SMC’s First ’Annual’ Softball Tournament

On Saturday the 7th of September SMC held its very first ‘Annual’ Softball tourney. The event was open to all programs, and cash prizes were awarded for first, second, and third. These generous gifts were granted by the Student Body Association. The California Podiatric Medical Student Association would like to thank all that were in attendance for the event.

Highlights for the students included having faculty from their programs come out and cheer them on. The CPMSA would like to give a special thanks to Irma Walker-Adame, Dr. Peter Barbosa, Kasie Lemmer, and the world’s best pitcher, Dr. Alex Reyzelman, without whom the event would not have been as enjoyable. Special thanks to the event organizer Grisha Tovmasian, president of the class of 2009.

CPMSA hopes to see more involvement next year from the other great programs we have here at SMC. From all the DPM's and DPT's that played in the tournament we would like to thank SBA for their support of students and their activities.

First Place — DPM Class of 2010
Second Place — DPM Class of 2009
Third Place — DPM Class of 2011
Fourth Place — DPM Class of 2008

We look forward to being involved with and the promotion of a community among the programs here at Samuel Merritt College this year.

-Bud Johnston
DPM Class of 2009
Each month, the Scoop will interview one student, staff, or faculty at the College.

This month, we feature Bobby Jackson, Housekeeper Aide Extraordinaire.

Bobby grew up in New Orleans, Louisiana. As a child, he liked spending time looking for girls at The Plaza, the local shopping mall. Bobby also had a job when he was 14 years old, delivering the free, New Orleans Guide, a weekly paper.

As Bobby grew up, he realized that New Orleans was “not offering [him] anything,” and decided to move to California in 1996, for better opportunities. Soon after his arrival, Bobby got a job at Samuel Merritt College (SMC).

Bobby has been a staff member at SMC for almost 11 years. He enjoys working for several reasons. For one, his boss “trusts [him] to do [his] job.” He enjoys working for her as a result. Other reasons for why he likes the job are because there’s always something to do and there’s no stress. Finally, he enjoys working with his co-workers and helping out students. Especially one student, he recalls with a sly grin, who was awkwardly wheeling a drink cart full of 7-Ups. As she pushed the cart through the entrance of the HEC, several cans rolled off and broke, spraying sticky, carbonated liquid all over the entrance of the HEC. Bobby graciously and efficiently cleaned up the mess and has never let her forget about that incident.

Hey Bobby, thanks for all that you do and thanks for cleaning up after me. -Margaret Kirkham

The SBA is pleased to announce the formation of SMC’s newest clubs.

Samuel Merritt College Announces Formation of New International Student Healthcare Club

In the spring of 2007, a group of ELMSN students recognized the need for an internationally-focused healthcare club at Samuel Merritt College. Together, these founding members formed the SMC International Student Healthcare Club. According to the group’s mission statement, the club was formed “to support all individuals, locally and globally, to achieve, maintain, and sustain optimum health principles and practices.” The club will focus on raising funds for sustainable health clinics abroad, organizing mission trips, and acting as a forum for discussions on the topic of international healthcare. For more information, please contact Valerie Dzubur, EdD, FNP-C or Nisha Thapa, ELMSN II student.

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Did you know that each class from each program should have a student representative?

Each class needs to have a representative so that each student’s voice can be heard. Got a complaint or a compliment? Would you like SBA to fund a school-wide program/project/activity? Tell your class rep what you’re proposing, and SBA may fund it.

Not having a class rep also means that you don’t get your class money. What class money? What about going to conferences? Can you get them partially or completely reimbursed! Yes! Go ask your class rep! The bottom line is, go back to your class, elect a representative. Come to every other Thursday afternoon SBA meetings from 1-2pm in the SBA office. For more information, email: sba@samuelmerritt.edu.
Clubs! Clubs! Clubs!

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-Evelyn Shober ELMSN

Masters in Physician Assistant Student Society

What is a Physician Assistant? The MPA Student Society at SMC hopes to answer that question by promoting PAs here on campus and in the community. The MPA program Student Society is celebrating National PA Week from October 6th through the 12th. This year marks 40th anniversary of the profession. PAs have become instrumental members of the medical team by performing physical examinations, taking patient histories, diagnosing and treating illnesses, ordering and interpreting lab tests, assisting in surgery, prescribing medication, and providing patient education and counseling. The MPA Student Society hopes to sponsor some community service projects, campus awareness/education events, and guest speakers.

-Ora Olsommer PA Class of 2008

Asian Food Fest

On September 19, 2007, the DPM Class of 2010 in conjunction with Asian Podiatric Medicine Club held the ever popular Asian Food Fest at lunch in Sammy’s Cafe. There were so many people, the food ran out in 30 minutes! About 100 came to enjoy the event. Next time they plan to have more food so they can accommodate the demand. Thanks to all who came.

-Bright Chen DPM

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Enjoy watching movies? SBA will hold movie nights once a month starting in October. SiCKO will be shown Oct. 4 from 5-7p in HEC Bechtal Room.

Sudoku

How to play:

Into every square you have to place a digit from one to nine, so that each row, each column, and each region contains nine different digits.

Good luck!

Solution

1 9 2 6 4 3
9 2 6 3 5 8
8 7 3 6 5
3 6 5 2 9 8
5 8 9 6 4 2
4 2 8 1 3 5
2 7 3 6 8 9
3 5 8 4 9 1
6 1 4 3 2 5
7 2 9 6 8 1
5 4 1 3 7 9
9 1 6

Panels will be in October on a Friday after 2pm. Days and times will be announced.
I am pleased to announce that the student newsletter, “The Scoop,” is back from limbo. This very newsletter used to be a regular occurrence for the College and the students, giving voice to student's ideas, needs and concerns. It also was an effective way to bring the students in the varied programs (and the varied schedules) together, helping support a sense of college community.

Unfortunately, as with all student generated things, the paper was at the behest of academic schedules and outside lives, and for the last three years there has not been a student with the desire to revitalize The Scoop and it stopped production. Thankful, a highly motivated and visionary group of students in the Student Body Association (SBA), has brought The Scoop back. This issue is the first, and I hope that you will find it interesting and valuable. As always, The Scoop can benefit from your contributions and ideas (and if you want to help on a regular basis); please send an email to the SBA at sba@samuelmerritt.edu, if interested.

I wish you a productive and an engaged semester and look forward to a revitalized student spirit.

Craig Elliott
Assistant Vice President of Enrollment & Student Services