



## I Am Proud of South Campus

With the commencement exercise completed on May 6th, we concluded the 2004-05 academic year. Seeing and hearing the smiling students walking across the stage, I cannot help feeling rewarded. The idea that some of those students who have studied with faculty and staff members at South Campus are now ready to transition to a four-year university or to the workplace gives much meaning to and support of what we do. It is the work of faculty and staff that sends our students on a path to still greater success.

It was almost a year ago that I began my service as the Campus Provost. I want to thank you for making the 2003-04 academic year an exceptional success. During this year, our faculty and staff served thousands of students under difficult budgetary constraints, but we proved beyond any doubt that we, as a campus, are deeply committed to student learning and that we are good at what we do.

In the past months, South Campus has made remarkable strides. Our faculty and staff completed the design of the first Learning Community of college-prep students; expanded the offering of on-line WebCT-based courses; kicked off articulated partnerships with the Division of Legal Studies of Florida Gulf Coast University and Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University; secured the donation of the first Boeing 727 for BCC's Aviation Institute; and saw the groundbreaking of the Weston Center.

During the same time, the Student Affairs staff continued its successful Mentor Program, visited dozens of classrooms, expanded the multi-language café, and initiated the Emerging Student Leader

Program. Leaders of the Student Government won elections into district offices of the Florida Junior and Community Colleges Association.

Without a doubt, we are an educational community committed to student learning and development. We are a student-friendly campus. In good times, our quest for excellence at the campus leads to innovation; when challenges befall us, our drive to excel unites us in a common cause. I am very proud of every member of South Campus' faculty and staff. Immediately after naming Dr. Richard Coseri "Professor of the Year" and naming Ms. Kellie Hammer "Adjunct Professor of the Year," we learned that Professor Sharon Rifkin and Chris Casper won the title of "Endowed Teaching Chair." These individuals are the best of the best.

As I look toward the 2004-05 academic year, I am full of hope. Our campus is well poised to continue our quality service and face the changing realities. With Board of Trustee approval at this month's meeting, Dr. Hank Martel will assume the role of Dean of Academic Affairs. Professor Joyce Nemeth has agreed to provide interim leadership for the Department of Math and Sciences. With their strong commitment to student success and broad teaching and administrative experiences, Dr. Martel and Professor Nemeth will prove to be exceptional leaders. I look forward to working with them in bringing South Campus to a higher level of service to our students and our community.

The summer months are upon us. For those faculty and staff members who will work during the summer months, I hope that they will be able to find time to rest and recharge. For those who are able to

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# News and Notes

## Dr. Martel Moves Up

Dr. Hank Martel, Department Head of Math, Science, and Wellness, has been named by Dr. Pan as the new Dean of Academic Affairs at South Campus. Though awaiting Board approval, the news has been met with much positive affirmation among faculty, staff, and administrators at South Campus. Look for Dr. Martel to share some thoughts with us in the August issue of *Southern Breezes*.



Dr. Hank Martel



Dr. Silva Patricia Rios-Husain

## Dr. Rios-Husain Takes Charge

The word “interim” has now been removed from her title. Dr. Silvia Rios-Husain has been named the Director of Partnership Centers. This, of course, includes the Pines Center, as well as the new center in Weston. The Miramar center is also part of this mix. I’m sure this will all become clearer in the ensuing months. Look for more articles and information in future issues of *Southern Breezes*. Congratulations, Silvia.

Dr. Morris Mendelsohn, part time Chemistry faculty member for many years at South, suddenly passed away on Friday, May 7, 2004. We will miss his expertise, his style of teaching, his patience with his students and his daily presence in building 69.



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## Teaching Chairs Awarded

South Campus is pleased to have two recipients of Endowed Teaching Chairs on our campus. Congratulations to Christianne Casper-Cubas, campus librarian, and Sharon Rifkin, faculty member in social and behavioral science and wellness. Both are well-deserved.



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take the summer off, I am happy for you. I hope that you too will relax and renew.

My hope for the coming year is that we will continue to explore methods to serve our diverse student population more effectively; to forge new partnerships; to enhance use of technology, and to garner more resources so that our faculty, staff, and students can work and learn in a nurturing and collegial learning environment.

Shouan Pan  
Campus Provost



Part of the crowd viewing the Earth Day exhibits

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**Earth Day 2004**

On Thursday, April 22nd, the South Campus Science Dept., along with Student Life, hosted the first annual Earth Day Fair in Southern Breezes. The event was a huge success. Many projects were on display from students in Prof. Natalie Osterhoudt's and Prof. Neil Mulchan's environmental science and microbiology classes. A lot of flyers, pamphlets, posters, and other freebies were distributed to those who attended. An excellent vegetarian lunch was provided by Student Life. We look forward to seeing everyone at the event next year!

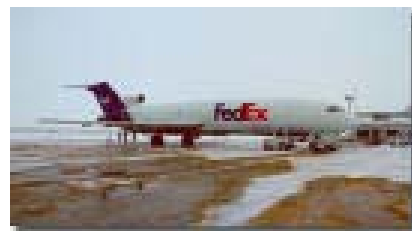


Natalie Osterhoudt and Bibi Karem

**Federal Express 727 Donation**

FedEx has been known for their world wide deliveries and on March 29, 2004 they made an extra special delivery. BCC accepted the donation of a fully functional Boeing 727 that will be an amazing asset to our aviation programs.

The three engine jet is a 37 year old freighter that has a wingspan of 108 feet and a length of 133 feet. In 1966, it flew for United Airlines



and it was converted to a cargo freighter in 1987.

The College is in the process of having the plane transported to the Aviation Institute where faculty, staff, and students eagerly await this new addition.

From Erin Boyd

## Aviation News

### Sherri Poel Memorial Scholarship Winner for 2004



Pamela Charles is this year's recipient

Pamela Charles was born in Hollywood, Florida but her family moved north in the early years. They located outside of Chicago and eventually to Ohio where she grew up. Pamela attended the University of Akron, Ohio where she received her Bachelor of Arts in Natural Sciences. She joined the U.S. Coast Guard and served for four years. After she was discharged, Pamela married. She then assumed the role of homemaker and raised a family. Pam has three daughters and, when all had entered school, she made the decision to continue her education. She had always wanted to obtain a pilot's license, but it was her husband who encouraged her to obtain the commercial and CFI certificates.

Presently, she is enrolled in BCC's Professional Pilot Degree Program. Pamela has completed her private pilot rating and is presently doing her instrument training. Throughout, her husband and children have been supportive.

Although no decisions about her future have yet been made, Pamela will continue to keep her options open. She enjoys teaching and is interested in a regional airline career. Who knows what is waiting in the "wings," perhaps a Master's Degree?

From Shirley Mure

The Scholarship is named in memory of Sherri Poel, a professional pilot graduate of the BCC Aviation Institute. Sherri was killed in 1994 when the Piper J-3 Cub she was flying crashed. She was known as a "vivacious, intelligent student." She had won two aviation scholarships and was at the top of her classes.

### Apprenticeship Program with Hamilton Sunstrand

Doors are opening wider for the students of BCC's Aviation programs. On March 25, 2004 the Board of Trustees approved an apprenticeship program with Hamilton Sunstrand, a division of United Technologies. The program will allow our airframe and powerplant students in their last semester with BCC to apply for a part time position where they will learn every aspect of the full service maintenance and overhaul facility located in Miramar.

Interested students must go through an application process and obtain a letter of recommendation from a current instructor. If hired, they will work 15-20 hours a week and earn \$10.00 per hour. This could lead to a full time position with Hamilton Sunstrand.

This is an excellent opportunity for our Aviation students and for the college as we continue to create powerful partnerships within the community.

From Erin Boyd

## Campus in Motion



Jan Shakespeare, Erin Boyd and Steve Johnson admiring the Bismarkia Palm to be planted at the Aviation Institute in memory of Adjunct Professor, Mr. Paul Evans



Facilities staff working on the installation of a new sidewalk off the back of modular 87 - another great job!



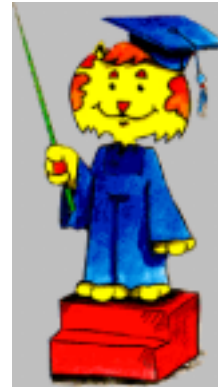
Lori Labontee busy transporting soil to plant annual flower beds in various locations around campus.

## Tenure Earned



Cesar Grisales (Spanish), Dominique Charlotteaux (Education), and Dr. Pan, Campus Provost.

The Communications/Humanities Department congratulated Dominique Charlotteaux and César Grisales for gaining tenure. The Department celebrated this during their annual spring luncheon, held April 16<sup>th</sup> in 71/106.



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