know someone who is looking for a place to start? The campus community is encouraged to let the public know that they have a chance to learn more about how the winning education and training programs at South can help them get where they want to go.

Adults seeking education and training and high school students and their parents are invited to attend “College Night 2003” on Thursday, March 13 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the Brockey Center.

Representatives from several college departments will be available to answer questions, including professional/technical programs, college transfer, counseling and student services, scholarships and financial aid, high school student college credit programs, and help for the unemployed in finding a new career path.

This event is free and open to the public. Free parking is available in the south parking lot. For more information on “College Night 2003” call Sherry Reichert, Director of Student Outreach & Admissions, at extension 6691.

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The Puget Sound Blood Center will have its mobile center in the Clock Tower Plaza. A blood draw takes about 45 minutes. There is also an appointment sheet in the Student Life front office if it is more convenient to have a specific time to donate. A bone marrow registry representative will have a table near the Bookstore.

For college employees who are concerned about having time to donate, it is important to note that Gov. Locke recently issued Executive Order 02-01, which allows “state employees to take paid leave for participating in life-giving procedures. Such leave shall not be charged against sick leave or annual leave, and use of leave without pay shall not be required.” Please check with your supervisor and provide advance notice if you would like donate your blood.

More information can be found by contacting Mina So, USA Community Service Chair, at extension 5332.
Free Income Tax Assistance Available

Campus community members are encouraged to get the word out to students that Business Information Technology and Accounting students are operating a Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) site on campus.

The VITA program is primarily for students and community members to gain access to qualified tax assistance and tax breaks, such as the Earned Income Tax Credit, which will help them apply those funds towards a brighter future. The VITA program is part of the White Center Asset Building Coalition, which is made up of the United Way of King County, Annie E. Casey Foundation, IRS, and Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now. To learn more visit http://www.uwkc.org/whatwedo/eitc.

The VITA program is also a great opportunity for student volunteers to test skills they have learned, and they also have the potential to earn one internship credit. Volunteers have been trained to help people complete simple income tax returns – the 1040EZ, 1040A, and uncomplicated 1040. They have also been trained in Schedule EIC, Form 2441: Child/Dependent Care, Education, Hope and Lifetime Learning Credit, 8880 Saver’s Credits, and 1099G Unemployment Income. The returns will be filed electronically for a rapid refund.

Days and Times:
• Mondays, 1:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
• Thursdays, 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Location:
• Tillicum Building, Room 106

Participants must bring the following with them:
• Social Security card (original or copy)
• Picture ID with current address
• All W-2s from employers for the 2002 tax year

Tax help may be limited during the winter quarter final examination period, March 20 – March 25, and spring break, March 27 – April 6. Please inquire about availability. For more information please contact Judy Gray, Business and Accounting Instructor, at extension 6802. Participants can also call 1-800-755-5317 for more information and translation will be available.

Stop Driving and Make Money

Have you noticed the cost of gas lately? How would you like a free tank of gas once a quarter? Register to carpool, walk, or bicycle to work and you may be eligible to receive $35 per quarter in Bonus Plus Vouchers to be redeemed at Union 76, REI, Brown Bear Car Wash, YMCA, Flexcar, or the SSCC Bookstore.

Those who registered for the winter quarter Bonus Plus Vouchers program are picking up their vouchers now. Why not join them for the spring quarter? Interested parties have until the first week of spring quarter to register. Eligible employees are carpoolers who work 50 percent or more of a full-time schedule and carpool at least 3 days a week. The same employment and commute frequency requirements apply to bicyclists and walkers as well.

A reminder to carpoolers who choose to take the Go-Pass at the beginning of the quarter, you are not eligible for the vouchers.

To learn more about South’s Commute Trip Reduction program and benefits, call James Lewis, Safety & Security Manager, at extension 5157.