November 15  Assessing Learning – What’s New: Faculty members are invited to hear news from the national American Association for Higher Education (AAHE) Assessment Conference, what is happening at the state and District level, and a report from the classroom. Join Instructors Roger Bourret and Allen Stowers and Marsha Brown, Institutional Planner, TLC, Library, room 140, 2:00 p.m. If you are too busy, you can catch an encore on Nov. 22 at 2:30 p.m. at the same location.

November 20  “Funds for Excellence” grant applications due in the Foundation Office, RSB 197.

November 21  Presidential Search Forum: Take part in the selection of South’s next president. Question candidate Dr. Jill Wakefield at one of the following meetings in the President’s Boardroom, RSB 30: 8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m., administrators and exempt staff; 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m., classified and hourly staff, 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m., faculty; 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m., community members. Let students know they have an opportunity to take part on Nov. 25, 11:00 a.m. – noon, JMB 128.

November 25  Thinking in Fundamentals and Essentials: This presentation deals with the role of “clash” in framing a controversial topic. “Clash” means that the pro and con views are actually speaking to the same issue and depend upon methodically identifying the fundamentals and essentials of the issue. That in turn necessitates defining and understanding the importance of these concepts, as well as applying them. This presentation is highly recommended for faculty interested in current events, perennial controversial topics, critical thinking skills, and writing composition generally. Join Tym Parsons, Librarian, in the TLC, Library, room 140, 2:00 p.m.
Presidential Kudos
Jill Wakefield, Interim President

Awarding Diversity

On Friday, Nov. 1, South Seattle Community College received the Southwest King County Chamber’s 2002 “Diversity Organization of the Year Award” at its annual Outstanding Business Awards luncheon.

The award recognized the outstanding work of the college in responding to the needs and strengths of its student body, one of the most diverse in the state, with 53 percent students of color. Cessa Heard-Johnson, Director of Diversity and Retention, and SSCC’s Diversity and Retention Committee were recognized for the programs and services they have developed, which provide a supportive environment for our students and also opportunities for the campus community to learn more about diversity and multiculturalism. The programs include education on cultural celebrations, the annual Student of Color Leadership Institute, the Diversity and Cultural Exchange Retreat and a quarterly book club on campus. As a result of these initiatives, participation in Diversity and Retention events has increased by 50 percent since the 2000-2001 school year.

Congratulations to Cessa, the Diversity and Retention Committee, and the faculty and staff at SSCC, who are committed to the success of every student.

Statewide Economic Conference

I want to express my appreciation for the outstanding support and assistance provided by the entire SSCC community for Oct. 29 “Sharpening Washington’s Competitive Edge” conference held in the Brockey Center. The comments from the 275 participants were overwhelmingly positive about the college and the assistance and services provided by our students and staff.

South was featured as a state leader in Worker Retraining, WorkFirst, and developing partnerships with business and education. It was great to receive this statewide recognition for the outstanding work being done by the faculty and staff at South. My sense is that the recognition will result in additional opportunities and potential funding for our programs and students.

Thanks to all of you who parked on the concourse and provided information and assistance to our visitors. The buildings and grounds looked great thanks to Campus Services. James Lewis, Safety & Security Manager, and the Campus Security team provided their usual excellent service to our staff and visitors. The Brockey Center staff and Culinary Arts faculty and culinary students worked together to provide an outstanding luncheon. This includes: Bill McCabe, Dining Room Service; Stephen Sparks, Chef-Instructor; Jean Claude Berger, Chef-Instructor; Bob Sullivan, Operations Manager; Donna Wilkerson, Food Service Worker; and Alex Dumas, Maintenance Custodian. Ken Monson, Media Manager, and Chris Gadler, Media Technician, responded to every request for media assistance with professionalism and technical expertise. Our Bookstore offered a wide range of leadership books for the participants to purchase.

It was one of those days that makes you feel proud to be part of the SSCC family.

Holiday Reminder

Classified staff, do not forget to use your personal holiday leave by Dec. 31. If you do not use it, you will lose it.

Personal holiday leave is not accumulative. Your next personal holiday accrual will be available to use as of Jan. 1.
Presidential Search Forum Coming

South is hosting a presidential search forum where community members can meet and question the candidate on Thursday, Nov. 21, from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Community members will be able to meet and question the current internal candidate, Dr. Jill Wakefield, Interim President. Dr. Wakefield formerly served as Vice President for Instruction at South beginning in 1995 and also has experience in several areas of the college, including service as an instructional dean and with the Foundation and Public Information Offices.

The forum, which will be held in the President’s Boardroom in the Robert Smith Building, is part of an internal search among the three Seattle Community College District campuses – South, North and Central. The search will fill the vacancy created by the departure of Dr. David Mitchell, who took the post of president at Olympic College in Bremerton this summer.

“It is good business practice to cultivate talent within the organization, and I want to offer this opportunity to our own internal candidates,” said Dr. Peter Ku, District Chancellor. “However, if the search is not successful, a national search will be conducted.”

Similar forums will also be held for faculty, staff and students. (see box, next column)

Campus Presidential Search Forum Times

Nov. 21 – RSB 30:
- 8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m., Administrators and Exempt Staff
- 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m., Classified and Hourly Staff
- 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m., Faculty

Nov. 25 – JMB 128:
- 11:00 a.m. – Noon, Students

“East Joins West” Tickets Available

The South Seattle Community College Foundation and Walla Walla Community College Foundation are pleased to present “East joins West,” a food and wine event like no other on Nov. 16.

The event, which will be held in the Brockey Center, will feature 15 Seattle area chefs who have been paired with Walla Walla area winemakers to create a unique dining experience. For a complete list of chefs and winemakers go to the following link: http://southseattle.edu/foundation/dinner.htm. All proceeds benefit the two college foundations, providing student scholarships and program support.

The Foundation greatly appreciates all the hard work happening in many departments on campus to make the event a great success.

Tickets are priced at $350 for the general public, but will be offered at the reduced rate of $250 for college employees who might wish to attend. For more information on the event contact Jill Wunch, Development Manager, at extension 6616.

Amended Hours: Due to the lack of sales, the Bookstore will be canceling fall Saturday hours. If you have any questions or concerns contact Kristin Ripley, Manager, at extension 6634.
College Building Design Wins Accessibility Award

Sensitivity and responsiveness to access for people with disabilities has resulted in a design award from the state for the proposed Instructional Technology Center at South.

The State Facilities Accessibility Advisory Committee, which is part of the Department of General Administration, presented the college and LMN Architects each with a 2002 Universal Design Award at a Nov. 8 ceremony in Lacey. The awards are a part of the Department of General Administration’s Barrier-Free Facilities Program.

Accepting the award on behalf of the college was Matthew Horwitz, Director of Facilities Planning and Operations, and for LMN Architects, Thomas Gerard, Associate.

The awards are a result of the flexibility shown by Horwitz and Gerard in responding to the State Facilities Accessibility Advisory Committee’s recommendations for an improved design. The successful design review process created a building friendlier for all future users, including replacement of ramps and stairs with gentle slopes. The modifications also have a secondary benefit: $55,000 in savings to taxpayers.

The Instructional Technology Center is a $19 million project that will meet the college’s need for more computer classrooms, science laboratories, a high-tech lecture auditorium, and administrative and instructional office space.

Knead to Relax?: Call Sarah J. Peden, licensed massage practitioner. Sarah is at South every Thursday from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in RSB 89. The cost is $13 for 15 minutes and $26 for 30 minutes. Call (206) 227-3444.

Find a Healthy Balance at South

Women’s Programs and Career Development Services at South are teaming up to provide the campus community with the support we need to succeed.

Beginning Nov. 18, from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m., Women’s Programs and Career Development Services will be sponsoring a new support group – MEPSA. It stands for mental, emotional, physical, spiritual, and adventure. Meetings will be held in Career Development Services, RSB 79.

The group is about developing a healthy balance in all aspects of our lives, addressing our whole selves everyday. In the support group, participants will talk about ways to balance self, family, classes, work, play, relationships, stress, difficulties, health issues, depression, and anything else that may come up in discussion. The group also encourages and supports an adventure a day.

The group will also help participants as individuals talk about some of the things in life that may need attention and assistance. Participants will receive powerful support and skills that can be put into action immediately. You will also be contributing by actively listening to others and sharing the successful things you might do to take care of specific difficulties. Problems will be solved and successes celebrated.

The group is open to all campus community members. To register call Career Development Services at extension 5304 or send an e-mail to CareerCenter@sccd.ctc.edu.

If you have more questions, call Carmen Chambers, Women’s Programs Coordinator, at extension 6801.
College Council Corner
Pamela Wilkins
College Council Faculty Representative

Do you have an issue you would like to bring to College Council?

The College Council, as a representative body, is responsible for advising the President’s Cabinet on policy proposals that affect any members of the SSCC community outside of any one department or constituency.

Many of the issues explored by College Council are brought to its attention by members of the campus community. If you have a suggestion or question for the College Council, please submit a Request for College Council Consideration form.

The College Council meeting agenda, minutes, rosters and forms are available in the Public Folders in Outlook (Public Folders/All Public Folders/South Campus/College Council). College Council information is also available on the Web at http://dept.seattlecolleges.com/sscccollegecouncil.

All College Council meetings are open to the campus community. Meetings are held every other Tuesday from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Remaining meetings for the year will be held on Nov. 26 and December 10.

Currently, the College Council has formed a subcommittee to look into the issue of campus services for evening students. If you have questions or concerns about this issue, please feel free to contact the College Council at ssccouncil@secd.ctc.edu.

New Academic Year Reminds All Importance of Student Privacy

With the new academic year underway, college faculty and staff are reminded that they are required to comply with the Family Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) of 1974, which protects the release of student’s educational records maintained by the college.

For new employees and those needing a refresher, Kim Manderbach, Dean of Enrollment and Student Services, will be holding a FERPA workshop on Nov. 19, from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., in the Brockey Center, room 140.

Issues to be covered include the following:

- FERPA regulations and letters of recommendation
- Responding to law enforcement and media requests for confidential student information
- Parental grade requests
- Types of student information that can be released without consent

Faculty credit will be available.

Please e-mail Kim at kmanderb@secd.ctc.edu if you would like to attend. Also e-mail Kim if you cannot attend and would like to suggest a FERPA session at a more convenient time. She will try to accommodate you in a second workshop.

Lost and Found Centralized: All lost and found items will now be maintained in the Student Life Office, JMB – 135, extension 5332. This will help lessen confusion from the past, where locations were once maintained in Campus Security, the Library and near the Snack Bar. If you find an item, or one is turned in to you, please bring it as soon as possible to Student Life.

Please send submissions for the next issue of the Update to Michael May by Nov. 22.
South Hosts Sommelier Program

If you are looking to develop a basic understanding of food and wine pairing or to become an accredited sommelier, South is the place to be.

Beginning in January, South will host wine certification programs offered by the International Sommelier Guild (ISG). Wine Fundamentals Certificate Level 1 and Wine Fundamentals Certificate Level 2 will be the first to be offered. A Sommelier Diploma Program will be added in spring. ISG has certified sommeliers for over 15 years and works closely with the hospitality and culinary industries to train professionals in wine and spirits.

Wine Fundamentals Certificate Level 1 is an introductory course designed for the novice who is either pursuing a career in the hospitality industry or enhancing their enjoyment of wine. Elements covered in the course include: basic sensory evaluation; components of wine appearance, aroma and flavor; wine terminology; and basic understanding of grape types and their discerning characteristics. Upon completion of the program, students should have expanded appreciation for all types of wine and feel confident when selecting and buying wine.

Wine Fundamentals Certificate Level 2 will expose students to many elements of the wine industry, including viticulture, vinification and regional laws. Students will also develop blind tasting skills, as well as build on service skills, food and wine pairing techniques and proper storage practices. The goal of the course is to prepare students for the Sommelier Diploma Program.

The Sommelier Diploma Program, which will be offered beginning in May 2003, is an intensive course. The program offers in-depth instruction of all the world’s wine regions and their components. As a part of the program, ISG offers members a referral program for career opportunities.

To learn more about wine programs at South go to the Culinary Art’s Web site www.chefschool.com and for more information about ISG go to www.internationalsommelier.com. Registration and payment of fees are through ISG. The cost of courses includes all materials and certification testing.

For more information call Stephen Sparks, Chef-Instructor, at extension 6715 or via e-mail at ssparks@scd.etc.edu.

Child Care Center Needs Your Donations

The Child Care Center is seeking donated and recyclable materials to help make the center the creative and fun place for children it is.

The center is especially interested in collecting old panty hose of all colors and wire coat hangers to make masks. Buttons, old jewelry or fabric scraps would also be welcome, as would old office supplies.

The center would also be pleased to accept old complete games or puzzles your child may have outgrown, and toys such as legos, duplos, playmobiles, Fisher-Price or Playschool toys, and picture books. They could use any 35 mm film, 200 or above, you may have.

Donations can be made at special decorated boxes placed at the Advanced Technology Center, C.L.I.C., Student Life Office and Child Care Center. If you have something that won’t fit the box, call them at 5348 and one of the staff will pick it up.

—“’Whom are you?’ he asked, for he had attended business college.”

George Ade, “The Steel Box”, 1898