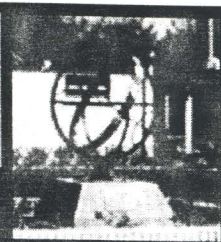




Lake-Sumter
Community College

The SunDial

MARCH 1998



UPCOMING S.T.A.R.S GOLF TOURNAMENT

It is that time of year again! The 7th annual Swing for the S.T.A.R.S. Golf Tournament will be held at Harbor Hills Country Club on Friday, April 17, 1998 at 1 p.m.

Entry fee is \$70 per golfer, which includes greens fees, cart, prizes, and buffet. Entry deadline is April 13, 1998.

Minimum team handicap of 40, or one single-digit handicap per foursome. Prizes will be awarded for the longest drive, closest to the pin, and a 1998 Buick Century for Hole-in- One.

Door prizes will be available and a putting contest will be held. For more information you may contact Earl Evans at ext. 576.

LSCC IS COLLECTING DONATIONS FOR MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

The students, faculty, and staff at Lake-Sumter Community College are collecting donations for a memorial scholarship for Vicki Renee Odor, the LSCC student killed in an auto accident. The Lake-Sumter Community College Foundation, Inc. will administer the scholarship. Students who qualify may use the scholarship for tuition, books, and other school expenses. Donations can be made to the Foundation office.

TRIVIA

Who was the first U.S. President to have a phone on his desk?

Highlights of 2/18/98 Board Meeting

At the District Board of Trustees meeting on February 18, 1998, design plans for the South Lake Center were presented by the architect, Mr. Nick Jones. The Board members asked questions and were pleased with the drawings.

Dr. Sylvia Thomasson introduced Ms. Sherry Savrda, the 1998 recipient of the LSCC "Pathfinder Award." Ms. Savrda spoke about her classes and how much she loves Physics and wants to instill that excitement in her students.

Dr. Thomasson reported on "Accountability and Institutional Effectiveness," a "measure of how well we do what we are doing." Ms. Beverly Robinson reported on remedial education at LSCC, indicating the progress to date and the work still ahead.

Curriculum revisions, recommended by the Curriculum Committee and the President, were approved as presented.

The 1998-99 College Calendar was approved and will be sent to Tallahassee to receive final approval from the State. Printing of the 1998-99 College Catalog was awarded to Phillips Brothers Printers of Springfield, IL for the base bid of \$10,040.

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TO RESERVE A ROOM CONTACT...

Classrooms

Judy Barber ext. 595
SC108

Cathy Smith ext. 516
SC107

Elan Holtzclaw ext. 543
PPW Auditorium

Greg Cumbaa ext. 562
Gym

Mike Matulia ext. 643
Boardroom

Joan Knost ext. 523
Admin. Room

Ernestine Driggers ext. 510

TRIVIA

We are trying to update the format and content of the SunDial. In future publications we will have trivia questions, bits & pieces, motivational messages, etc. These will hopefully add some fun to your reading!

FACC EQUITY COMMIS- SION GIVES LSCC AWARD

A Certificate of Participation was given to LSCC for its S.T.A.R.S. Project (Scholarship Tuition for At-Risk Students). The program's uniqueness stems from the commitment of local business and law enforcement agencies. Students who want to receive scholarships must remain drug free, crime free and graduate from high school. Scholarships have been awarded to 157 minority and/or economically disadvantaged youth.

TEAMWORK

*Together
we achieve
the extraordinary*

SWEET ADELINE/FACC SCHOLARSHIP FUND RAISER

Once again the *Sound of Sunshine* chorus performed their barbershop magic and played to a packed Paul P. Williams Auditorium. The enthusiastic audience was only matched by the enthusiasm of the performers and a good time was had by all!

IV Harmony opened the second half of the show and held the audience spellbound with their renditions of *The Star Spangled Banner* and *Shenandoah*.

Special thanks to Greg Cumbaa and Bill Pandocchi for their help backstage - LSCC is fortunate to have two such individuals in our midst.

Thanks also to Kathy Dawson, president of FACC, for her juggling expertise in selling tickets. Gross receipts were \$4,824, the most successful to date! Hope to see you all again next year!!

YOUNG PEOPLE'S ART EXHIBIT

On Wednesday, February 11, 1998 a reception was held to announce the winners of the exhibit. This exhibit is for all K-12 students at Lake and Sumter County schools. The schools must pick their top 10 choices to submit for the exhibit. A panel of judges then determines the First, Second, Third, and Honorable Mention winners. The Daily Commercial News Network was on hand to interview students and film the reception. Cookies and punch were also served. The reception was a GREAT success and the Daily Commercial will let College Relations know exactly what date the reception will air on TV. The airdate will also be advertised in the Daily Commercial prior to its showing.

ANNUAL SAFETY INSPECTION

Our annual SREF (State Requirements for Educational Facilities) fire safety, casualty safety and sanitation inspection was conducted February 19th and went well thanks to everyone's assistance. Nevertheless, we need to be ever vigilant when it comes to:

1. The tripping hazard created by electrical wires and/or computer cables strung across pathways (If you must run a wire across the floor where someone will be, or could be, walking, it must be placed within a cable protector of some kind).
2. The fire and personal hazard caused by running electrical cords through doorways (Door could close on the wire and damage the insulation).
3. The fire hazard caused by blocking, or partially blocking, exit corridors/paths and emergency escape windows.
4. The fire hazard caused by wedging office doors in the open position (In general, if the door has a closer installed, it is meant to stay in the closed position in order to slow the spread of a fire and/or provide corridor protection for exiting purposes).
5. The fire hazard caused by using multiple outlet adapters or extension cords that do not have circuit breaker protection (They provide the opportunity to seriously overload circuits).
6. The fire hazard caused by missing ceiling panels (They are part of the building envelope designed to slow the spread of fire and smoke).
7. The fire/safety hazard caused by the improper storage of flammables or hazardous chemicals.

Accordingly, if you observe any of these conditions, or any other condition which you think is a hazard or potential hazard, please don't forget to let Maintenance know so that arrangements can be made to have it corrected. Thank you.

WELL & IRRIGATION SYSTEM RENOVATIONS/ REPAIRS

After considerable delay, repairs to our existing water wells and irrigation system have finally commenced. These repairs/renovations are designed to replace the non-working well located in the southwest corner of our property so that a back-up well is again available, and to modify the irrigation system to provide improved coverage (We know, but we will need it someday in the future when our weather returns to normal).

Although the majority of the work will be conducted on the east side of the campus and, therefore, cause no inconvenience, one new

underground pipe will have to be installed to connect the existing system. This pipe will run from a point east of the Student Center to a location west of the long, north-south, covered sidewalk in the vicinity of the existing fire hydrant.

While this installation should cause no real problems (Stay on the sidewalk!), the service road will have to be cut in two places. As a result, through traffic will be interrupted twice during the construction period. Appropriate signs will be posted and your cooperation and patience will be appreciated. Thank you.

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The Board approved the appointments of David Goff as Cataloger/ Interlibrary Loan Librarian and Marsha Wood as Accounting Technician I (part-time); and the reclassification of Bonita Johnson to Facilities Support Technician. In the Administrative Services area, the Technician I position (currently vacant) was approved to be changed to a Technical Specialist position.

A Retirement Incentive Plan, effective either July 1998 or December 1998, was approved by the Board. There are 25 employees currently eligible to take advantage of this Plan. Five employees have indicated an interest in the Plan, three are undecided, and 17 are not interested at this time.

Other items approved by the Board include Warrants for November and December 1997, Amendment #2 to the 1997-98 Budget, Auxiliary Funded Scholarships for Fall Term 1997, Write-Off of Tangible Personal Property, and the Extension (for 2 years) of the Barnett Bank (Nations Bank) Service Agreement.

Notice was received that Lake-Sumter Community College is the 1996-97 winner of the Safety Award among the Florida community colleges with up to 2600 FTE (Chipola, Florida Keys, Lake City, North Florida, St. Johns River, South Florida). The Award is given annually by the Florida Community Colleges Risk Management Consortium.

The regular meeting of the Board in May will be held at the Sumter Center and in June at Jenkins Auditorium, Clermont. The next meeting of the Board is March 25, 1998 at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room.

LEGISLATIVE LUNCHEON

On January 28, 1998 LSCC hosted a legislative luncheon at Silver Lake Country Club. Following the luncheon, a legislative forum was conducted in our own PPW Auditorium. At the luncheon, Dr. Westrick welcomed the delegates and Mr.

Cecil Shumaker gave an expression of appreciation. Mr. Shumaker also took the opportunity to express the overwhelming need for post secondary education.

Discussions continued and issues and concerns were addressed by Dr. Westrick, Dr. Stack, and Dr. Thomasson.

Some of the issues discussed included maintaining local control of community colleges, the Administrative Procedures Act, a proposal to raise tuition, and the support and implementation of technology. Anna Cowin, State Senator for the 11th District, addressed attendees to discuss PECO, and the proposal to increase tuition. Dr. Westrick made concluding remarks and discussed the refurbishing of the Gym and construction at South Lake.

ONE STOP CAREER CENTER – YOUR NEXT JOB IS OUR WHOLE JOB

Did you know... LSCC is a member of the inter-agency consortium for the One Stop Career Center system, serving the five county region of Lake, Orange, Osceola, Seminole, and Sumter counties? The consortium is comprised of three community colleges, five county school systems, and the Florida Departments of Labor and Children & Families.

Did you know... The One Stop's primary mission is to assist economically disadvantaged/low income individuals, dislocated workers, and long-term unemployed in need of skills retraining to become economically independent through self-sustaining employment in high-skill, high-wage jobs?

Did you know... LSCC's One Stop site provides customers with an array of services including career assessment, career counseling, training, job search, and job placement assistance?

Did you know.... You can see our One Stop Career Center 30-second television commercial on WOFL-FOX, WFTV-ABC, WKCF-IND, AND WESH-NBC? Look for us.

HIGH SCHOOL MINI-CONFERENCE

All district high school juniors, seniors, and their parents are invited to LSCC on Saturday, April 18, from 9 a.m to 12:30 p.m. to attend presentations on College Success, degree programs, financial aid, etc. For more information, please contact Jane Miller at ext. 568.

Did you know... Senator Anna Cowin will be our 1998 graduation speaker!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Richard Jelsma	3/4
Midge Singletary	3/5
Patt Bagg	3/17
Ellen Lain	3/21
Mary Huffer	3/23
Pete Kehde	3/27
Tuan-Quang Bui	3/29

INSTITUTIONAL ADVANCEMENT TRIP TO CENTRAL FLORIDA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

The group included Herb Winemiller, Alice Burlington, Ernestine Driggers, Rita Rosenquist, Sheri Hutchinson, and Dick Clark. The objective was to partner with our counterparts at Central Florida Community College and learn their processes and discuss LSCC's processes. The discussions could lead to improvement of either college's processes if they were identified. Overall, the trip was a success and a lot of ideas and improvements were discussed.

REGISTRATION DATES

Registration dates and times for the Summer Terms A, AE, and B will be in the Summer Schedule. Schedules are currently expected on campus the second week of March.

SUCCESS

See your goal.
Understand the obstacles.
Clear your mind of doubt.
Create a positive mental picture.
Embrace the challenge.
Stay on track.
Show the world you can do it.

FACULTY SPOTLIGHT

SHERRY SAVRDA HONORED



Sherry Savrda, physics instructor, was awarded the *Pathfinder Award* at the employee appreciation dinner in December. During the February Board meeting, Dr. Thomasson gave an overview of Savrda's accomplishments.

Savrda is an active member of the American Association of Physics Teachers. She has involved our students in the Central Florida Physics Olympics.

In 1996, she facilitated the Florida Academy of Sciences Meeting at Lake-Sumter Community College which involved physics instructors from high schools, community colleges and universities.

Savrda also participated in AAPT meetings in New York Pennsylvania, and Illinois. She attended the First National Meeting of the Two-Year College in the Twenty-First Century: "Breaking Down Barriers" at the University of Maryland, where she was appointed Regional Coordinator for Florida. In the fall, she then served as Acting Director of the Regional meeting in Palm Beach, FL.

In 1997 Savrda attended the Two-Year College Physics Simulations Workshop at Bainbridge College, which focused on the use of computer simulations to enhance student understanding of physics. As noted about this seminar:

"The traditional professor-lecture-chalkboard teaching approach is disappearing in the college physics classrooms and is being replaced by active learning strategies using microcomputers and video technology. This change is helping community college students develop a stronger understanding of classical and contemporary physics."

The first Breaking Down Barriers national meeting was such a success, it was offered again the following year and Savrda was there.

This year, through the Central Florida Higher Education Consortium, Savrda applied for and was awarded a grant from the Region III Area Center for Educational Enhancement for over \$7,000 to conduct a workshop entitled, "Innovations in Physics Education: Collaboration Among High School and Community College Faculty." She held two workshops with enrollment of 34 participants from Lake and Sumter counties and throughout Florida.

Savrda has also developed new courses at Lake-Sumter Community College as follows:

Inventions and Discoveries: Science in a Changing World
Energy and the Environment; and
Physics Applications of Graphing Calculators

BITS & PIECES

When Coca-Cola first entered the Chinese market, the bottles were embossed with Chinese characters, which represented the sounds of "Coca-Cola," but in fact meant, "Bite the wax tadpole."