It’s hard to believe that the end of the academic year is here! Congratulations to everyone on another successful year at SCC. I’m proud of what we’ve accomplished together.

Special thanks go to: Head Women’s Soccer Coach Ian Woodhead and assistant coaches Lisa Hermen, Ed Kephart, Mike Stauber and Chris Woolley of the state-championship winning women’s soccer team; Michael DeCarbo, Tara and Jared Kubicka-Miller, coaches of the top-ranked speech and debate team; and Narges Niedzwiecki and Nooshan Shekarabi, Model United Nations team faculty advisors. Also, I want to thank all the coaches and staff who have taught students important life lessons about winning, losing, pride, and humility.

In the coming year we anticipate more building and construction projects funded by Measure E. These include a new softball field, science and humanities buildings as well as a new gymnasium. We also look forward to a fall tree-planting event as the Coastkeeper Garden (located near the intersection of Jamboree and Santiago Canyon roads) begins to take shape.

This spring we were shocked and saddened by the senseless, tragic event at Virginia Tech. While SCC is more likely to be threatened by a wildfire or earthquake, rest assured that our college and district safety and security offices are working diligently to prepare for any emergency. Toward that end, our own Lt. Devon Trahan will be contributing a column to each issue of the SCCourier, as well as sending out regular e-mail updates about safety and emergency planning.

This August marks my fifth year at SCC. I’ve said it before, and will say it again—SCC faculty, staff and administrators are the best in my 30-plus years of experience working in higher education. We’ve got an outstanding team, and together, we will continue to accomplish great things for our students and the community we serve.

Have a wonderful summer!

Juan Vázquez
Spring 2007 Athletics Wrap-up
Contributed by Josh Levy, sports information coordinator

Hawks Golf Tournament a Success

The Seventh Annual SCC Hawks Golf Tournament was a smashing success! On April 27, a record number of players came together at the Tustin Ranch Golf Club to raise $27,000 for the college’s athletic program and foundation.

Besides great golf, the tournament featured a putting contest, marshmallow drive, barbecue dinner and athletic scholarship presentation. During the dinner festivities, eleven student-athletes from SCC received scholarships in recognition of their athletic and academic achievements from this past season.

Steve Gibson Tees off for Men’s Golf

Sophomore and men’s golf team member Steve Gibson earned Orange Empire Conference (OEC) Player of the Year honors for 2007. He finished the year with a conference low average of 70.2.

Highlights from Gibson’s season include a school-record round of 64 on March 5 against Saddleback, Orange Coast and Riverside teams at El Prado Golf Course. Gibson finished with two eagles and five birdies that day to lead the Hawks to a team-record round of 353. On April 18 in a match against Palomar, Gibson set another school record with nine birdies.

Johnson Leader of the Pack in Women’s Track and Field

Track and field standout Jenni Johnson ran away from the competition this season as she won individual OEC titles in the 1,500, 5,000 and 10,000 meters as well as the 3,000 meter steeplechase.

During the season, Johnson broke the National Community College record in the women’s 3,000 meter steeplechase with a time of 10:45.68 at the U.C. San Diego Triton Invitational on April 21. The previous record of 10:54.77 was set in 2002.

Johnson established a new meet record in the steeplechase with a time of 10:56.93 at the California Track and Field State Championships held on May 18-19 at the College of San Mateo. She also placed second in the 5,000 meters (17:50.58) and 10,000 meters (37:50.87) to earn 26 points and lead SCC to a ninth place overall finish in the field of 51 teams.
Social Norming Campaign Ready for Roll Out

This fall, students in SCC computer labs will receive responsible drinking messages whenever a screen saver appears. Three rotating messages featuring SCC students will illustrate drinking safety tips such as keeping track of the number of alcoholic drinks consumed, having a designated driver, and eating before or during drinking alcohol.

The messages are part of a social norming campaign and were tested for effectiveness and impact by a group of SCC students. Social norming is based on the idea that people want to fit in and belong to the group. By demonstrating the responsible habits of those SCC students who drink, it may influence the behavior of their peers.

“The good news is that the majority of SCC students are doing the right thing when it comes to drinking responsibly,” said Health and Wellness Center Coordinator Beth Hoffman, SCC Director of the drinking prevention grant that the college district received from the County of Orange Health Care Agency. Funds received from alcohol and tobacco settlement funds paid for a survey of SCC students that helped to establish a baseline of health-related behaviors, including high-risk alcohol use among 18- to 24-year olds.

Facilitated by Hoffman and supported by Student Program Specialist Cristy Chen, SCC is concluding its first year of the peer health education program. Six students completed 32 hours of training that enabled them to do outreach and interact with students at campus events to provide information about responsible drinking habits.

In March 2008, students will be randomly selected to take the National College Health Assessment (NCHA) survey. Data obtained will be compared to the pre-grant survey of students done in March 2006. “All our hard work of the last two years should be demonstrated in the post-grant survey,” Hoffman said. “Our target goal is to ‘move the needle’ of underage and binge drinking among SCC students by five percent.”

For more information about the drinking prevention grant or to obtain resource information, please contact Beth Hoffman at hoffman_beth@sccollege.edu or by calling extension 4773.

CALENDAR

June 11
First summer session begins

June 18
Second summer session begins

June 21-July 27
Study Abroad Program in Playa del Carmen, Mexico

June 26
Summer College Fair
10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., A/B Quad

July 4
College closed for Independence Day

July 16
Final summer session begins

August 15
Water Educational Expo
(co-hosted by the American Water Works Association)
7:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., E Bldg.

August 20
Flex Week begins

August 24
Faculty/Staff Convocation
10:30 a.m., E-203
**Victory for Victor**

When senior custodian/utility worker **Victor Aguirre** graduates from SCC on May 31, it will be the proudest moment of his life. His daughter, Mary Magdalene, is also graduating with him. His other four children as well as family from the U.S. and Mexico will be on hand to share in the celebration.

Victor’s ready smile and positive attitude have made him well-known throughout SCC. That’s why the college community threw a “Victory for Victor” potluck celebration on May 29 in his honor.

It’s been a long road to walking across the stage in Strenger Plaza. Victor came to the U.S. alone when he was 13, after he fell asleep on a train and accidentally missed his stop. His journey started in his hometown of Irapuato (in the state of Guanajuato), and he exited the train over 1,000 miles away in Mexicali. From there he went to Tijuana, and crossed the U.S. border a few months later.

Victor arrived in the U.S. speaking no English, with no friends or family to help him. Despite these obstacles, he managed to find his way to Santa Ana, where he graduated from high school at the age of 18. He married after graduation and became a U.S. citizen in 1994, when he began working at SCC.

In 2003, Victor’s marriage ended and he found himself the single parent of his five children. Seeing that he was depressed, friends and co-workers encouraged him to take the positive step of going to college. He completed his A.A. degree in liberal studies in four years while working full-time and maintaining a 3.46 grade point average.

Throughout these momentous life changes, running has remained a constant activity. Victor runs an average of 10 miles per day, and was once featured in an *Orange County Register* article as the county’s most prolific runner of full and half-marathons. He’s averaged nearly three races per year for the last 25 years, and will run his 70th marathon in San Diego on June 4.

Next year, Victor hopes to transfer to Cal State University, Long Beach and earn his bachelor’s degree in public administration. He would like to thank everyone at SCC for their friendship, support and encouragement.

Victor is an inspiration to those around him and a positive role model for his children. Congratulations to Victor and all the other SCC employees who have achieved their educational goals this year!

**Trahan's Tips**

This has been a busy, productive year for the SCC Safety and Security office. We have stepped up emergency preparedness efforts, ordered new evacuation chairs to assist disabled individuals, and completed successful evacuation drills. I’ll be sending out a report soon to keep you up-to-date on the planning to ensure the safety of SCC students and employees in the event of an emergency. In the meantime, below are some safety tips to remember:

- Know where fire extinguishers are located on campus.
- Know where building emergency exits are located.

- Familiarize yourself with evacuation routes from your office (updated versions will be posted in all classrooms and buildings in the near future).
- Have personal belongings close at hand so that you can take them with you during an evacuation. In a real emergency, you may not be able to return to the building to retrieve eyeglasses or medication.
- Keep emergency supplies/kits in your office and car. In some offices and departments, staff are working together to collect supplies for the group.

Additional training and preparedness exercises will be held this calendar year. Until then, feel free to contact me with your suggestions or comments at trahan_devon@sccollege.edu. Have a great summer and be safe.

*Lt. Devon Trahan*
And the Winner is...

Administrative services staff members Angela Del Rio (intermediate clerk), Raye Sanchez (publications assistant) and Victoria Williams (facility/events coordinator) have been chosen as summer 2007’s friendliest office. Whether you need to make copies, get office supplies, pick up your mail, obtain a key, submit a maintenance request or book a room for your next event, these three employees will assist you with a smile.

Angela, Raye and Victoria are always willing to go the extra mile to make things work. They provide excellent service to the entire campus community, and perform well under the pressure of deadlines and late requests. Victoria was recently selected by her peers as the SCC Classified Spirit award winner.

Congratulations to the staff of A-204, and keep up the good work!

Kudos and News Briefs

Nicholas Magalousis (anthropology) was elected to serve a three-year term as a Representative at Large for the Archaeological Institute of America (AIA), Orange County Chapter. Nick will represent the organization when needed in a technical and professional capacity, and will include students in activities whenever possible.

Congratulations to everyone who was honored for length of service recognition and outstanding service awards at the May 9 ceremony. Faculty honors went to Ian Woodhead (Faculty Excellence Award), Lisa Hermen (Outstanding Credit Adjunct Faculty member) and Lorna Hertogh (Outstanding Non-Credit Adjunct Faculty member). Classified employees receiving awards were Kristi Hale (Distinguished Full-Time Classified), Tiffany Tatro (Distinguished Part-time Classified) and Victoria Williams (Spirit Award winner).

On Thursday, May 17, Librarian Leah Freidenrich facilitated a Japanese tea ceremony in the library. SCC student Yeong Park Lee served tea to Dr. Douglas Deaver (philosophy) and his world religions class. The traditional tea ritual is influenced by Zen Buddhism.

On June 5, Dr. Regina Lamourelle (human development) will present “How the Gifted Brain Learns” to the parents of gifted children in the Hawthorne Unified School District.

June 6-7, Regina will attend a three-day conference sponsored by WestEd to update all community college instructors on the new guidelines for teaching infant/toddler classes.

On June 11, Regina will present a staff development workshop and training for a Berkeley preschool on empowering staff to use brain appropriate strategies in their classrooms.

Student Services Vice President Dr. John Hernandez will attend the 2007 National Association for Student Personnel Administrators (NASPA) Undergraduate Fellows Program Summer Leadership Institute, from July 6-10 at Texas A&M University.

Danny Martino and Morrie Barendbaum (astronomy) will attend a national symposium on teaching astronomy to non-science majors at “COSMOS in the Classroom 2007.” The symposium will take place August 2-5 at Pomona College in Claremont. Danny is on the organizing committee.

Dr. Jim Gates (water utility science) and his wife will return to China this summer for six weeks to teach English to Chinese teachers in Inner Mongolia, west of Beijing.