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Annual gala to showcase talents of faculty, students

An historical musical journey through the first 50 years of South Plains College will be the highlight of the SPC Foundation Annual Scholarship Gala March 1. The event, created to raise scholarship funds, will showcase talented student performers and faculty during the two-hour extravaganza.

The evening begins with a reception at 6 p.m. in the SPC Physical Education Complex. A gourmet meal will be served at 6:30 p.m. and the evening's events will include a live and silent auction, recognition of five 2008 Pacesetter Award recipients and entertainment by the students of the Fine Arts and Creative Arts Departments.

"This year, the entertainment will begin with a dance orchestra like we have never seen at the gala," said Russell Hall, SPC director of development. "And, the entertainment will conclude with a journey through the last 50 years of music."

*50th
anniversary Gala
celebrating 50 years of golden opportunities*

The entertainment by the Fine Arts Department will include big band classics from the 1940s to the 1960s. Student performers include Marissa Eisenhauer, Nicole Keeling and Whitney Wilson. Eisenhauer will sing "Someone to Watch over Me" and "Tangerine." Keeling will sing "Moon River" and "Taking a Chance on Love." Wilson will sing "All of Me" and "You Go to My Head."

Dinner music and Fine Arts accompaniment will be provided by SPC faculty musicians Gary Hudson, trumpet; Bruce Keeling, trombone; Lynda Reid, saxophone; Jon Johnson, John Reid and Al Gardner, rhythm.

The band also will feature John Kennedy and Phil Sutherland, trumpets; Paul Birk and Byron Morgan, trombones; and George Riddell, Don Turner, Rodney Gurley and Brian Felty, saxophones.

The gala will feature students from the Creative Arts Department including Engelo Charles, vocals; Will Boring, guitar; Michelle Scott, vocals; Becky Hobbs, vocals; Cassidy Smith, vocals; Seth Ramirez; Heath Ham, guitar; Jay Saldana, drums; Kristi Thetford, fiddle; Taylor Hickey, vocal. The group will be accompanied by Cary Banks, SPC chairman of the Creative Arts Department, on keyboards and as master of ceremonies.

The performance will take the audience on a musical historical journey through the first 50 years of SPC and beyond. The set will include "Blue Suede Shoes" from the 1950s, "She Loves You" from the 1960s, "I Will Survive" from the 1970s, "Beat It" from the 1980s and "Wide Open Spaces" from the 1990s. The finale will be "The Future's So Bright, I Gotta Wear Shades."

Birthdays

February

18 – Angela Miller

20 – Donna Murry, Tony Ortiz, Cindy Ramos, John Sparks

22 – Jacqueline Homan

25 – Katherine Anderson, Deanna Hines

26 – Christina Conner

27 – James Richey, James Walker

28 – Teresa Green, Ben Walton

SPC to host Black History Month Dinner Thursday

South Plains College will host Black History Celebration Dinner at 7 p.m. Thursday (Feb. 21) in the Sundown of the Student Center. The event is hosted by the SPC Black Student Organization and the Diversity Program/Maria Lopez-Strong.

Admission is free and open to the public. Due to limited seating in the room, the event will be first-come first-serve. The dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. with the program starting at 7 p.m.

Cory Powell, associate director of Institutional Diversity at Texas Tech University, is the keynote speaker.

Latrice Price and Peter Williams, BSO president and vice president, respectively, will serve as masters of ceremony.

The program also will include a praise dance by Elizabeth Taylor, poetry readings by Brice Brown and Audie Taylor as well as musical selections by the Mount Gilead Baptist Church Choir of Lubbock. Ruby Brackens of Levelland Intermediate School and her students will present Black History Month posters.

For more information, call Helen Daniels, BSO adviser, at 806-894-9611 ext. 5244.

Wheeler Guitar Duo announces performance

SPC guitar instructors Brent and Emily Wheeler, also known as the Wheeler Duo, will perform at 7:30 p.m. Thursday (Feb. 21) in the Tom T. Hall Studio. Admission is free and the public is invited to attend.

The Wheeler Duo will be joined by Al Garner, associate professor of percussion at SPC.

The band will play several jazz tunes including “Killer Joe,” “You In the Night and the Music” and “Tenderly.”

For more information, contact Brent Wheeler at 806-894-9611, ext. 2023.

Family matters

Jon and Holly LeRoy welcomed Sophie Claire at 2:35 p.m. on Feb. 4, 2008.

Sophie Claire weighed 7 pounds, 6 ounces and she was 21 ½ inches long. Holly is a visual communications specialist in the Office of College Relations.

If you want to announce weddings, births or achievements, send email to mwhitehead@southplainscollege.edu



Sophie Claire



50th Anniversary Celebration

South Plains College continues its 50th Anniversary with following spring events:

50th Anniversary Spring Calendar

March 1 – 50th Anniversary Gala

March 27 – Byron Martin BMATC Business after Hours with Lubbock Chamber

April 5 – Taste of Texans BBQ Cookoff with Levelland Main Street

April 15 – Reese Center Anniversary Open House

April 16 – Service Club Luncheon Levelland

April 18 – SPC Athletic Awards Banquet

May 8 – Employee Recognition and Distinguished Alumni Banquet

May 9 – 50th Commencement

History notes

* July 4, 1976, as part of its Bicentennial Celebration, the Theatre program stages an original musical, “The Land and a Man,” written and directed by Helen Roberts.

* September 1977, SPC acquires the old West Texas Hospital building to convert into a Lubbock-based education center.

Upcoming events

February

21 – SPC Black History Month @ 7 p.m., Sundown Room

22 – Senior Sneak Preview @ 9 a.m., Texan Dome

28 – Lady Texans/Texans vs. NMJC @ 5:30/7:30 p.m., Texan Dome
Alterna TV @ 8 p.m. in Tom T. Hall Studio

March

1 – SPC 10th Annual Scholarship Gala @ 6:30 p.m., P.E. Complex

4 – SPC Job Fair 2008 @ 9 a.m., Sundown Room

6 – National Trio Day @ 11:30 a.m., Sundown Room