

Lake-Sumter Community College *Sundial*



MATHLYMPICS

Thursday, April 1
12:30 pm - 1:30 pm
Magnolia Room

Math Instructor Alissa Sustarsic announces that nine high schools are currently scheduled to compete in the Math Department's annual tourney. Each team (up to four people) competes against all the other teams and is scored on both time and correctness. The test will include questions on algebra, geometry, trigonometry, analytic geometry and pre-calculus. She adds that the students always get very involved, with some teams designing their own t-shirts. Everyone is invited to this event.



LSCC Foundation's
19th Annual
Gala Auction

OUT OF AFRICA

SATURDAY, MARCH 6

SILENT AUCTION 6-7:30 PM

DINNER 8 PM

LIVE AUCTION 8:30 PM

SAVANNAH CENTER

\$100 PER PERSON. CALL #3515.

March is Women's History Month

The LSCC Women's Program
presents

History of Women in Aeronautics and Space

Saturday, March 13

11:30 am - 1:00 pm

Everett A. Kelly Convocation Center
Magnolia Room



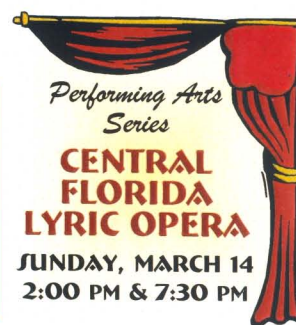
In observation of National Women's History Month, the Women's Program will host a buffet luncheon and seminar, featuring guest speaker Sue Gaines (above). Recipient of the Kennedy Space Center's (KSC) 1994 Federal Woman of the Year Award, Ms. Gaines is Lead for KSC's Comprehensive Planning. She started her career at NASA in 1985 as a mechanical engineer and has worked on the Orbiter mechanical systems, as well as spending six years coordinating environmental issues for KSC's shuttle activities and several other operations.

Registration for the program runs from 11:00 until 11:30 am, followed by a lunch buffet until 12:15 pm. The program starts at 12:15 and continues until 1 pm. The event is co-sponsored by the American Association of University Women. Cost for the lunch and seminar is \$12 per person. Women's Program Coordinator Patti Weasel says reservations need to be made by March 5. Call her at ext. #3603.



Happy Retirement, Lynn!

Lynn Prescott, Head Custodian for the Leesburg Campus, is retiring after 22 years with LSCC. "He is one of the genuinely nicest people I have ever worked with," says co-worker Mikki Byerley. Lynn usually works the night shift and is always looking after those who work late at night. All of us at LSCC hope you enjoy your well-earned time off.



Performing Arts
Series

**CENTRAL
FLORIDA
LYRIC OPERA**

SUNDAY, MARCH 14
2:00 PM & 7:30 PM

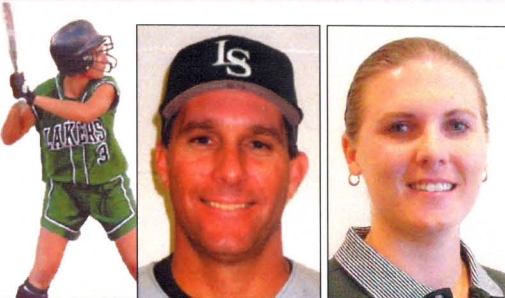
A team worthy of the front page, the Facilities Department was presented the Faculty Senate's latest Exemplary Service Award. Dr. Gary Sligh made the cookie presentation on February 20th to a the staff who had gathered for Lynn Prescott's retirement party. A well-deserved congratulations to: Sam Pew (l-r), Don Ball, Clifford Smith, Mike Yager, (Dr. Sligh), Bob Fox, Tommy Williams, Mikki Byerley, Rick Rigdon, Toni Baker, John Maple, Lynn Prescott, Thom O'Hagan and (in the inset) Otto White.



BIG NEWS from Corporate & Community Services...

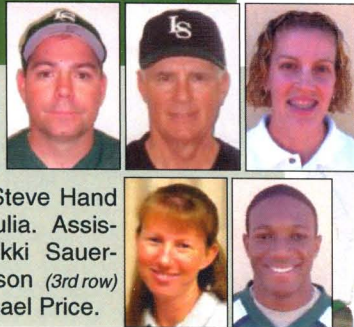
"The department has been gearing up to provide approximately 1.5 million dollars in training to three manufacturing firms in Lake County over the next two years," says CCS Director Jim Thigpen. "It has been able to assist G&T Conveyor, Casmin Inc. and Bailey Industries secure Quick Response training grants that will help them train nearly 1,500 new and existing employees. Under the grants, LSCC will develop about 75 custom courses to meet the needs of the companies...spending about 11,000 hours developing curriculum and providing about 25,000 hours of instruction. Over the term of the grants, the college expects to provide nearly 700,000 student contact hours, which equals nearly 800 FTE."

In other news, the department is now offering co-branded certificates with the American Management Association. This partnership, between the college and the association, will bring top-quality business training to Lake and Sumter counties. In an October 2003 *Business Week* survey, the American Management Association was named one of the "Top 20 Best Executive Education Programs" in the nation. Under the joint-certificate program, students will complete five or six 15-hour courses within two years, in any of twelve areas of specialization. Upon completion, they will be awarded a Management Certificate jointly signed by AMA and LSCC.



Lakers Coaching Staff

Head Baseball Coach Mike Matulia (top row) and Head Softball Coach Jennifer Russell. Assistant Baseball Coaches Steve Hand (2nd row, l-r) and Ken Matulia. Assistant Softball Coach Nikki Sauerbrey. Trainer Martha Olson (3rd row) and Student Trainer Michael Price.



HOME BASEBALL GAMES

Sat., March 5...Manatee CC...3 pm
Mon., March 8...St. Pete. College...3 pm
Tues., March 9...Lakeland...3 pm
Sat., March 13...Madison Tech., WI...Noon
Sun., March 14...Baltimore Co., MD...3 pm
Mon., Mar. 15...Pasco Hernando CC...3 pm
Sat., March 20...Seminole CC...1 pm
Mon., March 22...Hillsborough CC...3 pm
Sat., March 27...Polk CC...1 pm

HOME SOFTBALL GAMES

Friday, March 5...
Grand Rapids, MI...2 & 4
Sunday, March 7...
Manatee CC...2 & 4
Tuesday, March 16...
Central FL CC...2 & 4
Thursday, March 18...
Cumberland Co. NJ...2 & 4
Monday, March 29...
McHenry Co., IL...2 & 4
Tuesday, March 30...
Lake City CC...2 & 4

Linda Means (left, l-r), Kathy Dawson, Sean Armstrong, Patti Weasel and Marguerite Brathwaite represented the LSCC chapter during the annual **FACC Leadership/Legislative Workshop** in Tallahassee on February 5th.



LSCC's FACC chapter's Immediate Past President Patti Weasel reports, "**The Sound of Sunshine Sweet Adelines International Chorus**, our major

scholarship fundraiser, was a great success this year. A newly-formed men's barber-shop chorus joined the ladies during the February 21st concert. According to my records, we sold nearly every ticket and earned over \$2,000 for the FACC scholarship fund. A final total will follow, when all costs have been deducted. Thanks to all who helped out: Dr. Gary Sligh for introductions and door prizes, Suzanne Jones and the Ambassadors for taking tickets and distributing programs, Shirley Schley for staffing the box office, Greg Cumbaa for the great job he always does with sound, lights, etc., Pat Landsman and Ryan Barnes for publicity, and a special thank you to Clara Bean and Tammy Castello, who coordinated ticket sales in the Career Center. What a team!!"



Brain Bowl

Teams from seven community colleges tested their mental skills on February 6th, when LSCC hosted the annual East Central Regional Brain Bowl Tourney. Competitors included teams from Brevard, Central Florida, Florida at Jacksonville, Lake-Sumter, Santa Fe, Seminole and South Florida. LSCC's Brain Bowl team members were (above, l-r): Tim Welton (team captain), Krystal Bedard, Delrose Tobie and Kathy Montaudo. The Team's coach is Beth McNulty. The purpose of Brain Bowl is to stimulate students, both academically and socially, and encourage scholarly excellence. The LSCC Brain Bowl team not only competes in regional academic competitions, but also state and U.S. Southern Region tournaments as well. Questions cover a broad range of disciplines such as: natural science, social science, humanities and math.



Tournament volunteers included: Judge Dr. Carolyn Meyer (above, l-r), Scorekeeper Alissa Sustarsic and Timer Debra Dabney.



Students-Helping-Students Scholarship Drive

Students finally got the chance to see their instructors get their just-desserts. Candidates' jars were filled by contributors hoping to see the "winner" get up-close-and-personal with a cream pie. SGA President Jessica Osborne administered winner Mike Matulia his reward. Bret Taylor was such a close second, the SGA felt he also deserved comparable honors. Debra Dabney was glad to come in third on this competition.

SUMTER Campus



In the interest of establishing partnerships with the state's large investor-owned utilities (IOU's), **Electrical Distribution Technology (EDT)** program Manager and Instructor **Jim Vaughn** invited Progress Energy's Regional Vice President Rodney E. Gaddy to the Sum-

ter Campus on February 5th. Jim presented an impressive review of the current EDT program and outlined its potential for providing state-of-the-art training for utility workers throughout the state. The creation of partnerships with utility companies would make it possible for LSCC to offer dual enrollment training to high school students for high paying lineworker jobs, at no expense to participants. In return, the IOU's in the state would have access to candidates for the thousands of lineworker jobs. Jim figures the cost of training just twelve employees could be worth over \$100,000 to the companies. After the meeting, EDT students demonstrated their training on the different elements of the hands-on outdoor lab.

Attending the presentation were: Karen Robinson (*top photo, l-r*), OSHA Compliance and Training Manager for SECO, a current EDT program partner; Mary Jo Rager, Dr. Wes Estey, Jim Vaughn, LSCC Board Chairman and Progress Energy Manager Jon Simpson, Jim Thigpen, Rodney Gaddy, Dr. Charles Moch and Rosanne Brandeburg. Jim added that the meeting was part of a coordinated effort between the EDT program and the Foundation.



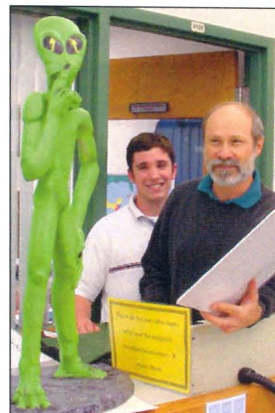
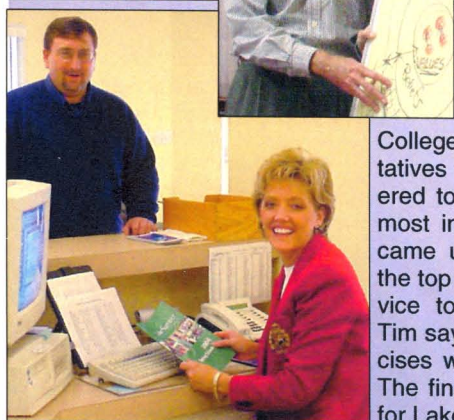
SOUTH LAKE Campus

Human Resources Director **Tim Kane** (*left*) has been busy during his short time at LSCC. First, he conducted seminars on the employee evaluation process and on February 20th, he facilitated a retreat for administrators on the South Lake Campus.

His unique exercises helped participants identify their most important values and the impact these values have on their jobs at the

College. Teams, comprised of representatives from different departments, gathered to list the values that they deemed most important to LSCC. All four teams came up with almost identical priorities, the top one being to provide excellent service to our students and communities. Tim says he will be facilitating these exercises with other groups and committees. The final outcome will be a set of values for Lake-Sumter Community College.

Welcome to new full-time employee **Mary Lunsford** (*above, left*). Though a familiar face on the South Lake Campus, she has now assumed her new position as senior staff assistant. Mary mans the spacious lobby of the Higher Education Facility, making a welcoming impression on students, visitors and Sumter folk like Jim Thigpen.



"X-Files" could be inspired by the Sumter Library's new acquisition. Sam (Jim's son) Thigpen made the alien donation. Librarian **Dr. Richard Morrill** (*left*) and Student Assistant **Kevin Vickers** think it's a fun addition.

Who mysteriously dropped a bag of keys on **Pam**

Heubach's (*left*)

desk and which doors do they unlock? (I bet the alien knows!)

Campus Liaison and Counselor **Betsy Ruano** (*below*) discussed LSCC's AA degree program with student Austin Van Rider.



Recent Leesburg Campus transferee **Nilda Rivera** (*above, left*) said she is enjoying her new position as Talent Search coordinator on the South Lake Campus. Campus Liaison and Counselor **Sean Armstrong** (*above*) stays busy helping students like Sarah Kummert. Librarian **Elizabeth Hoagg** (*left*) stated in her monthly *South Lake Library Newsletter* that "Titles have been pouring in!" This is in reference to UCF's contributions of materials on psychology, sports and fitness, and education.

RELAY FOR LIFE

For the third year, the Sumter Campus will host the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life. Starting at 4 pm on Friday, April 2 and continuing through the night until 10:00 am Saturday morning, teams will be walking and raising funds. "There will be lots of entertainment and games, as well as many varieties of food," says Betsy Ruano. "This is the national event that recognizes all the good things that the organization can accomplish with the help of a community, as well as honoring those who have survived the disease. Over 1500 people participated in last year's event. This year's LSCC team is captained by Sumter Campus SGA President Morgan Rickerson.

About 225 high school students visited the Leesburg Campus on February 20th for the **Future Business Leaders of America** District III (Lake and Sumter counties) competition. This preliminary to the state competition included 28 business-related events. Faculty Coordinator **Bonnie Holloway** said that about a dozen District III winners will return on February 28, to compete in the computer portions of the state competition.



Instructor **Patricia Rausch** reports that LSCC has revised its AAS degree in Computer Programming to be current and to center on object-oriented programming. The Programming Logic course has been renamed **Program Design** and will include object-oriented modeling. The course offerings in programming languages include new classes: Sun's Java™ (two levels) and Microsoft's Visual Basic.Net™ (two levels, with the second level course focusing on database programming).



Janice Adkinson (right) and Liz English (inset) are co-chairing LSCC's Planning Committee for the United Way Campaign this year. Patti Weasel and Berni Hebrock are also



serving on the committee. The pledge campaign will be March 15 through April 9. Several fun activities are being planned and the schedule will be included in the packet that each employee will receive after Spring Break. On March 15th, the committee will be seeking volunteers to serve as "Captains" for each building to collect the pledges. On April 1st, the committee is planning a book, video, cassette, CD and software sale. Keep this in mind as you do your spring cleaning. Donations can be dropped off in the Career Center, or call ext. #3609 for pick-up arrangements.



From the President...

As much as we all love our families, can you imagine what our world would be like if we were all related? Everybody looked like us, everybody talked like us and everybody had the same experiences, ate the same food and listened to the same music. It sounds like a pretty dull existence, doesn't it? However, had it not been for a landmark Supreme Court ruling 50 years ago, our experience of our world could have looked a lot like what I have described above.

The landmark ruling I'm referring to was the 1954 Brown v. Board of Education decision. The practice at that time in most of the nation was that it was acceptable to segregate schools by race as long as the education provided was considered "equal." The Court ruled that "separate, but equal" failed to meet Constitutional requirements for equal opportunity. Schools in minority communities suffered due to lack of funding, poor facilities and neglect on the part of school boards. During the next 10 to 15 years, the long and often painful process of desegregating schools, colleges and universities was met with varying levels of resistance. In Florida, even after the Brown ruling, the Legislature established twelve junior colleges to serve black students, including Leesburg's

Johnson Junior College in 1961. The Lake County School Board, responding to the 1964 Civil Rights Act, voted on June 11, 1965 to merge Johnson with LSCC.

As a result of the Brown ruling, America's community colleges have been able to fulfill their mission as the gateway to higher education and improved quality of life. Our students are enriched by the opportunity to learn and mature in an environment with other students from diverse backgrounds.

So today, we see the vibrancy of a community with faces of different colors, with different voices and accents. We have the vitality of a student body that reflects the diversity of race, culture, age and religion of the community we serve. Instead of the ordinary and mundane, we can experience the new and unexplored. What a great learning environment!

We should be thankful to all those who sacrificed to help us get to where we are today. However, we still have much work to do if we are to achieve the dream of equality for all. Each of us must accept the fact that there are still closed minds to be opened and barriers to be overcome. I hope you'll make a personal commitment to make our community a little better place for all of us to live by reaching out to those who (thankfully) don't look just like us!

Congratulations... to new dad John Maple on the birth of 8lbs., 12 oz. Tyler and to grandma Sue Fagan on her 7lbs., 6 oz. grandson, Jackson!



Melinda Simmons' greyhound friend **Isis** was kind enough to participate in the **Faculty Senate Speakers Bureau** program on February 6th. She and housemate Tony, along with two cats, were rescued by animal-lover Melinda. Isis' person addressed the fact

that hundreds of retired greyhounds, as well as those who never make it to athlete status, are destroyed each year. "They make wonderful pets," said Melinda. "They are hypoallergenic, shed very little, and are very affectionate, low-maintenance pets." Visit www.adopt-a-greyhound.org for Florida rescue agencies.

Sponsored by Student Activities...

AWARENESS FAIR

Wednesday, March 3 • 10:30 am - 1 pm
Leesburg Student Center

FREE Pizza and Entertainment!

Come find out more about the negative effects of alcohol, drugs and tobacco.

HEALTH FAIR

Thursday, March 4 • 10:30 am - 1 pm
Leesburg Student Center

FREE Healthy Snacks and Salads!

Tips on health and nutrition.