

pierce college

# WEEKLY BULLETIN

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### THEATRE

#### AUDITIONS FOR UPCOMING SPRING PLAYS

Open auditions for Pierce College's upcoming Spring Semester productions of the children's play "James and the Giant Peach" and the classic comedy "You Can't Take It With You" will be held during the first week of school in the Performing Arts Building.

"James and the Giant Peach," based on the popular children's book by Roald Dahl (author of "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory"), will have auditions on February 9 and 10 between 6pm and 9pm on the Mainstage in the Performing Arts Building. Pierce Theatre Professor RoZsa Horvath is the director. The production will open on March 31 and run through April 9 on the Mainstage.

"You Can't Take It With You," the Pulitzer Prize-winning comedy by George S. Kaufman and Moss Hart, will be directed by Pierce Theatre Department Chair Gene Putnam. Auditions will be held on February 7, 8 and 9 between 6pm and 9:30pm in the Dow Arena Theatre in the Performing Arts Building. The classic comedy, which opened on Broadway 1937 and was later made into a film starring James Stewart, runs at Pierce May 5 through May 14 in the Dow Arena Theatre.

Auditions are open to the public. All those cast, however, are required to enroll in Theatre 291 or 292 (Rehearsals and Performances).

Additional audition information is posted on the callboard in the Performing Arts Building.

### PROFESSORS' LECTURE SERIES

This Lecture Series will be held each *Thursday* from 1:00-3:00 p.m. in PHYS 0914 and the schedule is subject to change. To confirm a topic please call (818) 710-2561. Open to the entire campus and available for *flex credit*.

**Feb. 9 – Nationalism in 19<sup>th</sup> Century Music**

*James Domine, Composer, Conductor*

**Feb. 16 – Theories of Crime: Can a Society Ever Be Crime Free?**

*Kathy Oborn, Professor of Administration of Justice*

**Feb. 23 - Getting Older Does Not Mean You Are Old**



## COMING EVENTS

### ART GALLERY

#### *OFF-PLANET*

February 13 – March 9, 2006



The **Pierce College Art Gallery** presents *OFF-PLANET*. As humans we have always been intrigued by the wonders of outer space. Through the use of powerful telescopes, such as the Hubble, we are now able to see the cosmos as never before. The artists in this exhibit use different media to give us their interpretation of these wonders. **Renee Amitai** creates bold and shiny celestial paintings using acrylic paint with a resin finish. **Barbara Lai Bennett** has incorporated encrusted paint from her paint pallet to make collages showing the planets and their moons. Barbara has also painted allegories of the constellations. **Laurie Plevin** has done monotypes showing the planets in orbit. **Victor Raphael** does an elaboration of Polaroid images of outer space, embellishing the images with materials such as gold leaf and acrylic paint. **Norma Jean Squires** uses acrylic paint to explore the moods of different planets and outer space in general.

**Artist Reception:** Saturday, February 25, 1 – 3 p.m.

**Gallery Hours:** Monday – Thursday, 12 noon – 5 p.m.

**Contact:** Mary E. Oliver, Gallery Director/Curator Phone: 818.710.4364

### AMATYC STUDENT MATH LEAGUE COMPETITION

The Math department is sponsoring the national math contest  
Sample problems from the AMATYC Student Math League competition:

- Let  $f(x) = x^2$ . Find  $f(2x) - 2f(x)$  for  $x = -3$ .  
A. -18    B. -9    C. 0    D. 9    E. 18
- The line containing the points (1,a) and (3,b) has slope -2.  
Find the slope of the line containing the points (1,-a) and (3,-b).  
A. -2    B.  $-\frac{1}{2}$     C.  $\frac{1}{2}$     D. 2    E. not unique

Go to [www.piercecollege.edu/faculty/yoshibw/amatyc](http://www.piercecollege.edu/faculty/yoshibw/amatyc) for answers

### BOOK CLUB

Below is the reading list for the Pierce College Book Club, which meets the first Thursday of the fall and spring semesters, except for February, when it meets in the second Thursday of the month. Book Club meets at **12:45 pm in EB 1202**. ALL FACULTY & STAFF WELCOME! All books are available for purchase in the Pierce College Bookstore.

#### Spring 2006

February 9 – *Anna Karenina*, Leo Tolstoy

"All happy families are alike; each unhappy family is unhappy in its own way..." Beautiful, vigorous, and eminently readable, this *Anna Karenina* will be the definitive rendition for generations to come.

March 2 – *Left Hand of Darkness*, Ursula Le Guin

April 6 – *Disgrace*, D.M. Cotzee

May 4 - *Emma*, Jane Austen

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*"When you meet someone better than yourself, turn your thoughts to becoming his equal. When you meet someone not as good as you are look within and examine your own self"*

*Confucius*

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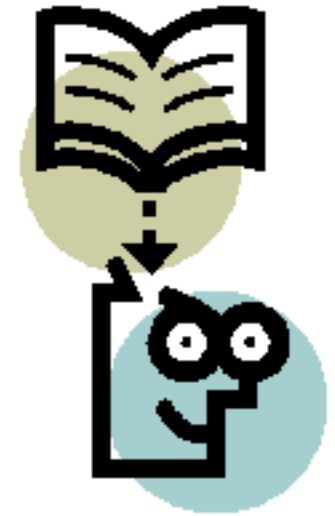
# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## LIBRARY

Attention faculty members: Have you visited the library lately? If not, you are missing out on a wealth of resources for you and your students. The library offers:

- online subscription databases with millions of full-text journal, magazine and newspaper articles
- computers for student use
- a collection of over 100,000 books ( & over 4000 online E-books)
- a faculty librarian at the Reference Desk to teach students research strategies
- library orientations for your classes; essential for research assignments
- copiers
- and quiet study areas

Spring hours: Monday – Thursday 8:30 – 8:30, Fridays 8:30 – 2:30.  
CLOSED WEEKENDS



## THE LEARNING CENTER

### The Learning Center (TLC)

The Learning Center provides services to enhance student success in the classroom. All services are free to currently enrolled Pierce

College students; however, there is a *printing fee* (\$3 minimum).

#### Services include:

**Tutoring Program (RM 035, next to cafeteria):** TLC tutoring program offers free individual and/or group tutoring in a variety of subject areas. Students must make appointments in advance; appointments are 30 minutes in length. Walk-ins will be seen only if tutors are available, on a first-come, first-served basis.

Hours: Monday - Thursday 8 am – 7 pm  
Friday 8 am- 2 pm

**Computer Labs (Rooms 1604 and 1613):** 100 computer stations are available for student use. Students may utilize word processing for class-related work, access the Internet, or take advantage of computer assisted instructional programs. *Students will need to purchase a print card from the bookstore in order to print documents.*

Hours: Monday - Thursday 8 am – 8:45 pm  
Friday 8 am – 2 pm

**Computer Lab (Bungalow 0398):** 32 computer stations are available for student use. Students may utilize word processing for class-related work, access the Internet, or take advantage of computer assisted instructional programs. *Students will need to bring their own paper in order to print documents.*

Monday - Thursday 8 am – 4:15 pm  
Friday 8 am – 2 pm  
For more information, please call: 710-2934

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*“Tact is the ability to describe others as they see themselves”*

*Eleanor Chaffee*

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## HELP CENTER

The Help Center provides short – term personal counseling for students whose problems are interfering with academic, career, and/or social functioning. This service is provided by designated counselors from counseling center and special services are available to provide needed assistance. Located next to the Counseling Center. For appointments please call 818 – 710-4175 or drop by the Help Center. Monday, Tuesday, and Friday make appointments through the Counseling Center. Wednesday and Thursday make appointments at the Help Center 710 -4175. Examples of concerns are: depression, anxiety, suicidal thoughts, sexual abuse, substance abuse, relationship issues, eating disorders, and sexual identity.

## Hiring Student Workers

**The Job Placement Center & Housing Office on campus is hiring student workers who are eligible for the Federal Work Study Program and who plan to be Pierce College students for more than two semesters. The student must have good communication skills in English. The student must be responsible, reliable and willing to learn. Must be customer service / public relations oriented with organizational skills. Must be familiar with the basics of computers and be able to type.**

Call (818)719-6453

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*“The moment one gives close attention to anything, even a blade of grass, it becomes a mysterious, awesome, indescribable magnificent world in itself”*

*Henry Miller*

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## NEW ON CAMPUS

### **PRESIDENT**

Bob Garber was Vice President of Student Services at San Diego Miramar College, having served there for nine years. Garber first came to Pierce in 1976 and spent 20 years here, eventually serving as dean of student services. He has returned as our new President.

### **ART**

Pierce College welcomes Melody J. Cooper as a member of the Art Department. Melody completed her Masters in Studio Art with an emphasis in Ceramics from CSUN and is already familiar with Pierce College, having taught ceramics for the department since 2000.

### **MUSIC**

Dr. Wayne Perkins joins the Music Department and will be teaching a variety of general music appreciation and harmony classes. His charge, however, is the development of the department's commercial and electronic technology curriculum. Dr. Perkins received his doctorate in music technology from UCLA and has taught at LA Harbor College and El Camino College.

### **ENGLISH**

Craig Kramer has taught at Pierce since 1989. He has just returned as an Assistant professor in the English Department

Maria Bates is joining our English Department this Spring. She is transferring from Mission College.

The faculty of the English & ESL are delighted to welcome our new faculty.

## Transfer Scholarships

Attention all students with a 3.5 or higher GPA!!!!

The Jack Kent Cooke Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship Program each year awards approximately 35 scholarships to students attending community colleges or two-year institutions and planning to transfer to four-year institutions. The maximum available per student is \$30,000 per year. This is the largest scholarship offered in the U.S. to community college transfer students.

Each participating college may nominate up to 2 students. If you are interested, please go to the following website, download the application and materials and when completed, give to Prof. Kathy Oborn. You may place it in her campus mail box no later than Jan 28, 2006. If you have any questions, please email [obornkm@piercecollege.edu](mailto:obornkm@piercecollege.edu)  
The website address is <http://www.jackkentcookefoundation.org>

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*“When people keep telling you that you can’t do a thing, you kind of like to try it”*

*Margaret Smith*

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## **FACULTY AND STAFF NOTICES**

### FULBRIGHT SCHOLAR

Interested in becoming a Fulbright Scholar?  
Please contact Kathy Oborn x2912 for further information.

### RIDESHARE INCENTIVE

Pierce College is fully committed to doing everything in its power to help improve the environment and the quality of life in Southern California. We are now taking an important step to help encourage all faculty and staff of Pierce College to do their part by ridesharing. The following monetary incentives will be offered to support this commitment:

- Ø **Earn \$1.00** per day for **Carpooling** with two or more riders to work.
- Ø **Earn \$1.00** per day for **Bicycling or Walk** to work.
- Ø **Earn \$2.00** per day for **Using Public Transportation** to work.

**The Rideshare Incentive Program will begin on February 1, 2006.** The Claim forms can be picked up at the Business Office.

*Thank you for doing your part to improve our environment and quality of life.*



### REPORTING ABSENCE OR LATE ARRIVAL

If you need to call to report an absence or that you will be late the **ONLY** correct number to call is **719-6444**. All other numbers are the voicemail of faculty/staff, who may not be in to pick up the message. **The 6444 number is the general office number and can be called 24 hours a day.**

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*“To repeat what others have said, requires education, to challenge it, require brains”*

*Mary Pettibone*

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## CLASS RELOCATION

IF YOU ARE GOING TO TAKE YOUR CLASS TO ANOTHER LOCATION, **ACADEMIC AFFAIRS AND YOUR DEPARTMENT CHAIR NEEDS TO BE INFORMED PRIOR TO THE RELOCATION.**

SOMETIMES A STUDENT HAS MISSED THE PREVIOUS SESSION AND COMES TO THE OFFICE TO ASK IF WE KNOW WHERE THE CLASS MIGHT BE, AND UNLESS WE ARE INFORMED WE ARE NOT ABLE TO ASSIST THE STUDENT.

THERE IS A FORM **“TEMPORARY CHANGE OF CLASS LOCATION”** AVAILABLE IN THE ACADEMIC AFFAIRS OFFICE, WHICH SHOULD BE FILLED OUT, EVEN IF YOU HAVE INFORMED YOUR CLASS. WE KEEP THE INFORMATION ON FILE TO ASSIST STUDENTS AND THE DEANS. IF YOUR RELOCATION IS OFF CAMPUS PLEASE PROVIDE US WITH A MAP TO THE LOCATION. THANK YOU.

**NOTE: “TEMPORARY CHANGE OF CLASS LOCATION” IS NOW AVAILABLE ON LINE UNDER FORMS.**

## WORK ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

WEC will hold meetings during spring 2006 on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month from 1 - 2 pm in the Academic Conference Room. Any workplace concerns you have can be brought to WEC – public smoking problems, noise abatement, office-space needs, parking problems, construction-related issues, etc. Please contact Pam Brown (2571) if you would like a specific issue placed on the agenda. A big thanks to the members of the Committee: Anita Antoniadis, Esther Cook, Lee Shapiro, Paul Nieman, Leslee Cook, Sharon Levick, Richard McMillan, Paul Whalen and Silvia Silva – for their hard work. A special thanks to Bill de Rubertis for appointing such a dedicated group of faculty to serve and for allowing Dr. Brown to serve as WEC Chair through spring 2006.



## PARKING

PLEASE KEEP IN MIND THAT ALL **LEGAL** PARKING ON CAMPUS REQUIRES A PARKING STICKER. **ILLEGAL PARKING AND MOVING VIOLATIONS WILL BE TICKETED.**