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## From the President



### A time to re-create

One aspect that most of us enjoy about summer is taking some well-earned time off. Taking a vacation gives us the chance to do things we don't do at other times of the year. I like to say that a vacation is a time not just for recreation, but also for "re-creation." Spending time doing things we enjoy with those near and dear to us allows us to re-create ourselves so we can enrich our lives and the lives of others. In this issue of the Vision, we see how the College, students and alumni are busy re-creating themselves in order to take advantage of new opportunities for growth and enrichment. We read how the positive impact our Distinguished Alumni have had on their communities. We see how a dedicated group of students exceed the expectations of others, thereby exceeding their own. We discover how a single scholarship to a disadvantaged young man 70 years ago ignited a passion for learning and inspiration. We also

learn how SCC's new computer animation program will inspire a new generation of creatives and equip them with the skills to succeed. As SCC continues to stretch our resources in these challenging economic times, we too must re-create ourselves so that we can continue to accomplish our mission. We spent the past year identifying the needs of everyone we serve: students, communities, business, industry, alumni and staff. We used the feedback you gave us to develop a new strategic plan. This plan will serve as our road map to the future. For all who participated in our planning process, thank you. Without you, we would not be where we are today, nor could we get to where we want to go tomorrow. Summer in Iowa is filled with long, warm, colorful days just waiting to be enjoyed. I hope you will take some time to re-create. The things you learn may just surprise you.

*Beverly S. Simone*

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Pre-graduation smiles at the Burlington Memorial Auditorium.

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## Canella, Chatfield Named Distinguished Alumni Ft. Madison businessman, Montrose teacher honored

The Southeastern Community College Alumni Association recognized Mary Sue Megchelsen Chatfield, retired Central Lee Elementary School teacher, and retired Sheaffer Pen Company Vice President and Chairman of Fort Madison Community Hospital Board Richard P. Canella as distinguished alumni at graduation events in May.

Mary Sue and her husband, Roger, reside in rural Montrose, IA. They are the parents of Joan Ealy and Alan Chatfield.



Distinguished Alumni 2011 Canella, Chatfield.

The awards are given annually to alumni of SCC or one of its predecessor institutions, who have achieved substantial public recognition for their accomplishments or success.

Mary Sue graduated from Keokuk Community College in 1960. She spent 42 years as an elementary school teacher in Lee County.

Mary Sue coordinated numerous community beautification and development projects in her hometown of Montrose, IA. She is coeditor of the monthly New Montrose Journal and is a correspondent for the Keokuk Daily Gate City and the Fort Madison Daily Democrat, writing weekly local news and historical articles. Mary Sue also helps write grant proposals and researches local history.

Richard P. (Dick) Canella was born in Burlington, Iowa. He graduated from Burlington Junior College in 1940. For 39 years he was employed by the Sheaffer Pen Company, a world-wide manufacturer of writing instruments, based in Fort Madison, IA. He became Vice President of Operations and saw the company grow to become the city's largest employer with over 1200 employees, and another 1200 overseas. His employees named him "Boss of the Year."

Dick served as Chairman of the Board for Fort Madison Community Hospital, and was instrumental in building the current facility in 1986. As member of the Iowa Gaming Commission, Mr. Canella participated in the development of State gaming regulations and oversight of gaming, as well as issuing gaming licenses.

To nominate a distinguished alumnus, visit [www.scciowa.edu/alumni](http://www.scciowa.edu/alumni).

## Fine Wine Fete Nets \$21K for Scholarships

The 6th annual Taste of Fine Wine, Arts & Ale held on Friday, April 1, raised over \$21,000 for SCC Foundation scholarships for the third year in a row. The event featured a wine and beer tasting, student art show, and live and silent auctions with donations from employees, alumni, and friends of the College. The event showcased over 80 different wines and a variety of beers and ales.

Proceeds from the annual event fund SCC scholarships and college projects.

"Even in this challenging economy, so many generous donors and patrons helped us achieve our goal," said Foundation Board Chair, Terri Dowell.

The 7th annual event is scheduled for Friday, March 30, 2012 at the Pzazz! Event Center in Burlington.

To purchase tickets or make a donation for the 2012 event, contact Julie Glasgow at 319-208-5062 or [jglasgow@scciowa.edu](mailto:jglasgow@scciowa.edu).



MidWestOne Bank guests show their support.

## NEW & NEAT

The Iowa Community College Online Consortium (ICCO) which includes Southeastern Community College has been awarded a \$222,625 grant from Next Generation Learning Challenges, a new initiative focused on identifying and scaling technology-enabled approaches to dramatically improve college readiness and completion, especially for low-income young adults. The ICCO was selected from a field of more than 600 pre-proposals and 50 finalists.

The award will fund the further development and implementation of communication tools to provide daily at-risk data to faculty, advisors and retention specialists.

SCC was awarded a \$10,000 grant from the Iowa Department of Economic Development to promote careers in targeted careers to junior high and high school students throughout the region. The project, slated for launch in August, will highlight local business and industry in the areas of bioscience, information services, and advanced manufacturing industries.

In May, Chemical Dependency Instructor Sandy Krell-Andre was honored with SCC's Excellence Award. The Excellence Award is given to the SCC employee who demonstrates the values of SCC and uses his or her talents to promote quality education and exhibit integrity in interactions with staff, students and the broader community that SCC serves.

SCC's Director of Financial Aid Ean Freels recently wrote and published a children's book. *Fish Guts* is a collection of poetry for the young and the young at heart. Freels has dedicated all proceeds from the book to benefit Big Brothers and Big Sisters of the Great River Area. To learn more, visit [www.fishgutsbook.com](http://www.fishgutsbook.com).

SCC's Industrial Maintenance Technology Program, InTech, along with SCC Center for Business will launch a new program in June. The non-credit curriculum will offer specific training for persons interested in getting an industry production job. Up to three nationally recognized certifications will be available. Financial assistance is available for qualified participants. Contact a member of the CBIZ office to learn more at 319-313-1948.

# Breakin' a Leg, SCC Style

## Spring theater productions place students in the limelight

This spring, two exciting theatrical productions showcased a number of budding student performers in SCC's performing arts programs.

In March, West Burlington students staged a production of *Thoroughly Modern Millie*. Under the supervision of West Burlington music instructor Leigh Pirtle and the direction of SCC alum and Music Department veteran Brandon Howard, the show featured a cast and crew of over two dozen.

Multiple set changes, Chinese to English subtitles, and dancing desks in this country-girl-moves-to-the-big-city tale made for three memorable performances at Burlington's James Madison Middle School theater.

Leigh hired Brandon as a Music Department lab assistant so that he could serve as director.

She commends him on his directorial debut. "We had a bigger cast, more elaborate sets and more dancing than previous shows. It was a very ambitious endeavor with lots of moving parts.

He did an excellent job."

In April, Keokuk students performed the original comedy, *Dirty Deeds*. Written by new SCC drama instructor Jodi Cook, it was the first-ever production held on the Keokuk campus.

Jodi says the event was no small feat. "Since this was the first play ever performed on South Campus, it was a learning experience for everyone involved."

The show featured an unscrupulous apothecary, a mad king and his dysfunctional court — all intertwined with a healthy dose of royal intrigue. Jodi wasn't quite sure how audiences would respond to her original production. "Not everyone gets my humor, and so I was humbled by the reactions of the audience."

The performance was the final project of her drama class. With only seven students enrolled, the group relied heavily on fellow Drama Club members, volunteers, SCC staff, and the community for their help and support.

Jodi says that while difficult, the experience was rewarding. "Considering our limited budget and logistical challenges, they pulled it off smashingly. I'm extremely proud."

The show played to a packed house of over 100. "Since this was our first show, we originally hoped for 50 attendees but the response was overwhelming. We actually ran out of tickets a few days before the performance. That thrilled everyone involved," Jodi adds.

As testament to the level of commitment and talent of this year's actors, four students plan to pursue degrees in music and theater after graduating SCC.

SCC Dean of Arts and Sciences Tim Ahern praises the hard work and dedication of students and staff of both productions. "We are doing a great job advancing the arts here at SCC. There is a pool of talent in our area seeking an opportunity to share."

Bravo!



Clockwise from top left: *Dirty Deeds* couple smile for the camera before curtain time, *Millie's* flappers out on the town, the evil Chinese boarding house manager, striking a pose for the mug shot camera, *Dirty Deeds* cast ready to perform.

# Blackhawks win!

## Men, women chalk up record seasons

The 2010-11 season was a big year for Blackhawk Basketball. The men's and women's teams each had an exceptional year.

The men finished the season 29-9. They brought home the Conference Championship for the third straight year and were crowned District Champions for the second year in a row. They capped off their winning season with a fourth-place finish at the National Tournament in Hutchinson, KS.

SCC Assistant Men's Basketball Coach Brian Turner says that in addition to the team celebrating success, so too did many individual players.

Five athletes were named to All-American teams; one was named Academic All-American. Next year, five graduating sophomores will move on to play at Jacksonville State University, University of Idaho, Tulane University, and University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

### SCC's Men's Basketball team has amassed the most wins of any junior college in the country.

"I believe what set us apart this year — and what sets us apart every year — is the emphasis Head Coach Terry Carroll places on defense. We spend a lot of time working on our defense."

Brian continues that the team has proven it can score enough points in a game to win. "However, when we're successful rebounding and guarding, the other guys can't score. It's that simple."

SCC's Men's Basketball team has amassed the most wins of any junior college in the country. This year's team added 29 wins to the tally. The Blackhawks now sit at 1599 wins.



Clockwise from top right: Mason Leggett goes over two defenders, Cherell Hicks drives for two, 2011 women's squad, 2011 men's squad.

"Next year, we're going to break 1600. That's an incredible feat."

Turner credits SCC's fan base for part of the Blackhawks' history of successful teams.

"It's hard to find another fan base in junior college basketball that's as passionate as ours. A winning tradition isn't something you build overnight. It takes a long time — the fans have been there all along."

The Women's Basketball team set milestones of its own.

Head Women's Basketball Coach Jerry Jerome (JJ for short) says this was the first time in the program's brief six-year history that it broke the .500 win/loss mark. "It was a great year athletically and academically. We ended up 18-13. Three of our players made All-Region teams and five of them made it to All-Academic teams. The ladies should be proud," notes JJ.

This was also the first year the team made it into post-season play. It won its first regional tournament game in a decisive victory against Iowa Lakes. The team lost the second game to Iowa Central 90 to 82. Iowa Central would go on to place fourth in the nation.

"We showed that we could compete with teams at a national level."

He adds that the team's success this year will bring about greater goals next year.

"Now that we've proven we can do it, we will expect more from ourselves."

JJ has high hopes for next year's squad. "We will be returning five sophomores, and we're in the process of signing six new athletes. We really surprised a few people this year. Next year they'll be expecting us."





# Dreamers wanted.

## SCC's new computer animation program takes shape

Students returning to the West Burlington campus this fall will notice an all-new classroom addition on Building 200.

It will be the home of SCC's newest program, Animation for Television, Film and New Media.

"We've been looking since 2006 for a unique program that would set SCC apart from other colleges in the state -- something high-tech and forward-thinking," says SCC Vice President of Teaching and Learning Phil Thomas. "It needed to not only appeal to local students but also entice others from outside the area to move here specifically to enroll in the program. Animation fits that description."

The program will teach students a broad base of skills required for computer animation. Courses include drawing, story development, 3D modeling, character animation, stop-motion animation, lighting and rendering. Students in the program can earn an A.A.S. degree in just over two years. It is also designed so that they can continue on to earn a B.A. degree.

Phil adds that there are surprisingly few colleges -- and even fewer community colleges -- with such an in-depth computer animation program located in the Midwest. Most are clustered in California and Florida and carry a hefty price tag. SCC's program now allows students to attend right here instead of move across the country and take out huge student loans.

Thomas explains that community colleges work with existing businesses in the area to create a curriculum that ensures students learn the right skills.

SCC found such a partner in Grasshorse, an animation company that had recently relocated from Hollywood to Winfield, IA.

Yes, Winfield.

Grasshorse owners, brother and sister Stephen Jennings and Kathy Buxton, say while large media companies are clustered in a select few cities, many small specialized shops are opting out of the rat race and relocating to where the living is less stressful and more affordable.

Kathy says that after six years, they had had enough. "We were making a name for ourselves and we wanted to grow as a company. We weren't going to do that in L.A. Our grandfather operates a farm that's been in our family for 150 years just a few miles from town. We love it here. Moving to Winfield made sense for us."

Steven says that he and Kathy started working with SCC because they knew first-hand the need for skilled animators. "The demand for animation work is increasing 35% per year, and it's not just movies. So much of people's lives are based on consuming information on different devices. Movies, TV, gaming systems, mobile phones, computers -- everything requires animated content. Somebody has to make all that."

There are now a number of animation and production companies peppered across Iowa that do just that -- all in need of skilled animators.

Phil explains that the program is designed to give students a solid understanding of the entire animation process. Students will perform a lot of work in teams so that they learn not just how the software works but also creative collaboration, group problem solving and project management.

"So many people show us a bunch of fancy doodles and expect a job as a computer animator. It doesn't work that way. Animation

is very labor-intensive with a lot of detailed steps. While artistic creativity is important, you also need to know trigonometry and specialized software and teamwork," notes Kathy.

Stephen says that animation is like building a car from scratch.

"It would take one person years, but imagine if you had 100 people working on it. That's 100 brains coming up with all sorts of ideas about how to make it. Some of those ideas will work, others won't. With that much trial and error, they're going to learn what works at an infinitely faster pace than the guy doing

### We aren't cutting corners. This program is going to be top-notch.

it all by himself. And their car will be 100 times better. Animation is the same thing. Good animators learn by doing things over and over and tackling problems from different angles each time."

The person chosen to lead the charge as the animation program's instructor is Ben Rosales. "Ben has worked in the animation business for years and has a number of movies and other projects to his credit. He was most recently an animation instructor in Houston, TX. I think he's going to bring a lot of energy and excitement to the program. Students are going to love him," adds Thomas.

The program will be housed in a new three classroom addition on the West Burlington campus. One room will be a state-of-the-art computer animation lab, another

will be used for a special stop-motion studio. The third classroom will become the new home of SCC's popular Graphics Communications program.

The addition was funded by Accelerated Career Education (ACE) dollars provided by the State of Iowa.

The classrooms will be outfitted with the same equipment, hardware and software used by professional animators. Investment in the classroom addition and all associated technology will exceed \$1 million.

"To teach students the skills they need to succeed as animators, we aren't cutting corners. This program is going to be top-notch," Phil notes.

Enrollment will be capped at 20 students for the first year.

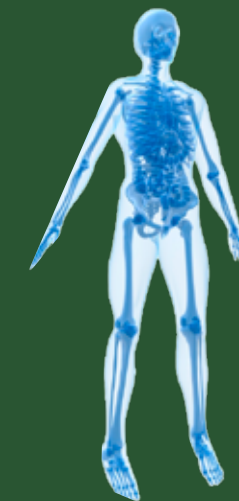
Persons interested in learning more about SCC's Animation for Television, Film and New Media Program should contact SCC Enrollment Services at 319-208-5010.



It takes 50 animators over eight weeks to convert an existing 2-hour, 2D movie into a 3D movie.



Over 5 million games are downloaded each day by iPhone and iPad users alone.



Many industries employ 3D animators to simulate medical procedures, test product prototypes, and improve workstation ergonomics.



Images (clockwise from top right): Animation classroom addition takes shape, a prototype car rendered in 3D, Graphic Communication instructor Carlene Woodside helps a student, future animation computer lab, a Grasshorse animator converts an image into 3D, a Grasshorse illustrator puts finishing touches on a character.

>> View the Vision Online to learn more about Grasshorse. [www.scciova.edu](http://www.scciova.edu) click Vision Online

# Determination to Inspiration

## Remembering SCC's first black graduate

On March 25, SCC hosted a luncheon honoring SCC's first black graduate, Rev. Dr. William Amos "Booker" Smith Sr. (BJC '31). Guest speaker, Rev. Smith's son, Rev. William (Bill) Smith II, shared stories of his father's accomplishments and challenges.

Bill says that after his father's family moved to Iowa from Kentucky, they lived in a boxcar near the train yards in West Burlington. "That's what you call luxury accommodations," he jokes.

Rev. Smith was an eager learner and excelled scholastically. He became the first black student to graduate from Burlington High School in 1929.

Bill says that in those days, opportunities for blacks were few and far between.

"He was black, he was poor, he had asthma and a stuttering impediment. That's enough right there to say that you've got a formula for failure."

Bill says in spite of his father's situation, it wasn't enough to stop him. "About the size of a pinhole – he had that much hope."

He was offered a scholarship to attend then-Burlington Junior College (BJC). That one scholarship would open up an entire new world to him. Two years later, in 1931, he became the first black to graduate from BJC. He graduated at the top of his class.

Bill adds that Rev. Smith wasn't driven by success or ego. "He wasn't trying to be the first at anything or to be the best of anyone. He was simply trying to escape the bonds of poverty."

In part due to his impressive academic achievements at BJC, he was offered a scholarship to attend Drake University in Des Moines where he earned a bachelor's degree in history. His sports were football, track and shot put, and he served on the college debate team. He maintained an A-average.



Vivian (Dawson) Smith, Rev. William Smith II and Charlotte Weldon hold a memorial portrait of the late Rev. William Smith, Sr.

After graduating from Drake, he returned to Burlington and became the first black ordained minister in 1934. He served as pastor of Union Baptist Church. "He knew that's where the source of his blessings were, so he answered the call to preach," says Bill.

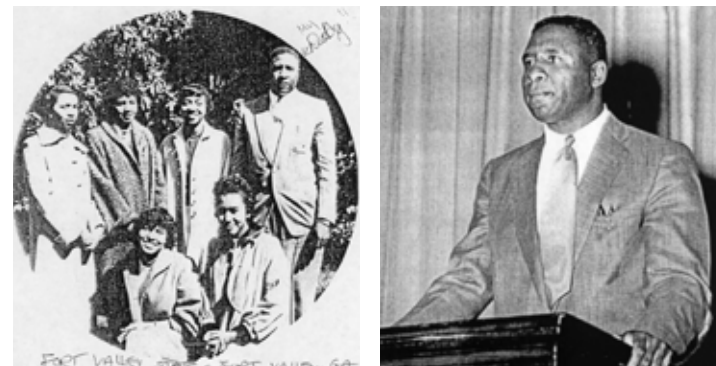
Over the course of his life, he would serve as pastor at six churches in five states.

He entered the Army during WWII, where he spent 15 years as an Army chaplain before retiring as a Major. In 1944, he was directed by General Eisenhower to study and make recommendations on negro troop morale.

"No matter where he was – all over Europe during the war, wherever he lived across the country, he never forgot Burlington. He kept this place in his mind and in his heart."

After retiring from the Army, he earned Divinity and Theology degrees from Crozer Seminary in Pennsylvania, and completed coursework for a Ph. D. at Temple University in Philadelphia.

He held a number of teaching and administrative positions at colleges



Left: As sponsor of Debate Team at Fort Valley College, GA. Right: Delivering a sermon.

and universities in South Dakota, Arkansas, Georgia and Florida.

Later he spent time as a minister at a church in Fort Valley, GA where he worked with college classmate Dr. Martin Luther King.

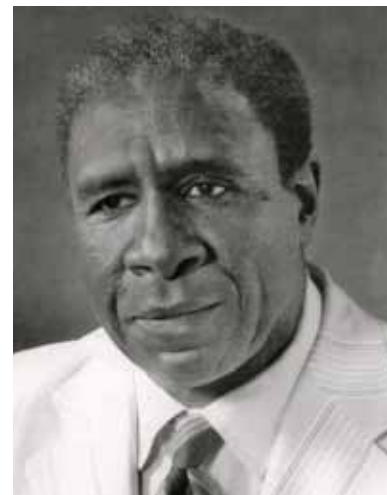
He moved to St. Petersburg, FL to become the pastor of First Baptist Institutional Church and serve as Professor of Social Studies at St. Petersburg Junior College. While there, he taught a new generation of students, giving them the same opportunities he had received so long ago.

His life had come full circle.

Rev. Smith passed away on October 2, 1973.

Bill adds, "you honor yourselves while you're honoring him, because without that very first scholarship, who knows where he would have ended up."

Rev. Smith's plaque hangs in Building 400 near Loren Walker Arena.



## Beautiful Space for Beautiful Art

This spring, people passing by the art gallery in the Welcome Center on SCC's West Burlington campus witnessed a transformation. Over the course of two weeks, the gallery was completely renovated.

SCC West Burlington Student Activities Coordinator Susan Reid says the project was a long time coming. "It was a great display space but it needed updating. Some of the lights didn't work, the walls were in bad shape, and the carpet needed replaced."

Susan explains that the Student Board keeps a wish list and funds a handful of projects every year according to need and available dollars.

"The suggestion to renovate the gallery made it to the list back in 2008 but we knew that it would take a little time before we could save up enough money to do it."

In early 2010, members of the SCC Art Collectors Club recommended that the space be renovated. By that time the Student Board had saved enough money to move forward with the project.

So Susan assembled SCC's Executive Director for Institutional Advancement Becky Rump and West Burlington art instructors Cathy Gordon and John Bybee.

SCC's Student Board committed \$10,000 to the project and grants were secured from the Burlington Area Fine Arts League and the SCC Alumni Association for additional monies.

The gallery received all-new friendly wall coverings and flooring, new lighting and electrical, and a system for hanging art pieces without the use of nails.

It was ready just in time to host a showing by SCC art student alum Serena Stevens in March.

The team couldn't be more pleased with the final product. "It's now a real nice place to showcase art. It's bright and airy and welcoming – I love it," attests Cathy.

Every month the gallery hosts showings of artwork by students, alumni, local artists and artists with ties to Iowa.

### Upcoming showings:

- June: Tim Kowalczyk - Ceramics
- July: Jared Whittenmyer - Drawings
- September: John Carlson - Paint
- October: Brent Houzenga - Mixed Media

For a complete list of showings, contact John Bybee at [jbybee@scciowa.edu](mailto:jbybee@scciowa.edu) or 319-208-5216.

To join the SCC Art Collectors Club or to donate to the permanent art collection, contact Becky Rump at [brump@scciowa.edu](mailto:brump@scciowa.edu) or 319-208-5065.



Above: Artist and SCC alum Serena Stevens discusses her work in SCC's newly renovated gallery. Below: Students peruse the annual Student Art Show.

## SCC Foundation Sponsorship Form

The Southeastern Community College Foundation was established in 1982 to attract, manage and disburse contributions for the enhancement of SCC facilities, equipment, and services, and to assist students by awarding scholarships. The SCC Foundation offers an alternative to increasing area property taxes or student tuition and gives the gift of quality education to many who otherwise could not afford this important advantage.

Please contact me:

- I would like to discuss donating equipment.
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- Scholarships
- Instructional programs & equipment
- Capital campaign & facilities
- Area of greatest need

For more information, to schedule a visit, or to return form, contact Becky Rump, 1500 West Agency Road, West Burlington, IA 52655; ph: 319-208-5065 or go to [www.scciowa.edu/alumni](http://www.scciowa.edu/alumni).

## In Memoriam



**Peggy (Eversman) Howells** (BJC '47) passed away December 8, 2010. Peggy graduated from St. Paul High School in Burlington (now a part of Notre Dame) in 1945. She and her husband Don (Dixie) Howells met while attending BJC. Their first date was after a Blackhawk basketball game. The Howells were married for 61 ½ years. Says Dixie, "you can safely say BJC is my favorite place in the world."



**Larry Daggs**, former member of SCC's Board of Trustees, passed away on February 17, 2011. Larry married Jean Snyder in 1956 and worked as an agent for Penn Mutual Insurance from 1957 until his retirement in 2006. He was active in many organizations and served on SCC's Board of Trustees when the Keokuk campus was developed on Messenger Road starting in 1974.

## Memorialize Your Loved Ones Give to the SCC Foundation

Memorials in the name of a loved one provide a wonderful way to keep memories alive and make a difference in the lives of SCC students. Giving to the SCC Foundation couldn't be easier. Named gifts can be endowed or restricted and can be appropriated for any number of uses at the college including scholarships, new and existing instructional programs, or capital campaigns.

Named endowment gifts require a gift of \$5000 or more and provide annual awards through interest earnings. Named restricted gifts require a gift of \$500 or more, with a pledge to contribute \$500 each year for a minimum of five years. See form on page 9 for more information or call the SCC Foundation at 319-208-5065.

## AlumNotes

**John Peterson (SCC '86)**, son of former SCC West Burlington campus Anatomy & Physiology Instructor, Dr. Ellen Peterson and husband, Walter. Transferred to UNI in 1986. John serves as Comptroller for Wisconsin Energy and resides in Richfield, WI with his wife, Jill (daughter of former SCC Registrar, Phil Mackey) and four children.

*We received your Fall 2010/Winter 2011 VISION and love it! I'll stop by the next time we come "home."*

**- Dr. Richard Diamond (KCC '61)**

*(In 1991, the Diamonds started an endowed Nursing scholarship for Keokuk students in memory of Dr. Diamond's father, Andrew, and an Education scholarship in memory of his mother, Vera. Dr. Diamond grew up in Keokuk and is a retired physician. He and his wife, Brenda, now live in Seattle, WA.)*

**John Erbland (BJC '69)** continued his education at the University of Iowa and graduated with a B.S. in Chemistry in January 1972. He worked at Midwest Manufacturing in Burlington and at GE. He is now retired.

*I have only the fondest memories of my time at SCC. The students today may not realize how little it was on Gear Avenue in 1973! The faculty and staff (then and now) at SCC are outstanding, and I continue to be amazed at how much the college has grown. SCC gave me an excellent and cost effective foundation on which I was able to build. The science and math courses were fantastic and the smaller class size made learning easier than had I taken the same courses in Iowa City. SCC helped make getting my Dental Degree possible. My only regret was not having taken some Auto Tech courses! I was delighted when not one, but three of my family members have continued to help the institution grow as either faculty or staff (Mick Ritter, and Becky & Charlie Rump). While serving in the Air Force I encouraged many young service men and women to take advantage of the opportunities at the community college level. Allow me to say that I am proud to have the "A.S." after my name. Thank you, SCC!*

**- Andrew (Drew) R. Kious, A.S., B.S., D.D.S., M.A.G.D (SCC '75)**  
Air Force Colonel, Retired  
Assistant Professor, College of Dental Medicine  
Georgia Health Sciences University

**Bob Jennings (SCC '84)** earned a B.A. in Mass Communications at WIU, then had an internship at WQAD. He became assistant news director/reporter at KAYL and KLGA in Storm Lake from 1993-2002 and is now Information Director at Algona Municipal Utilities. Bob has won Best Newscast - Small Market State of Iowa award from Iowa Broadcasting News Association for 6 years in a row. For the past year he's been a Trustee with Iowa Lakes Community College. He remembers SCC's West Burlington campus when the courtyard was full of portable buildings and only Building 100 & the Gym were here.

**Gary Graham (BJC '75)** is SCC's 2001 Distinguished Alumnus. He has been Mayor of O'Fallon, IL since 1997. He was named President of the Illinois Municipal League Officers in 2008-2009. His wife, Lucia (Scheu) is also an SCC alum.

*Going to SCC, Iowa Wesleyan and then on to Missouri State were important to me. My Dad, Paul Tonkinson (of Yarmouth Christmas lights fame), showed me how to work hard. My company, CMPI, and I have been fortunate to land stainless steel contracts at the Dallas Cowboys' new stadium, the University of Iowa's new recreation/swimming center and the new Missouri State rec center. It's our attention to quality that gets us the business. It's great to hear that you are continuing to expand at SCC. Keep up the good work!*

**- Joe Tonkinson (BJC '65)**, Project Manager, Custom Manufacturing & Polishing, Inc., Springfield, MO. Joe is a member of the SCCF Legacy Society. Joe played on the Blackhawks basketball team that went to the National Tournament in 1965.

*My wife, Sarah, and I had been teaching in Sioux Falls, SD for the past two years. We recently moved to Tallahassee, FL to further our educations at Florida State University. I'm working on my Master's degree in Choral Conducting and serving as a Graduate Teaching Assistant where I get to be assistant conductor for the Men's Chorus. It's a great time, but we do have times where we're missing the Midwest. Hope all is well at SCC!*

**- David Haas (SCC '04)**. David is also the son of SCC Business Professor/Former Financial Aid Officer/ SCC Alumni Association President/SCC Alumnus & All-Around Good Guy, Tom Haas.

What are you up to? Tell us! You might be featured in our next AlumNotes.

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## Yes, count me in as part of the Southeastern Community College Alumni Association

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
SSN (optional): \_\_\_\_\_  
Former last name(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_  
ST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

I attended SCC in the year(s):

- West Burlington       Keokuk  
 Fort Madison       Mount Pleasant  
 Burlington

I received:  Diploma  AA  AAS  AS

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Major(s): \_\_\_\_\_

I wish to:

- participate in the Nursing Alumni Chapter  
 participate in the Fine Arts Alumni Chapter  
 help establish another chapter

Dues (50% discount for students within 90 days after graduation)

Alumnus Individual (successfully completed at least one credit class)

- Annual \$10       Lifetime \$100

Associate Individual (non-alumnus individual)

- Annual \$15       Lifetime \$150

Alumni Couple (two married alumni)

- Annual \$16       Lifetime \$160

Associate Business (for business/agency)

- Annual \$200       Lifetime \$2000

Additional Contribution

- Alumni Scholarship \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Distinguished Alumni Award \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Nursing Chapter Scholarship \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Fine Arts Chapter Scholarship \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

Total Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Choose membership and mail this form along with remittance to: SCC Alumni Association  
PO Box 180, West Burlington, IA 52655.

Contact Becky Rump at 866-SCC-IOWA, ext. 5065, 319-208-5065 or brump@scciova.edu for more information.

Dues paid after October 1 are good through December 31 of the following year.



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## FROM THE ARCHIVES



### One last fling before registration

In 1969, the Keokuk street fair was the place to be. Rides, excitement, popcorn, sunshine and... trampolines!

Did you see any of these groovy cats strutting their stuff out on the KCC campus? Tell us!

Contact Becky Rump at 319-208-5065 or [brump@scciowa.edu](mailto:brump@scciowa.edu).

## Dust Off Your Clubs!

Join the SCC Alumni Association for its 16th Annual Golf Outing to be held on Friday, July 15 at Sheaffer Golf Course.

The day begins with a 12:30 p.m. shotgun start and features on-course games of chance and contests. The day ends with an awards banquet.

The fee is \$65 per person and includes dinner, on-course beverages, prizes and a chance to win \$10,000.

Team, hole, carts and flag sponsorships are available.

Proceeds from the golf outing fund SCC's Distinguished Alumni Awards, scholarships and mini-grants for special college projects.

The tournament fills quickly, so early registration is recommended. To register, or to donate auction items or prizes, contact Julie Glasgow at 319-208-5062 or [jglasgow@scciowa.edu](mailto:jglasgow@scciowa.edu).



Duffer Tom Hayes strikes a pose.