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Update

Business & Industry Center dedicated to Oppenheimer

San Antonio College and Alamo Community College District officials dedicated the Business and Industry Center in a ceremony on Sept. 30 in honor of Susan R. Oppenheimer, the first woman to be elected to the ACCD Board of Trustees.

The building, which was constructed in 1960 at 1801 N. Main Ave. and renovated in 1990, will be known as the Susan R. Oppenheimer Education & Training Center. It houses the college's Continuing Education Network classrooms and laboratories. The ACCD Board of Trustees passed a resolution in July to re-name the building in honor of Oppenheimer for her contributions to the district and students.

"We are very pleased to honor Susan Oppenheimer with this dedication," said San Antonio College President Robert E. Zeigler. He added, "She has played a vital role in the growth of the Alamo Community College District. Also, through the ACCD Foundation and later the generosity of the Jesse H. and Susan Oppenheimer Foundation, countless deserving students have received crucial financial resources to get a higher education."

Participating in the dedication ceremony were President Zeigler, Chancellor J. Terence Kelly, ACCD Foundation Board Chair Jackie Van De Walle, ACCD Board



Jesse H. and Susan R. Oppenheimer

of Trustees Chairman Dr. Gene Sprague, Continuing Education Network Dean Ruben Torres, San Antonio College faculty and staff, and friends and family of the Oppenheimers.

In addition to being the first woman elected to the ACCD Board of Trustees, Oppenheimer also was elected by the board to be Chair, serving three consecutive terms from 1970-1988. In 1985, she was instrumental in creating the separately incorporated ACCD Foundation, intended to encourage the volunteer service of community leaders in generating resources to support the district's educational mission. She later joined her husband to form the Jesse H. and Susan Oppenheimer Foundation, which established the endowed Oppenheimer Scholars Fund for meritorious ACCD students.

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HUD grant will fund new community education center

San Antonio College has received a \$594,763 grant from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to partner with Avance and UU Housing Assistance Corp. to provide adult re-entry education, training, and homebuyer assistance. The grant also will fund the renovation and expansion of an abandoned college building on the south side of the campus (at the corner of Evergreen and Howard streets) to provide a community facility for these services, the Seguir Adelante Center for Adult Re-Entry Education and Training.

The SAC Women's Center will partner with Avance (a parenting education program) and UU Housing Assistance Corp. (a community-based development



organization) to serve residents of Alazan-Apache, Mirasol and Lincoln Heights housing projects, welfare-to-work referrals of the Texas Workforce Commission, and low-to-moderate-income individuals served by the UU Housing Assistance Corp.

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Calendar of Events

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Wednesday, Oct. 8

15-Year Employee Recognition
8:30-10 a.m., Loftin Student Center
Employee Lounge

Job & Career Fair

10 a.m.-2 p.m., Loftin Student Center
Scholarships to be given away.

For more information, call the Job Placement Center, 785-6021.

Oct. 10 & 11, 16-18, 23-25

Theater performance - "David's Mother" by Bob Randall
8 p.m., McCreless Theater
Sunday matinees on Oct. 19 & 26th at 2:30 p.m. For ticket information, call 733-2733.

Monday, Oct. 13

ACCD Employee Development Conference - "Be Creative, Be Resilient, Be Fulfilled" 8 a.m.-5 p.m., McAllister Auditorium (College Closed. Evening classes will meet after 5 p.m.) For more information, contact Coordinator Gary O. Smith, gasmith@accd.edu. Visit www.accd.edu/sac/sacmain/employde/homepage.htm

Wednesday, Oct. 15

University of Northern Iowa Information Session, 6:30 p.m., MLC 177
Students are encouraged to bring their parents and/or spouse. To attend the general information session or schedule an individual appointment, contact Dr. Terry Walch at ext. 2553.

Friday, Oct. 17

SAC Alumni Association Honors Banquet - Reception, 6:30 p.m., Dinner, 7 p.m.

Bright Shawl, 819 Augusta St.
Seats, \$40; Tables, \$320

A portion of the proceeds will go to the Alumni Scholarship Endowment Fund. For more information, contact the President's Office at 733-2190.

SAC students, faculty & staff work on Habitat Homes



On Saturday, Sept. 27, Associate Professor of Economics Susan Spencer and about 40 of her students joined other SAC students, faculty and staff in the construction of two Habitat for Humanity houses to benefit low-income families selected for this program.

President and Mrs. Robert E. Zeigler provided lunch for the workers. The economics students worked as part of a voluntary Service Learning project to receive class credit for relevant community service. Service Learning Coordinator Audrey Grams also participated in the effort. Construction took place on Castroville Road near Wolff Stadium and will resume on Oct. 11.

Habitat for Humanity of San Antonio, Inc., is an ecumenical Christian non-profit housing organization that works with families whose income is generally 25-30 percent of the area median income.

ACCD Mandatory Training

The ACCD Safety Office will conduct safety awareness training at SAC during the times listed below. The one-hour training is mandatory for all permanent employees, who must attend one of the following training sessions:

October 6, 7, 8, 9
9 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 2 p.m.
Nail Technical Center, Rm.025A

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Oppenheimer building dedication

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Born in Boston, Mass., Oppenheimer earned her B.A. in chemistry and math at Wellesley College, did graduate studies at Radcliff College, and earned her M.A. in educational guidance and counseling at Trinity University. After working as a chemist for the Polaroid Corporation and then Santa Rosa Hospital, she taught at St. Mary's Hall, Northeast ISD, Keystone School, and Our Lady of the Lake University.

In addition to her contributions to the ACCD Board, Oppenheimer's community service has also included her work on the Board of Planned Parenthood, the AACOG A-95 Review Panel, the Jewish Federation Board of Directors, the United Way Board of Contributors and Community Planning Committee, UT Medical School at San Antonio Institutional Review Board, Chairman and Coordinator of the Holocaust History Program for San Antonio high schools, and the Child Advocates San Antonio Board and Planning Committee.

She is presently a lecturer in the public schools' Holocaust History Program, a McNay Art Museum Docent, Trinity University Board of Visitors, and Instructor in the Academy for Learning in Retirement for the Institute of Texan Cultures. She is married to Jesse H. Oppenheimer, an attorney, and they have three children.

Seguir Adelante Training Center

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The Seguir Adelante Center will include a training area, counseling offices, and a computer/tutoring lab for at least 250 clients each year. The services will be provided in other SAC facilities until the Center is completed.

Training will include college and workforce preparation for adults to move from basic literacy to GED/basic skills so they can pursue college-level work toward certification or AAS degrees. UU Housing staff will provide weekly "Revolving Homebuyers Training" throughout the year for "near ready" potential homebuyers from the college and the community. Welfare-to-work clients will participate in a variety of education and training opportunities, such as computer and Internet skills, job search techniques, personal development, and software training.

For more information about the grant, awarded under HUD's Hispanic-Serving Institutions Assisting Communities program contact Dr. Helen Vera, Coordinator of the SAC Women's Center, at 733-2299.



Richard Arredondo, chair of the visual arts & technology department, joined Newtek representative Pat Grogan on KLRN-TV on Sept. 25 in a discussion of computer animation and graphic arts that featured SAC student works.

Dr. Dan Dimitriu, coordinator of engineering, recently participated in a National Science Foundation Engineering & Education Computer Program Grantee Meeting in Washington, D.C. He made a presentation about the SAC Engineering and EDGE programs in a poster session.

Cynthia Leal Massey, English adjunct faculty member, was profiled in *The Hispanic Outlook in Higher Education*, August 25 issue, in an article titled "Author's Works Fueled by Ancestral Tales." The national magazine has a circulation of approximately 28,000 colleges and universities and is published in Paramus, New Jersey. The introduction to Massey's profile reads: "Family sagas of this St. Mary's grad, now an English teacher at San Antonio College, are a compelling part of her fiction, set in the Rio Grande Valley of the '30s and '40s."

Susan Spencer, associate professor of economics, was elected as president of the San Antonio Business and Economics Society (SABES) for 2003-2004. The organization meets on the last Wednesday of each month at noon at the Plaza Club. With the support of SAC President Robert Zeigler and SABES, the SAC Economics Department founded the annual San Antonio Economists' dinner.

Hispanic Heritage Event



Photo by Leonard Ziegler

Gathering with writer Oscar Casares (center) at a Hispanic Heritage Celebration event are President Robert Zeigler (right) and committee members, from left: Casey Lechuga, Counseling; Adolph Lopez (co-chair), Assessment; and Emma Mendiola (co-chair), Student Development. Casares read an essay recently published in the New York Times and a story from his new book *Brownsville: Stories*.