

BINNEKILL

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Dr. William Meckley discusses the upcoming EJO concert at the piano as he prepares for the performance which features compositions by three SCCC Adjunct Faculty Members.

EJO performance features faculty compositions

Keeping up their tradition of spectacular big band music, right here at SCCC, the Empire Jazz Orchestra (EJO) invites you to the fall performance, *In With the New*. The EJO will perform on Tuesday, Oct. 16, at 8 p.m. in the Taylor Auditorium.

This performance will feature great contemporary writing for big band by composers including Peter Bellino, James Corigliano and Keith Pray '93, all SCCC Adjunct Music Faculty Members. Also, included is the music of Gordon Goodwin, Dave Holland, Paquito D'Rivera, John LaBarbera, and others.

General admission is \$15 and student tickets are \$6. Tickets can be pre-ordered by calling the SCCC Music Department at 381-1231. Tickets can also be purchased at the door on the evening of the performance.

Chess players wanted for new club

Science major Jide Osipitan wants to find other students, as well as faculty and staff, who share his love of chess or those who would like to learn the game in which he says, "you really have to use your brain. Chess helps you improve your thought process."

Jide is starting a Chess Club at the College to have a group of people on campus play against one another and eventually enter tournaments. The club is open to beginners and advanced players.

Jide began playing chess while he was a middle school student in Brooklyn. Since that time he has developed a philosophy about the game that requires a strategic mind. "Chess is all about you. If you can't think, you can't win. If you lose, you have to develop your skills and get better," he said.

A native of Nigeria, Jide decided to pursue starting a Chess Club on campus after playing chess on the computers in the College's Learning Center. An employee of the Learning Center suggested he look into starting a club on campus to find other students interested in chess.

Anyone interested in learning more about the club may contact Jide at jideeq@yahoo.com or 522-8483 or Associate Dean Martha Asselin, asselimj@gw.sunysccc.edu or 381-1336.

Study Circles on Racism this month

Students, faculty, staff and members of the public are invited to a series of discussions on campus designed to bring about dialogue and public change around the issue of racism. This year's Study Circles on Racism will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 2 (kickoff event), Thursday, Oct. 4, Tuesday, Oct. 9, and Thursday, Oct. 11, in Elston Hall, Rooms 134 and 136. Each discussion will take place from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

The study circles will be hosted by trained Study Circle Facilitators Jessica Rowell, SCCC Coordinator of Multicultural and Educational Opportunity Programs, and Renee Adamany, Assistant Professor, Humanities and Social Sciences. A study circle starts with the sharing of personal stories, then looking at a problem from many points of view, exploring possible solutions, and finally making plans for action and change. Space is limited to the first 30 participants. Please call the Office of Multicultural Affairs at 381-1279 for more information.



"This is an opportunity for people to share various viewpoints and to understand racism, where it comes from and why in 2007 people continue to think the way they do. The Study Circles open up communication that is not present in society...and tools to react in a positive way in certain situations."-Julian Burnet, Humanities and Social Sciences major, Study Circles '06 participant, who intends to participate again this year

"The Study Circle process is one that anyone and everyone, regardless of race, ethnicity or background should participate in. All too often in American society, we are unable to have authentic discussions regarding racism and its impact on our society, community, college and personal lives. An amazing opportunity for healthy exchange and discussion exists within the Study Circle. Participants will leave the process changed, enlightened and more aware of how racism impacts all of us."- Jessica Rowell, Coordinator of Multicultural/Educational Opportunity Programs



SCCC welcomes new staff member

Tashana Person-Evans has been a part-time Information Processing Specialist I in the Admissions Office since May 2007. Her previous jobs were with Jackson Hewitt and New York State. Tashana is a Human Services major at SCCC.

Mini-grants available

The Faculty/Staff Development Committee (FSDC) Mini-Grant program offers College employees the opportunity to apply for funding for professional development activities. The intent of the program is to supplement budgeted departmental funds so that the burden of individual contributions may be lightened, though not necessarily eliminated. It is expected that, when necessary, applicants will make appropriate financial contributions to their own professional development.

In order to serve fairly the most participants, the FSDC has established for full-time faculty and professional staff a maximum of \$500 for one approved grant and \$400 for a second grant for an individual for the 2007-08 academic year. Adjunct faculty and part-time professional staff may apply for one grant not to exceed \$200. Questions and completed Mini-Grant Proposals should be directed to Assistant Dean Bill Lawrence, FSDC Chair, in Elston Hall, Room 215.

Have an opinion? Share it

The New York Times Readership Program has returned to SCCC thanks to the partnership from the Student Government Association and the Faculty-Student Association.

Through this program, the SCCC community has access to free issues of *The New York Times* on weekdays. Issues are available at various location on campus including the main entrances of Elston Hall (near the Security Desk) and the Begley Building.

In addition to *The New York Times* being available, the Student Services Office will be sponsoring *Times Talk* every third Tuesday of each month, at 9 a.m. to discuss a current topic in the newspaper. *Times Talk* will be held on the following dates: Oct. 16, Nov. 20 and Dec. 18. Light refreshments will be provided.



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Wednesday, October 3	Monday, October 15
Wednesday, October 17	Monday, October 29
Wednesday, October 31	Monday, November 12
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Wednesday, December 5	Monday, December 17

Please E-mail submissions to Heather Meaney, Editor, at meaneyhl@gw.sunysccc.edu.

Board approves President's Goals

The SCCC Board of Trustees held a regular meeting on Monday, Sept. 17, 2007, at 4:30 p.m. in the Library Conference Room. The Board passed the following resolutions:

- Approval of the 2007-2008 Goals and Objectives submitted by SCCC President Gabe Basil. President Basil's Goals for 2007-2008 address access, recruitment, teaching/learning environment, student services, student progress, faculty/staff, community partnerships/workforce development, technology utilization, facilities and resource development.
- Appointment of members to the Advisory Committee on Affirmative Action and Multicultural Affairs from Sept. 1, 2007, through Aug. 31, 2008.

Also, Brian McGarvey, Associate Dean for Student Access/Director of Financial Aid, presented a report to the Board regarding admissions and financial aid.

Mentoring makes a big difference

Northeast Parent and Child Society has wonderful opportunities in the area of mentoring. Research indicates that people who are matched with mentors for any one of a number of reasons are likely to achieve and enjoy success in different areas of their lives. Mentoring offers an opportunity to make a difference in the life of someone who could benefit from guidance, support, and a positive role model in their midst.

Mentors can also provide support to a young person, ages 21 and under, who can benefit from their guidance, friendship and life experiences. These children have experienced great hardship in their lives and many have never had a positive role model other than a teacher or counselor. Mentors are asked to spend a few hours a week with a young person with whom they have been matched. Activities can include going to a ball game, play, or museum, taking a walk, playing a board game, window shopping, going to a movie, taking a bike ride, or simply talking.

Initial and ongoing training and support are provided. In addition, activities are periodically offered for all mentors and mentees. To learn more about the program, please contact Mildred Corneau, Northeast Parent and Child Society, at 372-4100 or via e-mail at mildred.corneau@neparentchild.org.

College extends sympathy

The College extends sincere sympathy to the families and friends of an alumnus and adjunct faculty member who passed away this month.

Ronald "Ronnie" Warren Mayfield II passed away on Aug. 31, 2007. Ronnie was a 2006 graduate of SCCC with his A.A.S. degree in Electrical Technology, with honors. He also worked part-time in the Academic Computing Lab.

Richard W. Boord passed away on Sept. 16. Richard was a member of the College's Adjunct Faculty, teaching Chemistry at the College.

Attention poets, artists, photographers

RHYTHMS is SCCC's student-run literary club. Its primary function is to produce an annual magazine of literature (short stories, plays, poems, songs, essays, etc.) and artwork (drawings, photographs, etc.) created by SCCC students, faculty, or staff. RHYTHMS also sponsors coffee-houses, readings, and other literary events.

All students are invited to participate in this club, which meets on Thursdays at 11:30 a.m. in Elston Hall, Room 411.

Anyone interested is invited to attend. "We work hard, we have fun, and we produce a magazine in which the entire SCCC community takes pride," said RHYTHMS Advisor Geoffrey Welch, Associate Professor.

BLSA seeks members, officers

The Black and Latino Student Alliance (BLSA), a student group dedicated to celebrating the cultures and interests of African American and Latino/a students on campus, seeks interested students to join.

The BLSA has sponsored events such as a fashion show, annual Kwanzaa celebrations and Family Day. The group also formed an African American interest book club, NYACK, which will begin meeting again soon and invests in the community through fundraising and volunteerism.

Everyone is welcome to be a part of the BLSA and the group welcomes new ideas and suggestions. There are many opportunities involving student leadership and officer positions within the club.

For more information about the BLSA, please contact Jessica Rowell, Coordinator of Multicultural/Educational Opportunity Programs, Elston Hall, Room 222, 381-1279.

Upcoming career networking events at SCCC, in community

The following career networking events will be held on campus and in Schenectady.

- Fall 2007 Schenectady Community Job Fair
Thursday, Oct. 4, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Holiday Inn, Nott Terrace, Schenectady

The Schenectady Metroplex Development Authority in collaboration with The Chamber of Schenectady County, the Schenectady County Job Training Agency, the City of Schenectady, Schenectady County Community College, Capital Region BOCES, and the New York State Department of Labor/Workforce New York and Jobs Etc. cordially invite you to participate in the Fall 2007 Schenectady County Community Job Fair. The job fair is designed to promote employment opportunities in Schenectady County and surrounding areas.

- Company conversations with State Farm Insurance
Thursday, Oct. 18, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Student Activity Forum

State Farm is sponsoring an informal discussion period during lunch with various department managers to speak on various career paths in the insurance industry for all majors. Students need to sign up in the Student Development Center, Elston Hall, Room 223.



Chris Henry '92, Manager of the College Store, and Donna Tessitore '92, Manager and Principal Accountant for the Faculty-Student Association (FSA), discuss the projects that the FSA funded during the past year.

Profits from textbooks go back to College

Computer upgrades on campus, funding to bring speakers to campus, transportation for the College's Men's Baseball Team. What do all of these have in common? They were all made possible last year through the Faculty-Student Association (FSA).

During the 2006-2007 academic year, Faculty-Student Association (FSA) projects included \$200,000 to the SCCC Foundation for scholarships and campus beautification; \$85,000 for computer projects on campus through the Information Systems Council; \$21,700 for athletic team transportation; \$8,706 to refinish the Armory floors (where the basketball team plays); \$17,500 for the Mens' Baseball Team trip to Florida in Spring 2007; and \$14,000 to upgrade the campus message system (TV monitors around campus). The FSA has allocated \$60,000 for Community and Cultural Events Committee programming and \$90,000 for computer upgrades through the Information Systems Council for the 2007-2008 academic year.

The FSA is a not-for-profit agency that oversees the College Store and duplicating machines on campus and also provides services to the College Commons and Child Care Center.

The important thing for students to know is that all profits from the College Store go to the FSA to fund campus projects. According to Donna Tessitore '92, FSA Manager and Principal Accountant, 95 percent of the funding that the FSA receives comes from the College Store. She stressed the contributions that the FSA has made to campus. "Without the financial support of the FSA, the College would be minus a lot of campus projects," she said.

"It's very gratifying knowing that those profits aren't going to some corporate entity, but back to the College itself," said Chris Henry '92, College Store Manager.

Clubs, as well as College committees, have received funding from the FSA in the past. Students can apply for FSA funding for campus projects through the SGA or another group. Students interested should visit Martha Asselin, Associate Dean, Elston Hall, Room 222. The FSA invites all members of the College community to its Annual Meeting on Thursday, Oct. 11, at 11:30 a.m. in the Activity Forum.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Tuesday, October 2, 2007

Study Circle on Racism Kickoff, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Activity Forum, Elston Hall. Free and open to the public. Contact Jessica Rowell at (518) 381-1279 for more information. *(See story on Front Page.)*

Thursday, October 4, 2007

Study Circle on Racism-Session I, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Elston Hall, Rooms 134 and 136. Free and open to the public. Contact Jessica Rowell at (518) 381-1279 for more information.

SCCC Christian Fellowship Club sponsors ACT4HIM. Live Performance of

“Joseph-A Father’s Love,” performed by actor Matt Zawisza, 11:30 a.m., Stockade Building, Room 101. Free and open to the public.

Saturday, October 6, 2007

Women’s Crew, Head of the Mohawk, Home

Monday, October 8, 2007

Columbus Day

Tuesday, October 9, 2007

Financial Aid Disbursement (Grants and Loans)

Study Circle on Racism-Session II, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Elston Hall, Rooms 134 and 136. Free and open to the public. Contact Jessica Rowell at 381-1279 for more information.

Airplane Owners and Pilots Association (AOPA) Safety Seminar Series, sponsored by the SCCC Aviation Club, 7 p.m., Stockade Building, Room 101. Free and open to the public.

Thursday, October 11, 2007

Study Circle on Racism-Session III, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Elston Hall Rooms 134 and 136. Free and open to the public. Contact Jessica Rowell at 381-1279 for more information.

SCCC Faculty-Student Association Annual Meeting, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Activity Forum, Elston Hall. Event is open to all members of the SCCC Community. *(See story on Page 3.)*

Saturday, October 13, 2007

Women’s Crew, Skidmore Scrimmage and Cookout, Skidmore College

SCCC Heart Walk Team supports The American Heart Association in Walk America, 9 a.m.-12 p.m., Colonie Center



*Rock Day
climbers-
Students scale the
24-foot high
portable rock wall
brought to campus
by Andy Gilpin of
the Electric City
Rock Gym in
Schenectady.
Students enjoyed a
free cookout, ice
cream and T-shirts
during the
College’s first
Rock Day
organized by the
Multicultural
Affairs Office.
The event is
named for a large
rock in the center
of the quad. The
office hopes to
make Rock Day an
annual event.*

Siena College Fast Track on campus in October

Representatives from Siena College will visit campus during the Siena College Fast Track program on Tuesday, Oct. 16, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Activity Forum.

Students can bring their transcripts and meet with a Siena College Admissions Representative to receive a decision within days. The application fee will be waived, preference will be given for housing and financial aid information will be shared. Sign up on the Transfer Bulletin Board outside Student Development, Elston Hall, Room 223. For more information please contact Counselor IV Bernie Dunn, in Elston Hall, Room 223, or via e-mail at dunnbv@gw.sunysccc.edu or by phone at 381-1342.

Have an IDEA for a **BINNEKILL** story or
want to write a story?
See the editor in the Stockade Building,
Room 108, or submit information via
E-mail to meaneyhl@gw.sunysccc.edu.

Campus Resources

Academic Advisement

Elston 223/ext. 1277

Monday-Thursday 9 am-8 pm
Friday 9 am-1 pm

Academic Computing Lab

Elston Hall, 530/ext. 1213

Monday-Thursday 8:30 am-10 pm
Friday 8:30 am-4 pm
Saturday 9 am-3:30 pm

Academic Services

Elston Hall, 212/ext. 1348, 1349

Monday-Thursday 8:30 am-8 pm
Friday 8:30 am-4:30 pm

Accounting/CIS Tutor Lab

Elston 427

Monday 11 am-6 pm
Tuesday 1 pm-6 pm
Wednesday 11:30 am-2:30 pm
Thursday: 11:30 am-6:30 pm
Friday 9 am-1 pm
Saturday 10 am-2 pm

ADA Transition Services

Elston 222/ext. 1345

Monday-Friday 8:30 am-4:30 pm

Admissions

Elston Hall, 221/ext. 1366, 1367

Monday-Thursday 8:30 am-8 pm
Friday 8:30 am-4:30 pm

Begley Library/ext. 1239

Monday-Thursday 8 am-9:30 pm
Friday 8 am-4:30 pm
Saturday 10 am-2 pm
Closed Sundays

Business Office, Student

Elston 527/ext. 1346, 1347

Monday-Friday 8:45 am-4:15 pm

Career and Employment Services

Elston 223/ext. 1365

Monday-Friday 8:30 am-4:30 pm
(Evening hours available upon request.)

EASE online career resources

www.sunysccc.edu/ces

Career Counseling

Elston 223/ext. 1365

Monday-Friday 8:30 am-4:30 pm
(Evenings by appointment.)

The College Store

Elston 109/ext. 1332

Monday, Tuesday 8 am-6 pm
Wednesday, Thurs. 8 am-4 pm
Friday 8 am-2 pm

The Commons Elston/ext. 1330

Monday-Thursday 7:30 am-8 pm
(Grill: 8 am-6 pm)
Friday 7:30 am-2 pm
(Grill: 8 am-1:30 pm)

Closed Saturdays

Computer Tutor Lab

Elston 427

See lab for hours.

Continuing Education

Stockade 120/ext. 1315, 1316

Monday-Thursday 8:30 am-8 pm
Friday 8:30 am-4:30 pm
Saturday 8:30 am-12 pm
(when classes are in session)
When classes are not in session,
open Mon.-Fri., 8:30 am-4:30 pm

Financial Aid

Elston Hall, 221/ext. 1352, 1354

Monday-Thursday 8:30 am-8 pm
Friday 8:30 am-4:30 pm

Gateway Montessori

Gateway 124/ext. 1455/1295

Monday-Friday 9 am-11:30 am
(Call for program information.)

Instructional Technology Center Begley, ext. 1243

Monday-Thursday 8 am-9:30 pm
Friday 8 am-4:30 pm

Language Lab

Elston 520/ext. 1373

Monday/Thurs. 9 am-11:30 am
12-2:30 pm
5-7:30 pm
Tuesday 9 am-11:30 am
12:30-2:30 pm
5-7 pm
Wednesday 9:30 am-12:30 pm
5-7:30 pm
Friday 9:30 am-12 pm
Saturday 10 am-1 pm

Learning Center/Writing Lab Elston 523/ext. 1246

Monday-Thursday 8:30 am-7:30 pm
Friday 8:30 am-4 pm
Saturday 10 am-3 pm

Math Lab Elston 518/ext. 1435

Monday-Thurs. 8:30 am-7:30 pm
Friday, Saturday 9 am-2 pm

Multicultural/Educational Opportunity Programs

Elston 222/ext. 1279

Monday-Friday 8:30 am-4:30 pm

Personal Counseling

Elston 223/ext. 1365

Monday-Friday 8:30 am-4:30 pm
(Evenings by appointment.)

Transfer Counseling

Elston 223/ext. 1365

Monday-Friday 8:30 am-4:30 pm
(Evenings by appointment.)

TRIO Student Support Services Elston 328/ext. 1465

See TRIO for hours.

Tutor Services

Elston 328-C/ext. 1461

Monday-Friday 8:30 am-4:30 pm

YWCA Children's Center

Gateway Bldg./ext. 1375 or 1389

Monday-Friday 7:30 am-5:30 pm
(Evening hours available depending on enrollment.)