September 10  TeamSouth 2003: Who is TeamSouth? You are. TeamSouth is an ad hoc gathering to start the new academic year in a spirit of collaboration and information sharing. All are welcomed to attend and contribute. Topics of interest for meetings can include: enrollment status, advertising and marketing campaigns, student services and instructional issues, new programs, new employees, new processes, question and answer, putting names with faces, program updates, departmental goals and how can we help each other reach our goals. To be included on the agenda or to communicate your media or audio-visual needs, contact Sherry Reichert, Director of Student Outreach & Admissions, at sreichert@scd.ctc.edu. The first TeamSouth meeting will be held from 2:00 – 3:30 p.m., JMB – 140.

September 14  Free Concert in Arboretum: The campus community and public are invited to welcome the fall quarter with a performance by the classical trio Windsong at the Gazebo in the Arboretum. The trio will play a mix of styles, including classical, baroque, renaissance, jazz, folk and popular music. The concert begins at 3:00 p.m. For more information contact Dave Beck, Host of “The Beat” on KUOW, via e-mail at dbeck@kuow.org.

September 16  Computer Training Options: The Continuing Education Department encourages campus community members to let students and members of the public know about its free computer training information sessions. These open information sessions are ideal for potential career changers or anyone looking to prepare for a career in information technology (IT). Attendees will be able to meet instructors and personnel who will help them make an educated decision about which program is right for them. Two sessions will be offered: Computer Training Review, 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m., RSB 11; and IT Information Session, 7:00 p.m., RSB 11. For more information, contact the Continuing Education Department at 764-5339.
Campus Kudos

Electrical Grid Getting Improvements

Since early 2001, Campus Services crews have been working with Seattle City Light (SCL) on a two-phase project to make badly needed improvements to the college’s primary electrical grid.

The work, which is slated to be completed by late September, is being done by Campus Services because the state has not historically funded utility infrastructure repair work.

The first phase of the project has created the ability to isolate different buildings or zones on campus through the installation of new switching capacity. This will limit the scope of power outages that might result from unforeseen problems or needed repairs. Previously the whole of the main campus had to be de-energized in order to make repairs to the high voltage distribution system. SCL is also replacing older corroded electrical cables and transformers to further improve the electrical system’s reliability.

The second phase of this project, which is near completion, adds additional isolation to the distribution system and will provide the connection point for electrical service for the new Instructional Technology Center on the south side of campus.

The work being performed by our own very talented crews would have cost the college approximately $100,000 had funds been appropriated for outside contractors to complete this work. The campus community should take great pride in the fact that there are few other facility departments statewide that have the skills and resourcefulness to take on this kind of project when state funding is not available. Special recognition goes to Campus Services staff Eric Steen, Maintenance Supervisor, Bob Schricker, Maintenance Mechanic Lead, Murray Fye, Heavy Equipment Operator/Utility Worker, and Dan Suttcliffe, Electrician Lead.

Matthew Horwitz
Director of Facilities,
Planning & Operations

Resident Expert

Congratulations go to South’s Art Gallery Coordinator, Esther Ervin, who was named this summer as one of the Seattle Art Museum’s (SAM) new docents. The docent program at SAM was a rigorous two-year training program, which included art history education and touring techniques to prepare docents for giving tours of permanent collections and special exhibitions to students and adults. Participants studied ancient art of the Mediterranean and Near East, European and decorative arts, Asian art and art of the Northwest Coast, arts of Meso-America and the Andes, African art, Australian and Aboriginal art and modern art within a broad historical, social and cultural framework. The college also welcomes this new expertise and what it means for our own Art Gallery.

Liz Baldizan
Dean of Student Life
The General Studies Division would like the campus community to welcome its new Interim Dean – Larry Reid.

Larry comes to the campus in the absence of the department’s Dean, Suzanne Griffin, who is working on distance learning initiatives in Afghanistan.

Prior to coming to South, Larry worked as a consultant to the Vice President of Instruction at North from the spring of 2002 until this past June. He retired in 1999 as the Vice President for Instruction at Shoreline Community College. Before that, he worked at Bellevue Community College – 17 years as an instructor and 10 years as the Division Dean for Arts & Humanities.

After receiving his master’s from UCLA, Larry began his teaching career at Central Washington University in Ellensburg, then a state college, where he was the Director of Forensics and a Speech Instructor.

Larry says that he is very excited about the opportunity to work with the highly respected faculty and staff at South.

“South’s General Studies Division has a well earned reputation as the leader in the state for ABE – ESL programs and initiatives. Suzanne Griffin set the bar very high. My goal in the year I will be at South will be to keep that bar in place,” Larry said.

Submissions and questions regarding the Update can be made to Michael May in the Public Information Office at mmay@sccd.ctc.edu.

Farewell to Colleague

Retired Floristry Instructor Bob Jones passed away on Aug. 26. Bob was the founder of the Floristry program at South and retired in 1989. Services for Bob will be on Wednesday, Sept. 3 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Joseph’s Cathedral in the Capitol Hill area. A graveside service is planned for the next day, Thursday, Sept. 4.

Free Concert in Arboretum

Welcome the fall quarter at South with a free concert, while taking in the beauty of the college’s Arboretum, Seattle Chinese Garden and excellent views of the city.

The classical trio Windsong will give an informal, one-hour concert with music and commentary appropriate for an arboreal setting at the Gazebo in the Arboretum on Sept. 14 at 3:00 p.m. The trio will play a mix of styles, including classical, baroque, renaissance, jazz, folk and popular music. The campus community and public is invited to bring a picnic while enjoying the music.

Windsong has been performing around the Seattle area since 1980. The ensemble of two flutes and cello will be joined by guest vocalist Kathleen Hosfeld for this performance. The trio consists of Nancy H.H. Miles, flute, Megan Imrie, flute, and Dave Beck, cello.

For more information contact Dave Beck, Host of “The Beat” on KUOW, via e-mail at dbeck@kuow.org.

Windsong Trio

Cost: Free – Sponsored by the SSCC Foundation

Where: Arboretum Gazebo

When: Sunday, Sept. 14
3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Campus Captured in the Lens

Job applicants exit Career Development Services on their way to an employment workshop on August 22. The event was part of a partnership between WorkSource and the household goods store Bed Bath & Beyond.

A crane lifts an old HVAC (heating, ventilating, and air-conditioning) unit from the roof of the Robert Smith Building on August 28. All four of the remaining original rooftop HVAC units that serve the Robert Smith Building are being replaced with new energy efficient equipment. Later this month, the same contractor will be replacing 30-year-old HVAC equipment in the Science Building.

Newly planted cherry trees will give color to the nearly completed 16th Avenue SW stairway. Pending fabrication and installation of handrails, the project should be completed in the next three weeks.

Classified Information

Classified staff can now stay abreast of events concerning them through a new Classified Staff Info folder in Public Folders. It can be found in Outlook under Public Folders / All Public Folders / South Campus / Classified Staff Info. Classified staff who have any questions, concerns or suggestions about this new resource can respond through any of the shop stewards. A document “Contacting Shop Stewards” in the new information folder contains a list of contacts. The new addition to Public Folders comes thanks to Betsy McConnell-Gutierrez, Program Coordinator for the Duwamish Apprenticeship and Education Center.

New at Student Online Services

Student Online Services, which among other things lets students register for classes online, now has additional features. Students can now use the Web to check their status on any class waitlist, take their name off of a class waitlist, and update their home address, e-mail address, or phone number. Go to http://southseattle.edu/services/sermain.htm to see all the services students have at their fingertips.