

## Friday @ the Center: April 4, 2008

### SPU Goldwater Scholar

Congratulations to Jennifer Olson, biology major, who has been awarded a Goldwater Scholarship for the 2008-09 academic year. The national Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Program provides undergraduate scholarships of up to \$7,500 to sophomores or juniors planning a career in mathematics, natural sciences, or engineering, and planning to pursue an advanced research degree. This is the first SPU Goldwater Scholar in many years, and we hope that it starts a new trend! Special thanks to Benjamin McFarland, Biochemistry, who is the SPU Goldwater faculty coordinator.

### Grant Writing Myths: #1

The archives of the *Chronicle for Higher Education* include a wise article called “Debunking Some Myths About Grant Writing,” by Kenneth T. Henson, first published in 2003. This quarter’s *F@C* series will feature some of the myths identified by Henson, along with personal commentary by yours truly. **Myth 1: “There is no money available; the grant-writing well has dried up.”** Henson says, “Wrong! Money is tighter these days but there is still hundreds of millions of dollars waiting to be taken. Furthermore, those who are entrusted with dispersing this money are just as eager to give it away as we are to receive it.” Gallagher adds, “Did you know that since 2000, SPU faculty have received over \$10 million in grants?”

### April Grant Advisor Available

Speaking of grant writing, the April edition of *The Grant Advisor* can now be accessed through on-campus computers at <http://grantadvisor.com/tgaplus/>. It contains 20-25 full program reviews and over 300 listings of grant and fellowship programs. If it generates any possibilities for you, contact Laura Lundahl ([Lundahl@spu.edu](mailto:Lundahl@spu.edu)), our academic grant writer, for an initial conversation about your ideas and the grant writing process.

### Great events in the next week:

Tonight: Thalia Orchestra in concert, directed by Professor Eric Hanson, FFM Church, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday: “Religions and Feminisms: Countering the Mutual Silence,” conference co-sponsored by SPU Women’s Studies, Upper Gwinn, 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Wednesday: Showcase Round of the Second Annual Social Venture Plan competition, Weter Lounge, 3:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.

Thursday: “[Multiplying Division: A Figural Reading of the Story of the Levite’s Concubine,](#)” Weter Lecture by [Professor Frank Spina](#), 7:30 p.m., DH 150.

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