El Paso Community College and the University of Texas at El Paso were awarded a grant by the Department of Education in the amount of $599,445 for three years (2008-2011), to integrate mandatory Supplemental Instruction (SI) sessions into EPCC’s Pre-calculus courses at Northwest Campus, Rio Grande Campus and Trans-Mountain campus.

The idea of the program is to give students the opportunity to supplement the lecture given by their professors, to get a deeper understanding and additional practice in the concepts introduced in the classroom, and to get help from fellow students without feeling intimidated by their professors or classmates. The instructional mode was changed from the traditional lecture to a new format of lecture with an additional hour of regularly peer-facilitated sessions called Supplemental Instruction (SI) labs.

Graduate students from the Department of Mathematical Sciences at UTEP are serving as SI leaders for this Supplemental Instruction component at EPCC. The project director is Gabriela Schwab from El Paso Community College, Emil D. Schwab from the University of Texas at El Paso, Co-director Dr. Helmut Knaust from University of Texas at El Paso, Project Director, and Dr. Joanne Peeples from El Paso Community College is also a collaborator on this grant.

Community College Aerospace Scholars (CAS):

Community College Aerospace Scholars (CAS) is a program funded by the State of Texas and administered by NASA Johnson Space Center (JSC) in Houston, TX. Each community college district across Texas will nominate students interested in the areas of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics to travel together to NASA Johnson Space Center (JSC) for a two day experience.

Continued: Page 4
Border Health Clinic — Rio Grande Campus

1001 N. El Paso St.
915-831-4016/831-4017

The Health clinic provides an opportunity for students to actively participate in clinical experiences, and to provide an array of health services to the students and neighborhood communities.

Who receives services?

EPCC students, faculty and staff are recipients of these services; as well as the elderly, children, trauma patients, neighborhood residents, and patients with referrals.

What are the services offered?

Services include physical therapy, diagnostic medical sonography, and dental services.

Nursing services include immunization, vital signs monitoring, blood sugar screening, breast exam awareness, sports physicals, regular physical exams, acute and chronic illness, and general health promotion.

Lab Services:

Laboratory services are offered for pregnancy testing, pathogens, and chronic disease identifications, anemia screening, cholesterol and triglycerides screening and educational classes in heart diseases, obesity, etc.

For appointments, call 831-4017, Dental, Sonography or Physical Therapy; and 831-4016, for Nursing. Costs start at $10 - $15 dollars. Immunization costs vary based on services provided.

News: Physical Therapist Assistant Program

This semester, the PTA program offered its first hybrid course; **PTHA 1409 Introduction to Physical Therapy**. This is a mandatory ranking course for specialized admissions into the PTA program. The lecture is online, and the lab is face to face. For the Fall 2010 semester, this course is only being offered to the Silva Magnet students as a dual credit course. There are plans however to expand the offerings of this new instructional format. Check the online catalog for future course offerings for Spring 2011.
High school districts are now offering Health Career Programs for their students. Programs include Medical Assisting, Pharmacy Tech, EMT and others. These programs require the students to have the same kind of health courses that are included in the programs offered at EPCC. The health careers division under Dr. Mitchell is making the needed courses available to the high schools as dual credit. When a high school student registers for one of these courses, they become EPCC students even though they take the course at their own school campus. When they graduate from high school they will have accumulated college credits for the courses they have taken.

Elaine Olsakovsky has been offering Medical Terminology to the Center for Career and Technology Education (CCTE), which was previously known as El Paso Technical High school, for their Medical Assisting and EMT students. The course is offered online and the students take the course in their classroom with computers and a high school instructor to assist and monitor them. This course work has been accepted so well that we are now offering it to Austin High School as well. In the Spring semester, we will also offer Medical Law and Ethics to both schools.

LexisNexis® Academic, the same one used at UTEP, provides access to over 10,000 news, business, and legal sources. News coverage includes The El Paso Times back to 1999 and deep backfiles and up-to-the-minute stories in other national and regional newspapers, wire services, broadcast transcripts, international news, and non-English language sources. In addition, it has detailed company information and financial performance measures, and company comparisons are available through the Company Dossier module. LexisNexis also provides access to the Shepard's Citations® legal service for all federal and states court cases back to 1789.

For users interested in literary research, EPCC libraries continue to have the literature sources, both in print and online – but now have additional sources available to all EPCC users. The new sources are from the Gale Corporation and are archived resources of Drama Criticism, Literature Criticism from 1400 to 1800, 19th Century Literature Criticism, Poetry Criticism, Shakespearean Criticism, Short Story Criticism and Twentieth-Century Literary Criticism and are found in the Dictionary of Literary Biography Complete Online, Literature Criticism Online, and Something About the Author Online. This provides most of the articles found in the print versions, which are found at some campus libraries and now are available to all our EPCC users at all campuses and also from off-campus. With the multiple literature resources, users can research authors and their works, criticism, literary movements and genres. If you are interested in any of these new sources – or the ones we already have, please ASK A LIBRARIAN! That’s what we are here for.
This opportunity will provide a hands-on project featuring engineering career possibilities. Selected students will begin the commitment with Web-based preparation prior to visiting JSC. The two-day experience at JSC will allow participants to:

- Participate in a team project directed by NASA engineers
- Attend engineer, scientist and astronaut briefings
- Tour NASA JSC facilities
- Interact with students from across Texas

Contact Emil Michal, CAS Point of Contact, RG Campus, Office H228, 831-4531, emichal@epcc.edu

Recipe Corner

**Ingredients:**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Ingredient</th>
<th>Amount</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1 pkg Fresh spring salad mix</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1 pkg Sweet Dried Cranberries</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1 pkg Piñon nuts (pine nuts), these can be toasted &amp; served warm</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>½ cup Balsamic vinegar</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>¼ cup Olive oil</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1 Tsp Sugar (you can use sugar substitute if you wish – may alter taste)</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Directions:**

Mix balsamic vinegar; olive oil and sugar. Best if refrigerated for 1-2 hours.

Place spring salad on individual plates.

Top off with cranberries and piñon nuts according to your taste.

Sprinkle dressing mixture on salad according to your taste.

TIP: Do not pour mixture over entire salad unless you will be serving all of it.