President’s Weekly Briefing—May 15, 2015

Students Vote for Transportation Fee
As part of College of Marin’s annual student-government elections, an item on this year’s ballot establishes the foundation for a new partnership with Marin Transit to improve transit service to its campuses and provide bus passes for local transit services. With 72 percent approval, College of Marin students voted in favor of a semester-based transportation fee for all students enrolled in one or more units of credit or noncredit instruction.

The new fee will fund free bus passes for College of Marin students allowing them to ride local buses operated by Marin Transit. The passes, issued on a per semester basis, will be valid during the enrollment period. In addition to free access to all current transit services, the College is working with Marin Transit on plans for further expansion of services to meet the needs of students. Potential service enhancements include a new direct shuttle from the Kentfield Campus to the San Rafael Transit Center in downtown San Rafael.

The fee per semester for fall and spring will be $3 per unit up to 12 units, with a maximum amount of $35 for 12 units or more. The fee for summer semester will be $4.50 per unit up to four units, with a maximum amount of $18 for four units or more. The College’s Board of Trustees will be asked to approve the transportation fee at the upcoming May 19 meeting.

Kudos
Congratulations to Program Specialists Cheryl Carlson and Jesse Klein from our Community Education, Lifelong Learning, and International Education Department. On Wednesday they graduated from Leadership Novato, a 10-month program through the Novato Chamber of Commerce. Candidates in the program attend monthly classes where they learn about issues such as: history, economics, government, education, and much more. Candidates also work in groups to complete a service project benefiting the Novato community.

June Yokell, outreach and community partnerships assistant was featured alongside one of her paintings in the May edition of Marin Magazine. Yokell was one of 12 finalists in the cover contest. Her work On the Other Side was chosen out of a field of over 230 submissions. The painting is of the brown hills on Ring Mountain and tells a story of how the lack of rain is impacting the landscape. I am always impressed by the many talents our staff and faculty have outside of the work they do for the College. Congratulations, and I look forward to seeing more!
Upcoming Events

**Final Weekend to See The Seagull**
By Anton Chekhov  
Directed by Molly Noble

A masterwork by Russia’s well-known nineteenth century playwright Anton Chekhov features unforgettable characters caught up in the passions and pathos of everyday life. When famed actress Arkadina returns home to her family with a young lover, Trigorin, in tow; they become tied up in tragicomic triangles of romance, intrigue, and unrequited love. The play is viewed by some as a tragedy involving eternally unhappy people. Others believe it is a humorous, and at times bitter, satire poking fun at human folly. Attend a performance of *The Seagull* and decide for yourself.

**May 15, and 16, 7:30 p.m.**  
Studio Theatre, Performing Arts Building  
Kentfield Campus  
Tickets: $20 general, $15 seniors; $10 students/COM employees and alumni

**Marin Oratorio Presents Partsongs and Paukenmesse**  
Directed by Boyd Jarrell

This concert features two distinctly different sides of the master of classical music. Haydn’s entertaining *Partsongs*; light-hearted gems about love, life, drinking, and God; will be accompanied by pianist Paul Smith and guitarist Michael Irvine. The profound and deeply moving *Missa in Tempore Belli* (Mass in Time of War), a musical journey in search of peace composed as Napoleon’s army advanced towards Haydn’s beloved Vienna, is often referred to as the *Paukenmesse* (Timpani Mass) for its coloristic use of drums to portray the cannons of war rumbling in the distance. The lively and dramatic *Insanae et Vanae Curae* (Mad and Vain cares Invade our Minds) rounds out the program. The Marin Oratorio chorus and orchestra will be joined by guest soloists Christa Pfeiffer, Karen Clark, Mark Mueller, and Jeffrey Fields.

**Saturday, May 16, 7:30 p.m.**  
**Sunday, May 17, 3 p.m.**  
James Dunn Theatre, Performing Arts Building  
Kentfield Campus  
Tickets: $20 general; $15 students, seniors, COM employees, and alumni  
Box Office: 415.485.9687

All proceeds go to support Marin Oratorio.
College Chorus and Chamber Singers: *Madrigals Old and New*
Directed by Boyd Jarrell
Accompanist Jeffery Paul

Join as the College Chorus and Chamber Singers present a delightful survey of the rich tradition of madrigal singing in England. Music of Music of Dowland, Morley, Walmisley, and Sullivan will be featured.

**May 19, 7:30 p.m.**
James Dunn Theatre
Performing Arts Building
Kentfield Campus

Children’s Art Show at IVC
The Indian Valley Campus Child Development Center will hold their annual Children’s Art Show on Tuesday and Wednesday, May 19 and 20, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Building 12, room 100. Stop by and pick up a beautiful matted drawing or painting to decorate your office or some special gift cards and gift wrap created by the children. Delicious chicken or vegetable enchiladas with rice and beans will be served each day for just $7 per plate. Fresh homemade treats will also be available for purchase. Donations are welcome and will support the children’s arts program. The show will be open for viewing only Friday, May 22, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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**May 22, 10 a.m.–1 p.m.**
Building 12, room 100
Indian Valley Campus

Last Day to RSVP for Faculty and Staff Recognition Lunch
Come and celebrate the year’s achievements with friends and colleagues at the annual Faculty and Staff Recognition Lunch. If you haven’t already responded, please don’t delay! Winners for fabulous door prizes will be drawn from names of those who have submitted their RSVP for this event. This year we will have a special one-of-a-kind handcrafted item along with other lovely goodies. **Deadline to RSVP is Friday, May 15.** To establish a headcount and vegetarian preference, [RSVP online](#) or email Dianne Faw today.

**Thursday, May 21**
Noon to 1:30 p.m.
Student Services Building, cafeteria
Kentfield Campus
88th Annual Commencement
Our 88th Annual Commencement will take place Friday, May 22, at 6 p.m. in the Diamond Physical Education Center gymnasium. Social Sciences Professor Walter Turner will be our commencement speaker.

Campus Police and Ross Valley Fire Offer Emergency Response Team Training at the Kentfield Campus
CERT training prepares staff that are not normally part of the emergency system to be ready to respond in a disaster. This 16-hour course will cover, CERT organization, medical operations, fire safety, search and rescue and disaster simulation.

Following a major disaster, first responders who provide fire and medical services will not be able to meet the demand for these services. Factors such as number of victims, communication failures, and road blockages will prevent people from accessing emergency services they have come to expect at a moment’s notice through 911. People will have to rely on each other for help in order to meet their immediate lifesaving and life sustaining needs.

Campus Emergency Response Team (CERT) is a positive and realistic approach to emergency and disaster situations where citizens will be initially on their own and their actions can make a difference. Through Basic CERT training, citizens can organize themselves and use spontaneous volunteers to manage utilities, put out small fires, provide basic medical first aid, search for and rescue victims calmly, safely, and efficiently.

We are fortunate to have Ross Valley Fire Department facilitate the CERT training on June 10 and 11 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., room TBD. A minimum of 20 participants must be enrolled to hold the training. Register now by calling Chief Mitch Lemay at (415) 485-9467 or (415) 726-9603.

Ongoing Events

Art Exhibit Featuring Anita Toney and Diane Johnson
Watercolors by Diane Johnson and etchings by Anita Toney are on display at the Emeritus Center, Kentfield Campus. Exhibit runs through June 30, 2015. For more information call (415) 485-9313.
Sports

It has been a fantastic year for College of Marin Athletics, including two conference championships and four playoff appearances for our eight teams. Several of our outstanding athletes are transferring this fall to continue their playing careers. Volleyball player Diana Patrick, recently committed to Life Pacific College in San Dimas, California. Men's basketball player Pierre Carter, will join the CSU East Bay team this fall. Women's basketball player Christina Thermidor will transfer to Walla Walla University in Washington State.

Also moving on is Matt Markovich, who has been selected as Santa Rosa Junior College’s next dean of athletics, kinesiology, and dance. While this is a tremendous loss for COM, I am confident that Matt will continue to make a positive impact and that student-athletes at SRJC will thrive both academically and athletically under his direction. Matt’s last day at COM will be Monday, June 8. Please join me in thanking Matt for his dedication and service to the College.

Steve Berringer, head baseball coach and full-time faculty member in Kinesiology, has agreed to step in as interim director of athletics and kinesiology through the fall term, pending board approval on Tuesday. My thanks to Steve for taking on this role while the search for a new director is conducted.

Track and Field

Keily Campagna competed at the Northern California Community College Championships in the 400 meter hurdles event. In the preliminaries she finished sixth with a time of 1:08.78, which qualified her for the finals. She finished fifth overall in the finals and set a personal best time of 1:07.21. Congratulations to Keily on an outstanding season!

Have a great weekend,

David Wain Coon, Ed.D.
Superintendent/President