

public will be held on Sunday, April 29, from 2 to 4 p.m.  
Info: Ron Maggio, 748-3753.

❖ The Springfield College Student Alumni Association sponsors the annual Greased Pole Climb on Friday, April 20, from 3 to 5 p.m., on Reed Green. Info: Alumni Relations, 748-3161.

❖ **James Ragonnet**, professor of English, reads from his new book, "Golf's Three Noble Truths: The Fine Art of Playing Awake," on Tuesday, April 24, at 7:30 p.m., in Marsh Memorial Chapel. A reception immediately follows the reading. Info: Mary Healey, 748-3713.

❖ The Department of Social Sciences presents its spring lecture, "Trans-Pacific Baseball in U.S.-Japanese Relations and the Making of a Transnational Sporting Fraternity," Thursday, April 26, at 7:30 p.m., in Marsh Memorial Chapel. Dr. Sayuri Guthrie-Shimizu will trace the diffusion of America's national pastime in Japan and East Asia under Japanese colonial rule in the late 19th and earlier 20th centuries. Shimizu is a professor of U.S. Foreign Relations and International History at Michigan State University and the author of "Creating People of Plenty: The United States and Japan's Economic Alternatives, 1950-1960" and numerous articles on U.S. and East Asian relations. Info: Department of Social Sciences, 748-3646.

❖ An Employee Benefits Fair will be held Friday, April 27, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., in Blake Arena of the Physical Education Complex. Various vendors and service providers will have information and answer questions. Attendees are eligible to win door prizes. Info: Office of Human Resources, 748-3118.

❖ The annual Academic Achievement Awards ceremony will be held Tuesday, May 1, at 4 p.m., in Appleton Auditorium, Fuller Arts Center. The awards recognize outstanding graduating students in each department. Info: Academic Affairs, 748-3959.

View more campus events by going to [www.springfieldcollege.edu](http://www.springfieldcollege.edu) and clicking on "Events Calendar."

## ACHIEVEMENTS

**Mulugeta Agonafer**, professor of human services, served on a panel entitled "Comparative Approaches to Strengthening the Education Pipeline in Africa" at the recent congressional forum, "Africa Thursday Congressional Seminar Series," organized by the African American Institute and the House Subcommittee on Africa and Global Health. Panelists discussed comparative approaches to primary, secondary, and tertiary initiatives that support Africa's education sector.

## ATHLETICS

### Men's Gymnastics Coach Receives Honor

Head men's gymnastics coach Stephen Posner received the 2007 College Gymnastics Association Award at the association's annual awards banquet, held recently at Penn State University. The award is given annually to a member-coach with 25 or more years of coaching.

Posner was honored "in recognition of his service in coaching and developing gymnastics for 25 years or more. He has gained the respect of his associates in the gymnastics world by his inspiring example and accomplishments."

Posner is considered one of the most outstanding collegiate gymnastics coaches in the east. This past season, Springfield College won the New England Invitational Championships and finished sixth at the Eastern College Athletic Conference/Eastern Intercollegiate Gymnastics League (ECAC/EIGL) Championships. In total, Posner has coached 123 All-Americans and 17 national champions.

Posner led the Pride to three-straight USAG team crowns from 1991 to 1993. He was selected as the USAG and National Association of Collegiate Gymnastics Coaches Division II-III Coach of the Year in 1992 and 1993, and earned NCAA Eastern Regional Coach of the Year honors in 2002. Posner served as the gymnastics chair for the World Maccabiah Games in Israel in 1997, and also was selected to coach the U.S. Maccabiah Team in 2001. He was chair of the USA Gymnastics Collegiate Committee from 1991 to 1994, and is the current president of that committee. He also is currently a member of the NCAA Gymnastics Rules Committee.

Up-to-date scores and athletics information appears at [www.springfieldcollege.edu](http://www.springfieldcollege.edu) under "Athletics."

## NEW EMPLOYEES

**Sherquita Thomas** Student Services Representative  
Business Office

## PROMOTIONS

**Debra Rollend** Assistant Director of Accounting

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## NEWS BRIEFS

### A Message to the Springfield College Community from the President, in Response to the Virginia Tech Tragedy

On behalf of Springfield College faculty, staff, and students, I wish to extend our deepest sympathies, thoughts, and prayers to the families, students, and colleagues at Virginia Polytechnic Institute. There are no words that can adequately express how profoundly we feel about the loss of those who are part of other academic communities.

It is important to note that on the Springfield College campus, counseling services — which are located in the Health Center — are available during the day by calling 748-3345. After hours, counselors can be reached through Public Safety at 748-5555. The Campus Ministry is available at 748-3210.

There is no higher priority on our campus than the security and safety of our students, faculty, staff, and visitors. In addition to established emergency procedures, there are many safety and security measures in place, which can be reviewed online at [www.spfldcol.edu/home.nsf/letter](http://www.spfldcol.edu/home.nsf/letter).

All campus flags will be lowered to half-staff until sunset on Sunday, April 22, in accordance with a proclamation by the President of the United States honoring the victims of the tragedy.

Yours in Peace,  
Richard B. Flynn

### Annual Karpovich Lecture to Be Held

Marjorie Albohm, M.S., A.T.C., L.A.T., presents “Securing Athletic Training as a Health Care Profession — What Will It Take?” at the annual Karpovich Lecture sponsored by the School of Health, Physical Education, and Recreation, on Thursday, April 26, at 7 p.m., at the Brennan Center.

Albohm is director of business development and orthopaedic research for Orthopaedics Indianapolis at the Indiana Orthopaedic Hospital. She has served on the medical staff of numerous national and international

events, including the 1980 Winter Olympic Games in Lake Placid, N.Y., the 1996 Summer Olympic Games in Atlanta, Ga., the 1987 Pan American Games, and the 1991 World Gymnastics Championships. She also is a member of the National Athletic Trainers’ Association Hall of Fame.

Dr. Peter Karpovich, for whom the lecture is named, was a pioneer in the field of exercise physiology and a member of the Springfield College faculty from 1927 until his death in 1975. He and his wife, Dr. Josephine Rathbone, were among the founders of the American College of Sports Medicine.

### Springfield College Renames Student Residence Building

Springfield College renamed one of its on-campus graduate student residence facilities to recognize a significant gift to the College by Joseph R. Kakley, owner of J.R. Kakley & Sons, Inc. A dedication ceremony was held Friday, April 13, at 11:30 a.m., at the building’s east lawn on Alden St.

The facility was renamed the Kakley Graduate Annex in honor of Kakley, who recently made a gift to the Springfield College funding campaign, “Leadership for the 21st Century: The Campaign for Springfield College.” The campaign entered its public phase in June 2005 with a goal of \$40 million. With the Kakley gift, the College has raised more than \$30 million.

Kakley’s ties to Springfield College go back to the 1940s. He grew up in the Old Hill neighborhood, founded his first business, Kakley Mason and Wall Supplies, in what is now Mason Square. Today he operates one of the largest home building supply centers in western Massachusetts.

In making the announcement, **President Richard B. Flynn** said, “Joe Kakley lives his life consistent with Springfield College’s Humanics philosophy. He’s a man with strong values, high integrity, and a commitment to helping people in the community where he grew up. At Springfield College, we call that ‘leadership in service to humanity.’”

Through the campaign, the College recently completed renovation of Schoo Hall into a state-of-the-art science teaching facility. The College also plans to construct a new wellness center, field house, and campus union.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

❖ Graduate art therapy students exhibit works in various media April 23 through May 13 at the William Blizard Gallery, Visual Arts Center. A reception for artists and the