President’s Monday Briefing – February 8, 2010

Memorial Service Planned for Irwin P. “Red” Diamond
A memorial service for former COM President Irwin P. “Red” Diamond will be held on Saturday, Feb. 27, at 2 p.m. in the Diamond PE Center Gymnasium at the Kentfield Campus. Red retired from COM in 1984 and will be remembered for his commitment to student success, outstanding leadership, integrity and good humor. He remained a friend to the college and recently participated in the grand reopening and ribbon cutting celebration for the newly refurbished physical education center that bears his name.

Red held his first position at College of Marin as the men’s basketball coach. Subsequent positions included Dean of Students, President, and Superintendent of Marin Community College District. He played a vital role in developing educational and student programs that served the needs of the entire Marin community. In addition to initiating programs for the disabled and re-entering students, he founded the College of Marin Foundation. In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to the College of Marin Foundation at www.comf.org. The public is welcome to share in this service. For information about the memorial contact Joan Diamond at diamondjm@comcast.net.

Modernization Update:

New Academic Center – Open House Tonight!
Don’t forget to stop by Deedy Lounge, in the Student Services Building at the Kentfield Campus, tonight between 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. to view the design concepts for the New Academic Center. You may submit written comments about the concepts at the open house. Later this week, the selection panel will review the comments from this and last week’s open houses, and will recommend one firm to the Board of Trustees at their February 16 meeting.

Indian Valley Campus
The Transportation Technology Complex at IVC is quickly nearing completion. Large pieces of equipment are starting to arrive; the “link building” between Pomo 1 and Pomo 2 is nearly finished; dates for moving the programs back into the complex are on track; and a ribbon-cutting celebration has been scheduled for Tuesday, April 20, 2010.

The New Main Building is on schedule for completion before the end of 2010. The contractor has nearly “buttoned up” the structure and is moving ahead with interior work. Parking lots have been reconfigured; and the bio-retention pond at the east end of Parking Lot 1 is doing its job during this very rainy season. With the latest increase in enrollment at IVC, parking has been somewhat of a challenge. The modernization team thanks everyone for their patience and is working closely with the college to find a solution. Meanwhile, students and faculty are encouraged to carpool, use public transit (when possible), and arrive early (especially for night classes).
College of Marin Celebrates Black History Month
The College of Marin library currently has on display a collection of books and artifacts in the Learning Resources Center library at the Kentfield Campus in commemoration of Black History Month. The books are in glass cases located just to the right of the library entrance and are available for checkout.

Celebrate Chinese New Year and Valentine’s Day
An exciting opportunity presented itself this year with Chinese New Year and Valentine’s Day both falling on the same day. Faculty and staff are invited to celebrate these holidays with the College of Marin international students on Feb. 11 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the Deedy Staff Lounge, Student Services Building. The event, hosted by the Community Education, Lifelong Learning, and International Education Program; and Interim Director Janice Austin, will include a ‘Welcome’ by Vice President of Student Learning Nick Chang.

Come enjoy music and traditional and not-so-traditional refreshments, along with a free drawing for great items. All international students, whether credit, noncredit, or Intensive English Program (IEP) students, are invited to come and meet each other. IEP Coordinator Sara Oser, has invited Indian Valley Campus IEP students to the Kentfield Campus to participate. The International Student Society will also help with the event, recruiting new club members. Please let your students know about this wonderful event. For more information please contact Janice Austin at (415) 485-9316, or janice.austin@marin.edu.

Upcoming

College of Marin Night in Marin City
On Thursday, Feb. 25, 2010, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Manzanita Recreation Center, 630 Drake Avenue, Marin City, College of Marin will hold a free informative event on preparing for a successful college experience. Presenters include representatives of Marin City Community Services District; College of Marin Student Services, Academic, and Career Programs; a college student panel, College of Marin Foundation, Marin Education Fund, as well as community and school leaders from Marin City and Marin County.

Questions may be directed to Rose Thompson at rose.thompson@marin.edu or (415) 485-9643. Parking is available nearby in the Cornerstone Community Church parking lot. There will be college and community resource tables, catered food, and door prizes.

This event was made possible by the Marin City Community Services District, Marin Education Fund, Community and School Organizations from Marin City and Marin County; and the following College of Marin services: Basic Skills Initiative, Student Development and Special Services, Bookstore, Communications and Community Relations, Student Affairs, College of Marin Workforce Program, Student Services representatives, and College of Marin Foundation.
Sunday Salon
The Emeritus Students College of Marin (ESCOM) and The Lark Theater are pleased to present Sunday Salon, a new film series beginning Feb. 28, 2010. Doors will open at 10:30 a.m. and the festivities include a light continental breakfast, the film followed by a film critic’s commentary, and a question and answer period. The Lark Theater is located in historic downtown Larkspur at 549 Magnolia Avenue. The series of three films will be held February 28, March 21, and April 18. General tickets are $15 per show or $39 for the entire series. Emeritus members pay $13 per show or $36 for the series. To purchase tickets call The Lark at (415) 924-5111.

If you haven’t been to the Lark yet, this is a delightful way to enjoy the community owned historic movie theater. The film will not be announced in advance to add to the intrigue. Lark Theater Executive Director and film marvel Bernice Baeza will find the best and most interesting selection to offer in order to open your eyes and minds to something you might have missed the first time around. See you at the movies!

COM’s Drama Department Presents William Shakespeare’s *Hamlet*
Directed by James Dunn
March 4, 5, 6, 12, 13, 19, and 20 at 7:30 p.m.
Matinees on March 13, 14, and 21 at 1:30 p.m.
College of Marin Fine Arts Theatre (Corner of Sir Francis Drake Blvd. & Laurel Ave.)
Tickets are $15 General / $10 students, seniors, and COM employees and alumni
Note: Thursday, March 4 is pay-what-you will night
Information: (415) 485-9555
Box Office: (415) 485-9385
Free parking on weekend evenings and Sunday afternoons.

Traditionally, the role of *Hamlet*, “The Melancholy Dane,” has been attempted only by the most accomplished (and renowned) actors. In recent film depictions, Mel Gibson was 34 and Kenneth Brannagh was 36. On Broadway, Jude Law was 38. So the question is, can a 22-year-old play this most complex and demanding of roles? He can if he’s College of Marin Drama student David Abrams. Abrams, a highly intelligent and versatile young actor, has been performing since the seventh grade. Born in the East Bay, he moved to Marin in 1991 after his family's home was destroyed in the Oakland Hills firestorm. Backed by an exceptionally talented cast, this Bay Area native brings a performance of *Hamlet* not to be missed!

Ongoing

Valentine’s Day Show
Work from College of Marin’s first Valentine’s Day art exhibit, the Sweetheart Show, will be on display through Thursday, Feb. 25, 2010 in the College of Marin Fine Arts Gallery. The gallery is open Monday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Please call (415) 485-9494 for more information.
Watercolor Exhibit at Emeritus Center – Artist’s Reception This Week
An art exhibit of Bay Area artist Julie Cohn’s recent watercolors is on display in the Emeritus Center, Student Services Building, Room 146, through March 25. Come see a collection of Cohn’s recent portraits and figures in “The Color of Black and White.” A reception for the artist will be held Feb. 11, 2010, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Sponsored by Emeritus Students College of Marin.

COM Athletics
Women’s Basketball vs. Napa
Tuesday, Feb. 9, 5:30 p.m. in Napa
Women’s Basketball vs. Yuba
Thursday, Feb. 11, 5:30 p.m. in Kentfield

Men’s Basketball vs. Napa
Tuesday, Feb. 9, 7:30 p.m. in Napa
Men’s Basketball vs. Yuba
Friday, Feb. 11, 7:30 p.m. in Kentfield

Women’s Softball vs. Hartnell
Thursday, Feb. 11, 1 p.m. in Salinas

Correction: The Deadline to Apply for Financial Aid is March 2
Students applying for Cal Grants, Marin Education Fund, and College of Marin Foundation scholarships must submit a federal student aid application and supplemental forms prior to March 2 for the spring 2010 semester. Students can apply online at www.fafsa.ed.gov.

Have a great week,

Frances L. White, Ph.D.
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