South Driven to Electric
Murray Fye, equipment operator in Campus Services, has quietly been leading one of the college’s sustainability efforts by converting campus service vehicles from gas to electric. His third and most recent conversion, a Daihatsu mini-truck, joins two converted utility vehicles already in use by the grounds crew, and two biodiesel lawnmowers that he converted from diesel. (cont. on page 5)
South staff stuff

Chad Hickox
Interim Dean of Academic Programs
Chad, the Associate Dean of Academic Programs, has been appointed Interim Dean of Academic Programs while Greg Gillespie assumes the VP Campus Services position on an interim basis. The Associate Dean position will remain unfilled during the interim period.

Janet Kapp
Nutrition/Health Instructor
Janet has worked as a nutrition consultant and diabetes educator at Public Health-Seattle/King County for almost eight years, and has been a part-time instructor at South for the past two years. She earned a BS in Biology and Nutritional Sciences from the University of Arizona and a master’s of Public Heath in Nutrition from the University of Washington.

Carey Schroyer
Biology Instructor
Carey has taught for seven years in the local community college system and, for the last four years, has focused on the successful development of hybrid biology lab classes at South. She obtained her BS from Queen’s University in Kingston, Ontario, Canada, and a Doctor of Chiropractic degree from Logan College of Chiropractic in Missouri. Prior to embarking on a teaching career, Carey was a practicing chiropractic physician and small business owner.

Honor Roll Reception
The Honor Roll Reception, recognizing students who have achieved Dean and President’s list status during fall quarter, was held on February 12. Nearly 350 students, family and their guests, and campus community members attended. Key note speaker was Dr. Ed Taylor, UW Undergraduate Vice Provost. Student Gregg Alvarado was recognized as a Gates Millennium scholar, and the United Student Association provided certificates to outstanding faculty members: (L-R bottom photo) Carol Koepke, Mike Hickey, John Nordling, Paul Safstrom.

Poetry to Our Ears
The Art Gallery’s Art & Poetry Exhibition featured an innovative contest in which participants picked five words from a jar of random words and then incorporated them into an original poem. Instructor (and mnemonics guru) Dolores Mirabella’s poem, My Heaven, was chosen by the Art Gallery staff as the favorite and appears to the left, with the jar-picked words underlined.

My Heaven
The Universe is my church.
The Galaxy is my garden.
Nature is my home.
The Sun is my electricity.
And there ain’t nothin’ like sittin’
On my ass
On the beach
Wearin’ sunglasses
Readin’ books
And curlin’ my toes in the hot sand.
Nope. Ain’t nothin’ like it!

~ Dolores Mirabella
Student Academic Success
South students William Khazaal (above left) and Elizabeth “Lizzy” Merton (above right) are South’s 2009 All-Washington Academic Team representatives. They and other student representatives from the state’s two-year community and technical colleges will be recognized for their academic achievement, leadership, and community service at a ceremony March 26 in Olympia. They will also receive $750 in scholarships provided by NELA and Key Bank.

William has also been named a 2009 Coca-Cola Bronze Scholar, an honor based on scores earned in the All-USA Academic Team competition. The award includes a certificate, bronze medallion, and a check for $1,000. Gold, Silver and Bronze Scholars will be listed in a special section of USA TODAY on April 6.

Congressional Visit
Congressman Jay Inslee visited the Georgetown campus on February 16, to discuss green jobs and how the stimulus package will affect Washington state. Interim President Gary Oertli welcomed the congressman, company representatives, and students from instructor Mark Maher’s Cement Mason Apprenticeship Program.

Film at 11
South’s Northwest Wine Academy was featured in the Ford Foundation’s Bridges to Opportunity initiative video series, entitled Profiles of Opportunity. The series highlights six non-traditional adult students who transformed their lives and careers through enrollment in community colleges. The profiles depict how the initiative made a difference in helping disadvantaged adults to access educational and economic opportunity. View the videos at: www.communitycollegecentral.org.

Wheel Options
Use an alternative to driving alone twice from March 8-21 and log your commute online at www.WheelOptions.org. You may be eligible to win the $2,500 Grand Prize, $250 Tommy Bahama Gift Card, one of three $100 American Express cards, or $100 Target, Costco, or Visa Cards and more.

Celebrating Design
South’s University Center building is one of the architectural concepts featured in a new book about Mithun, the integrated design company that created the plans for the building. The feature, which includes an exterior and interior photo of the University Center, highlights the care taken to design the building to fit both the site and the campus, and the building’s “green” components.

Impaneled
Asha Esterberg, Spanish instructor, served on the January 27 Community College Teaching Opportunities panel at the University of Washington. Faculty from surrounding community colleges responded to questions from UW students interested in pursuing a career as faculty.

From the Foundation
At each meeting, the Foundation board presents Appreciation awards to faculty, staff and students. Congratulations to the most recent recipients: Wendy Nagasawa, Executive Assistant to the President; Mike Hickey, English faculty; and Dina Ouch, Office Occupations student.

Thank-a-Thon
Special thanks to those who took part in the inaugural Thank-a-Thon, writing personal letters to donors. Pictured clockwise are: Sochetna Chhay (13th Year Scholarship Recipient), Heather Foss, Dolores Mirabella, Marilyn Anderson-Burt, Kara McArthur, Marcia Kato, and student Ali Omar.
Multi-Lingual Emergency Preparation

“In a first-of-its-kind event, 340 ESL students and 20 faculty/staff participated in Emergency Preparedness Workshops on February 24 and 25. The excellent speaker (Debbie Goetz pictured above right), PowerPoint presentation, three paid translators, first-language handouts and sample emergency kit items were provided by the City of Seattle Office of Emergency Preparedness.

Students learned about the dangers of carbon monoxide poisoning, what to do during and after an earthquake, and simple, easy steps they can take to better prepare themselves for a disaster. Students were seated in 10 language groups for the evening session and 14 groups for the morning session; higher-level students stepped up and provided essential informal translation for the lower-level students.

This event was the brainchild of Donna Miller-Parker, who wanted to create a community-building event in which important life-skills information could be conveyed to our students. Two similar workshops at NewHolly in early February (180 students total) helped work out the planning details. Coordination came out of our division’s EL Civics grant.

Kudos to Bob Sullivan, Ken Monson and staff for their assistance with the room and sound/computer systems. Heartfelt thanks also go to Donna, our office staff and faculty for their assistance before and during the workshops.”

National TRiO Day

February 28 was National TRiO day, celebrating the Federal TRiO Programs that help low-income and first-generation students enter college and earn a college degree. To learn more about South’s three TRiO programs (Upward Bound, Educational Talent Search and Student Success Services), check out the large display created by Marilyn Anderson-Burt, on the educational bulletin board in the hallway outside the TRiO-SSS office, RS-67.

Student Writing Opportunities

Please encourage students to submit work for the following:

Annual South Seattle Community College Student Anthology – personal essay, fiction, poetry. Deadline March 20.
Contact Holly Gilman at hgilman@sccd.ctc.edu, 768-6457.

Annual League for Innovation Literary Competition – personal essay, fiction, poetry, one-act play. 1st place, $500; 2nd place, $200; 3rd place, $100. Deadline March 20.
Contact Mike Hickey at mhickey@sccd.ctc.edu 768-6495.

Read All About It

The SBCTC Legislative News, a weekly summary of news and happenings related to Washington’s community and technical colleges during the 2009 legislative session, may be accessed at: http://www.sbctc.edu/legislativenews.

Did you know the State Board for Community and Technical Colleges has a blog? Check out articles about – and of interest to – Washington state community and technical colleges at: http://sbctcnewlinks.blogspot.com/.

Links to the following articles may be found in News & Press on South’s website.

Winemaker and instructor Peter Bos profiled in WineSquire.com.


Vice President of Student Affairs Mark Mitsui quoted in “Running Start to a Well-Prepared Future,” ColorsNW, February 23, 2009.

Former instructor Sabra Schneider featured as “Geek of the Week,” in Seattle PI, February 24, 2009.
The winter quarter Hospitality Management BAS Advisory Committee Meeting/Etiquette Dinner took place March 4 in the Brockey Center. The quarterly business meeting was held in conjunction with an etiquette dinner, a class requirement for BAS students.

McKinney Scholarship Winner
Mohamed Galgalo is South’s second recipient of the Reverend B. McKinney Scholarship. Originally from Ethiopia, Mohamed is fluent in four languages, and is pursuing his AA degree with plans to earn a BA in International Studies. He is a student leader who belongs to the Muslim Club Association and Student Success Services.
Events calendar

**Tuesday, March 10**
Budget Kick-Off Meeting
1:30 pm, OLY Auditorium 120.

**Tuesday, March 17**
FERPA (Student Record Confidentiality) Training
10-11:30 am, OLY 206
Open to all faculty, staff and student employees; new staff and faculty strongly encouraged to attend. Conducted by Arnold Reed and Kim Manderbach.

**Wednesday, March 18**
FERPA (Student Record Confidentiality) Training
2-3:30 pm, OLY 206
(Repeat of March 17 session.)

**Wednesday, March 25**
Winter Quarter Ends!
Northwest Wine Academy Spring Release Tasting
5 – 7 pm, Wine Tasting Room
Celebrate the end of the quarter and the arrival of spring with light appetizers and wine tasting, gift baskets, and more. Sponsored by Union Bank of California.
Information at 764-5809.

**Thursday, March 26**
Nursing Program Orientation Session
11 am – 2 pm, RAH 126
Info at 768-6654.

**Friday, March 27**
EDAC Winter Event – Retirement
2-3:30 pm, President’s Board Room
Patty Kuntz, District retirement planning expert will discuss retirement and answer your questions.

**Monday, April 6**
Spring Quarter begins!

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**Best at Metropolitan Market**
Chef James Best conducted a February 27 demo at Metropolitan Market-Admiral as a preview of his CED course, Italy: Cuisine & Culture. He was ably assisted by CED Manager Laura Matson.

**MACK Truck**
The MACK truck is on loan from Seattle MACK and is being used for training in the diesel program.

**You’ve Got a Friend**
Now you can show your support for the Women’s Center and stay up-to-date on Women’s Center Activities by becoming a Fan on Facebook. Join at: http://www.facebook.com/pages/SSCC-Womens-Center/42534994569
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February Highlights

College Success Videos, student panel filmed Feb. 17
For the first video in the 10-video series, we assembled a very diverse group of students from a variety of ethnic backgrounds, ages, and programs to discuss their experiences as college students. The panel was facilitated by John Sharify, and filmed by SCCtv. The purpose of the filming was also to collect advice from these students for other students. They had some amazing things to say, and we are excited about how this will be used in our first video, tentatively titled Student to Student.

Transition Day, February 11
Dorrienne Chinn, Arleen Williams and the BETS Transitions Committee are working with the support of the grant to build on the prior successes of the Transition Day event held each quarter. This quarter’s Transition Day featured college administration and staff who showcased their program options and pathways. Highlights of the event included very informative presentations and guided tours of different programs.

~ Submitted by Rosie Rimando, Project Developer

Campus Security Reports

February 4
A student reported that his car, parked in the North Lot, had been damaged by an attempted break-in. Someone tried to pull the locks on the driver’s side and the trunk, resulting in inoperable locks and power windows.

February 13
An instructor from Automotive turned in a small quantity of marijuana to Security. The instructor reported that the drug was handed over from a student, who said it came from another student.

February 17
A student reported that her cell phone was stolen by another student, who had borrowed it and then claimed it was lost. When asked about the phone by Security, the student who borrowed it admitted she was keeping it until the first student returned a book. When Seattle Police were contacted, the two students reached an agreement: the phone was returned in exchange for a promissory note to pay for the book.

February 24
Security was asked to remove a student from an Automotive Collision Repair class as a safety precaution, because to instructors and other students he appeared to be under the influence of marijuana. The student said he only was tired from lack of sleep, but he agreed to leave campus. The situation was referred to the Vice President of Student Services.

Acronyms, acronyms, acronyms
You may see a lot of letters flying around referring to the grant, so here is a little key to help you figure them out:

AANAPISI: Asian American Native American Pacific Islander Serving Institution, the official name of our federal designation (“Native American Pacific Islander” refers to Pacific Islanders as indigenous people).

AAPI: Asian American and Pacific Islander, the term used to refer to people who identify as Asian American or Pacific Islander.

API Studies: Used to describe the coursework of the Associate of Arts emphasis that the grant is developing: Asian Pacific Islander studies.

API Grant: Shorthand for AANAPISI; commonly used on campus to refer to the grant, the staff and the project activities.