

# ON THE INSIDE

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## CCS benefits from WSU capital budget

When the Washington State Legislature recently approved construction of a new \$32 million Intercollegiate College of Nursing (ICN) building in downtown's Riverpoint Higher Education Park, CCS came out a winner as well.

Part of the building package includes transfer of the current ICN site, just east of SFCC, from Washington State University to CCS when the new building is complete.

Depending how quickly the new nursing building goes up, CCS could take possession of the old ICN facility as early as fall 2007, according to CCS Chief Operations Office **Scott Morgan**. Discussions about its use are in the early stages, but Morgan said it is possible allied health programs in need of additional space could be housed there. It is also likely space will be set aside for IEL administrative offices and classrooms currently housed at the Lodge across from SFCC.

"It's a 60,000-square-foot building, which gives us many options to look at," Morgan said. "We're extremely grateful to WSU, the legislature and the State Board for Community and Technical Colleges for this opportunity to acquire much-needed classroom and office space." ■

## Drive-in movie at SFCC

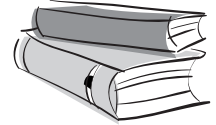
Grab the popcorn (but don't drop it) and snuggle up with your sweetie for a drive-in movie at SFCC. Beginning at dusk, Thursday, May 12, in parking lot 3, the SFCC student activities committee shows "Meet the Fockers," starring Robert DeNiro, Ben Stiller, Dustin Hoffman and Barbara Streisand. Hilarious things happen when a newly engaged couple's parents meet each other for the first time—and, boy, are they different!

Cost is \$1 for students or \$2 for the general public; children under 12 are free.

For information, contact **Shawn Mitchell**, SFCC student activities coordinator, 533-4197. ■



## CCS launches innovative reading program at SFCC



"Did you achieve excellence in reading?" Hunched over his picture book on animal behavior, SFCC student Philip M. smiles after reading a short passage aloud and gives a thumbs-up. "I think I did," he said.

His reading tutor **Kathy Casey** also smiles and agrees, "Yes, you did."

Slowly and methodically, Casey takes her group of three through each paragraph of the book. They read and re-read, both silently and out loud. They tap the table if they need more time to "cycle" text in their minds and give thumbs-up when they're ready to read aloud. After each read, they answer with complete honesty when Casey asks, "Was it excellent?"

With each page—with every thumbs-up—the students' voices grow stronger and more confident. At the end of the 45-minute tutoring session, their reading is more fluid and free of mistakes. It's the READ RIGHT® tutoring program at work at SFCC.

Introduced at SFCC spring quarter, READ RIGHT is a "unique approach to teaching reading that enables students with reading problems to significantly improve their reading skills in a brief amount of time," says **Jan Swinton**, SFCC reading and English instructor. Designed by educator Dee Tadlock, READ RIGHT integrates neurobiology with learning, language acquisition and reading theory, working to "remodel" students' neural networks to permanently overcome reading problems.

CCS is the first community college in the U.S. to use the READ RIGHT program. Following its debut at SFCC, READ RIGHT will be introduced at the IEL's Adult Education Center this summer and at SCC beginning next fall.

It also is used in some 181 school districts, corrections centers and corporate settings in 33 states across the U.S.

READ RIGHT involves three components—Excellent Reading, Coached Reading and Independent Reading—which can be used with all levels of readers, including those with dyslexia or learning disabilities and students for whom English is not their native language. Activities are designed to help students develop or enhance the neural processes needed to predict and confirm the meaning of text.

The tutoring program not only helps individuals learn to read, but also assists average students become more efficient, effective readers. Many adults who have a reading problem, don't think they do. "These individuals," Swinton says, "lack confidence because they read slowly, don't remember what they read or don't feel like they understand an author's meaning."

The program is amazingly effective, she notes, with adults typically improving one grade level in reading after 14 hours of READ RIGHT tutoring. The Cusick (Wash.) School District, for example, began using READ RIGHT in November 2004. By the end of the school year, approximately 80 percent of students who received 20-plus hours of instruction gained two or more grade levels; 24 percent gained four or more grade levels.

In addition, SFCC currently offers a READ RIGHT tutoring session that is open to the public. It runs 3 to 4 p.m., Mondays through Thursdays, through Thursday, June 9, in the SFCC Communication Learning Center. The fee is \$40, and enrollment is ongoing.

"This is a great opportunity for people in the community who want or need to strengthen their reading skills for school or work," Swinton concludes.

For more information, contact Swinton at 533-3603. ■

## Inland NW Culinary Academy forms alumni association

Graduates of SCC's Inland Northwest Culinary Academy have announced the launch of an alumni association. A means for networking and support, the association allows members to share opportunities for employment, continuing education credit and other professional courtesies.

The association website is [http://sites.scc.spokane.edu/INCA\\_Alum/](http://sites.scc.spokane.edu/INCA_Alum/). All past SCC culinary, baking or hospitality students are welcome to join.

For information, contact president **Erin Streicher**, 271-1761, or faculty adviser **Robert Lombardi**, culinary instructor, 533-8889. ■

## Native Voices artists appear at SCC Monday, May 9

Carlos Nakai, a premier Native American flutist, joins Keola Beamer, well-known Hawaiian singer-songwriter, for music and discussion 10:30 a.m., Monday, May 9, in the SCC Center for the Humanities.

Admission is free and open to CCS students, faculty and staff.

The two musicians have traveled throughout the U.S., Europe and Japan as part of the Native Voices Tour. A lecturer on Native American culture and philosophy, Nakai is a Grammy Award finalist for Best Traditional Folk Album with his album "Ancestral Voices," while Beam is considered a leader in contemporary Hawaiian music.

For details, contact **Terri Anderson**, SCC Multicultural Student Services Center, 533-8114. ▀

## SFCC Brown Bag describes Japan trip

Whoever said 'There's no



such thing as a free lunch' never went on a Rotary International group study exchange," says **Merilee Bloch**, SFCC program coordinator for workforce development. She describes her own Rotary experience, involving a recent exchange in Japan, at a free SFCC Brown Bag presentation 11:30 a.m., Tuesday, May 11, in SFCC Library room 211.

Bloch's exchange group traveled through Hyogo Prefecture in Japan, visiting the cities of Kobe, Kyoto and Nishinomiya. "Through this experience," Bloch says, "I learned a lot about daily life in Japan, the education system, history and traditions, but most importantly, I learned that saying 'Yes' to life opens the door to a whole host of opportunities for learning adventures."

For more information, contact Bloch, 533-3826, or SFCC Brown Bag coordinator **Judy Noel**, 533-3617. ▀

## SCC staff take part in homeland security training



It was the ultimate camping trip. In the name of law enforcement safety, six federal agencies sent representatives known as the Integrated Border Enforcement Team to Priest Lake, Idaho, to learn winter outdoor skills in late April. The outing served as a pilot session in developing coursework for a new SCC offering—Law Enforcement Mountain Operation School—that begins January 2006.

U.S. Attorney Jim McDevitt, Spokane, whose office prosecutes border infractions in Eastern Washington, said it was the first training program of its kind in the U.S. for officials working the remote northern borders.

**Richard Harless**, pre-hospital care instructor, and **Monica Spicker**, natural resources instructor, taught participants and used their feedback in preparation for the January class.

Experts in their respective fields, the instructors draw additional knowledge from their experience with Spokane Mountaineers and search and rescue operations. Spicker also works as a ski patroller, and Harless is a retired law enforcement officer.

Harless spent a full day instructing American and Canadian law enforcement officers and forest service agents on wilderness medicine.

Spicker helped train the officers to navigate remote, heavily forested mountain terrain without a cell phone or radio. Using an old-fashioned compass, and a new-fangled GPS (Global Positioning System) device, students learned to read topographical and grid maps that sometimes are the only way out of the wilderness.

Spicker said the training was enjoyable because she not only taught what she knew, but also learned many "practical applications that I hadn't considered in regard to what police need to know to find people."

Camouflage, stalking and electronic surveillance techniques also were covered.

Inspiration for the training came about after three Royal Canadian Mounties got lost trailing tracks across the border into the remote Idaho wilderness. Their rescue prompted border patrol officials to take steps to give those patrolling remote northern boundaries the skills necessary for surviving harsh winter wilderness conditions.

For more information, contact Harless at 533-8004. ▀

## SFCC Spring Fling gets physical and fun

Games, sporting events, barbecues and bands offer spring fun at the SFCC Spring Fling, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. daily, May 16-20, in the SFCC Library courtyard.

• **Monday, May 16, Old Time Carnival:** Balloon shaving contests, dunk tanks, darts and other carnival attractions entertain your inner child!

• **Tuesday, May 17, Event and Novelties Day:** Get physical and test your prowess with a mini-Ironman (triathlon), three-on-three tug-of-war, arm wrestling, "non-mud" wrestling (it's a mud-like substance, only cleaner) and the SFCC version of the "Amazing Race" reality show where teams complete a wacky obstacle course and scavenger hunt as fast as possible.

• **Wednesday, May 18, Student Club**

**Day:** Find your passion and get involved as SFCC student clubs set up information booths and activities to educate and inform about their worthwhile activities. The SFCC Art Club displays its skill with a sidewalk chalk display like no other!

• **Thursday, May 19, Barbeque and music by Fine For Now:** What could beat a barbecue and a band featuring good eats and cool tunes by Fine For Now? Gaining in popularity around Spokane clubs and on the airwaves, this rising-star band is alternative rock and sure to please!

For information, contact **Shawn Mitchell**, student activities coordinator, 533-4197. ▀

## Family and medical leave detailed

All non-faculty employees at CCS with qualifying conditions are allowed to take up to 12 work weeks of leave in a 12-month period, according to the Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA).

Effective July 1, CCS will determine the applicable 12-month period on a "rolling" basis (that is, measured forward from the date an employee's leave begins). Under this method,

an employee is entitled to 12 weeks of FMLA leave during the 12-month period that begins the first day FMLA leave is taken.

The next 12-month period begins on the first day FMLA leave is taken following completion of the previous 12-month period.

Questions? Contact the CCS Human Resources Office, 434-5037. ▀

# UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR

May 9	<b>SCC presents: "Native Voices Tour" with Carlos Nakai and Keola Beamer, 10:30am, Center for the Humanities, SCC Learning Resources Center</b>
May 9	<b>SCC Brown Bag slideshow-lecture: Seven Weeks in Africa, 11:30am, SCC Lair-Student Center Sasquatch Room</b>
May 9	<b>SCC Spring Fling concert: Jason Levasseur, 11:30am, SCC Lair-Student Center cafeteria</b>
May 9	<b>SCC Spring Fling performance: FLY Dance Company, 6:30pm, SCC Lair-Student Center auditorium</b>
May 10	<b>SFCC career fair, 9am-3pm, SFCC SUB Lounges A, B and C</b>
May 10	<b>SCC Spring Fling performance: Comedian Mike Birbiglia, 11:30am, SCC Lair-Student Center cafeteria</b>
May 10	<b>SCC Geology Lecture: "An Animated Story of Western U.S. Landscapes and Plate Tectonics" with Tanya Atwater, professor of tectonics, University of California-Santa Barbara, 7pm, SCC Lair-Student Center auditorium</b>
May 11	<b>SCC Spring Fling special event: Auto show, barbecue and music by Tracey*s Alibi, 11:30am, outside north of the SCC Lair-Student Center. Auto show and concert are free; there is a small charge for the barbecue. Information: 533-7081</b>
May 11	<b>SFCC Journalism Club "CLIO" awards, 11:30am, SFCC SUB Lounges A and B</b>
May 11	<b>SFCC international peer mentors, 11:30am, SFCC SUB Lounge C</b>
May 11	<b>SFCC Brown Bag presentation: Traveling in Japan on a Rotary International Group Study Exchange, 11:30am, SFCC Library room 211</b>
May 12	<b>SCC Spring Fling concert: Amadan, 11:30am, SCC Lair-Student Center auditorium</b>
May 12	<b>SFCC lecture: "Sex in Advertising" with Wilson Bryan Key, 11:30am, SFCC SUB Lounges A and B</b>
May 12	<b>SFCC Beta Gamma Kappa campus clean-up and barbecue, 11:30am, SFCC campus</b>
May 12	<b>SCC DAL talent show, 7pm, SCC Lair-Student Center auditorium</b>
May 12	<b>SFCC Associated Students special event: Drive-in movie, dusk, SFCC parking lot 3</b>
May 12-14	<b>CCS Leadership Development Program closing retreat, 8:30am-4:30pm</b>
May 13	<b>CCS classified staff training and development program, 8am-noon, SFCC SUB Lounges A and B</b>
May 14	<b>Baseball, CCS vs. Walla Walla Community College, 1pm, SFCC</b> 🌑

# People



◆ CCS was well represented in this year's Bloomsday Corporate Cup competition. From SCC, Team SCC/CCS (**Erik Anderson, Jason Cash, Alfonso Hernandez, Sean McLachlan and Darcy Staudinger**) placed first, while Mathletically Challenged (**Shelley Hiatt, Nicole Pfeifer, Craig Scott, Scott Satake and Dave Cole**) finished 16th in the category 250 to 399 Employees.

SFCC's Diminished Faculties (**John Troppmann, Maury Ray, Rich Tucker, Lawton Fox and John Whitmer**) finished first in its category, 400 to 599 Employees.

◆ CCS welcomes the following new employee: **Kamala (Kamie) Wilson, custodian, SFCC facilities:** Wilson most recently worked at Eastern State Hospital in Medical Lake, where she was a custodian.

She can be reached at MS 3100 or by calling 533-3846.

◆ SFCC student **Michael Madden** has received a nine-month teacher's assistantship to teach conversational English in Versailles, France, during the 2005-06 school year. Madden will earn monthly stipend for teaching 10 hours a week and can study at the local university at a reduced cost.

◆ Ten Spokane area students, including four from CCS, have won Washington Award for Vocational Excellence (WAVE) scholarships, which provide two years of free tuition at a university, community or technical college, or licensed private vocational school located in Washington State.

CCS students include **Genevieve Bowler**, SFCC library technician program; **Katharine Foley**, SFCC interpreter training program/deafness; **Dustin Gorzynski**, SCC aviation maintenance; and **Carolyn Campa**, SCC nursing program.

Administered by the Workforce Training and Education Coordinating Board, WAVE scholarships honor students for outstanding occupational achievement, leadership, and community service in career and technical education.

Nominated by their instructors, more than 400 applicants were screened and selected by a committee representing business, labor, education, government and private citizens. 🌑

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