Ten SPC students recently participated in the two-day Community College Aerospace Scholars program at NASA Johnson Space Center. (Top) The students stand in front of a Saturn Rocket which was used in the 1970s for a moon expedition. (Left) The students tour the inside of Mission Control Room for Apollo Missions. (Right) Easton Day, left, and Danny Foster were part of the winning Navy team that developed a Mars Rover within a set budget.
April Birthdays
12 – Dorothy Glass
Josefina Gonzalez
13 – Danny Vest
14 – Carolyn Boles
Cathy Mitchell
15 – Coby Glenn
Shirley Lewter
Larry McDowell
16 – Melissa Duran
17 – Kimbra Quinn
18 – Holly LeRoy
20 – Linda Dunn
Linda Graham
Dee Anna Odorizzi
21 – Debbie Hale
22 – Julie Arroyos
Lauren Clark
23 – John Rodriguez
24 – Deanna Findley
Teresa Rice
25 – Judy Brunner
Chris Beene
29 – Audra Day
Norberto Ramos
Daniel Villegas
30 – Benjamin Alexander
Brenda Boucher

SPC students garner awards at state conference
Current and former members of the Plainsman Press staff recently received 15 awards during the annual Texas Intercollegiate Press Association Conference held at the Inn of the Hills Hotel and Conference Center in Kerrville, Texas. The Plainsman Press is the student newspaper at South Plains College.

Two print journalism students – Tausha Rosen, sophomore public relations major from Lubbock, and Elianna Rodriguez, freshman photojournalism major from Plainview, won awards for competing in live competitions. Rosen placed third in Editorial Cartoon while Rodriguez received an honorable mention award in a feature photography contest. Rosen is in her second semester as editor-in-chief of the Plainsman Press.

In addition, two broadcast journalism majors won awards in live contests. Jason Cannon, sophomore from Lubbock, received an honorable mention award in TV news writing, and Lisa Hernandez, sophomore from Slaton, received an honorable mention award for TV announcing. Those awards, combined with the awards won by the Plainsman Press, gave SPC a total of 17 awards for the conference, the most in the past seven years.

There were 475 participants representing 47 colleges and universities at this year’s conference. TIPA is the largest student press association in the nation.

In the competition for previously-published material, the Plainsman Press placed second in Newspaper Division 4 for Overall Excellence. Rosen also placed third in Newspaper Division 4 for Editorial Cartoon for a cartoon she drew about the Swine Flu shot. Jennifer Harbin, sophomore photojournalism major from Floydada, placed first in News Feature Story for a story she wrote on a criminologist who has written about serial killers. Harbin also received an honorable mention award in the News Feature Story category for a story she wrote on Erin Brockovich, who was speaking to residents in Midland County who suspected that their water is contaminated.

Also, Sarah Ross, sophomore photojournalism major from Merrill, Ore., placed first in the category of Single Subject Presentation for a feature photo page she designed on the corn maze located near Shallowater. Thomas D. Mooney, sophomore print journalism major from Fort Stockton, placed second in General Column for an opinion story he wrote on the ACORN organization. He also received an honorable mention award in the Feature Story category. Ellysa Gonzalez, freshman print journalism major from Cotton Center, placed second in the Feature Story category for a story she wrote on Johnny Landrum, who holds up the “Jesus Saves Souls” sign at the corner of 66th Street and University Avenue in Lubbock.

Trevor Bell, sophomore public relations major from Lubbock, placed third in the Sports Column category for a column he wrote about Michael Crabtree’s contract holdout. Sarah Vaughn, sophomore print journalism major from Lubbock, received an honorable mention award for In-Depth Reporting, for the stories she wrote on the new nursing simulation lab at the Reese Center campus. Vanessa Garcia, sophomore photojournalism major from Lamesa, received an honorable mention award in the category of Sports Page Design, while former staff member John Stewart, sophomore print journalism major from Brownwood, received an honorable mention award in the category of Sports News Story for a story he wrote on the double indoor championships for the men’s and women’s track teams.

Former staff member Britni Palomino, sophomore photojournalism major from Plainview, received an honorable mention award in Ad Design for an ad she designed for Lou Dees flower shop in Levelland.

The students were accompanied by Charles Ehrenfeld, SPC assistant professor of journalism.

Kudos
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Nominees named for SPC Barton Service Award

South Plains College will name the winner of the 2010 Jerry Barton Service Achievement Award during its annual Service Club Luncheon at 11:45 a.m. Wednesday (April 14) in the Sundown Room of the Student Center.

Each year, the Levelland service clubs nominate an outstanding member for the Jerry Barton Service Achievement Award. This member has gone above and beyond through service to their club and community.

The 2010 Jerry Barton Service Achievement Award nominees are Shirley Ward, Levelland Evening Lions Club; Lou Ann Crawley, Levelland Mari-golds; Jim Cole, Levelland Noon Rotary Club; Dr. Wilburn Deel (deceased), Levelland Kiwanis Club; Rev. Wayne Horton, Levelland Breakfast Rotary Club; and Kevin Davis, Levelland Noon Lions Club.

“South Plains College is proud to host this event because it recognizes the spirit of volunteering that makes a difference in our community,” said Dane Dewbre, SPC associate dean of college relations.

SPC Brass Ensemble, Choir Concert set for April 27

The South Plains College Brass Ensemble and SPC Choir will perform at 7:30 p.m. April 27 in the Helen DeVitt Jones Theatre. Admission is free and the public is invited to attend.

The SPC Brass Ensemble, under the direction of Dr. Bruce Keeling, chairperson of the Fine Arts Department and professor of music, will open the evening’s concert.

The Brass Ensemble will perform “Overture for Brass” by Fred Frank; selections from J.H. Schein’s “A Musical Banquet” – Courante, Padauane and Galliard; “Alleluja” from Handel’s sixth anthem, “As Pants the Hart for Cooling Streams”; and “Hymn to Joy” adapted from Beethoven’s 9th Symphony – Ode to Joy melody. The ensemble is comprised of 18 brass instrumentalists – trumpets, horns, trombones, euphoniums and tubas.

The SPC Choir is under the direction of Ruby Moultrie, professor of Music. This is the final choir concert Moultrie will conduct for the college prior to her retirement. The choir will sing “The Lord Bless You and Keep You” by Peter Lutkin; “Simple Gifts,” a Shaker Tune, arranged by Jon Johnson; “Salvation Is Created” by Tschesnokoff, edited and arranged by George Matterling; “My Eternal King” by Jane Marshall; “Hush! Somebody’s Callin’ My Name” arranged by Brazeal Dennard; “I Hear A Voice a Prayin’” by Houston Bright; and Joshua Fit “de Battle of Jericho” arranged by Charles Higgins.

Upcoming events

April
18 – SPC Dance Orchestra @ 3 p.m., Ritz Theatre in Wellington, Texas
19 – UIL Region 1 Boys & Girls Golf (19-20), TBA, Reese Golf Course
20 – Pickin’ On the Plains @ 12:15 p.m., Tom T. Hall Studio
21 – UIL Region 1 Boys & Girls Tennis (21-22), TBA, Tennis Courts
22 – SPC Rodeo @ Tarleton State, TBA, Stephenville, Texas
23 – UIL Academic Meet, TBA, Levelland campus
23 – SPC Track @ Oklahoma Invitational, TBA, Norman, Okla.
24 – Region 1 One Act Plays, TBA, Jones Theatre
25 – Ruby Moultrie Faculty Recital @ 5 p.m., Jones Theatre
27 – Country Jukebox @ 12:15 p.m., Tom T. Hall Studio
27 – SPC Brass Ensemble/SPC Choir Concert @ 7:30 p.m., Jones Theatre