President’s Monday Briefing – February 15, 2010

Modernization Update:
Site preparation for the College of Marin’s new Science / Math / Central Plant Complex began Friday, Feb. 12, with relocation of 19 trees (including four small redwoods) away from the footprint of the planned building to other sites on campus. The Board of Trustees awarded a contract for this work to Treemasters Tree and Garden Care of San Rafael on Jan. 19.

Of a total of 180 trees within the project site boundary, 139 trees will remain in place and will be protected during construction. Another 22 diseased or root-bound trees (none of them redwoods) will be recycled for mulch to be used elsewhere on campus.

The tree program was developed with the College of Marin landscape supervisor, district arborist, and modernization team.

In order to reduce the amount of noise and disturbance to campus and surrounding neighborhoods, the work started on Friday and Saturday, February 12 and 13, and will continue for a few additional Fridays until the work is completed. Parking Lot 4 (off Laurel Avenue) will be closed while this tree work is going on.

A map of the relocation project is posted in the Administration Building hallway opposite AC 118, and in the Swinerton office, Portable Village PE 8. For more information, please contact Swinerton Management & Consulting at (415) 884-3139.

Surplus Books Available in the Library
There are many surplus books on trucks in the library that have been withdrawn from the collection (duplicates, gifts, etc.). Most are currently in the area of American literature, English literature and philosophy, but other subjects are also represented. Conditions vary from pristine to poor. Additional volumes will be added during the semester as they are processed, so check back frequently.

The library requests a $1 per volume donation, but instructors are free to take any that will be useful in classrooms or offices. Any money collected will be used to buy new titles needed for the library. Volumes that are not purchased within a week or so will be placed outside the library door for students to take for free.
Apply Now for COM Foundation Scholarships – Deadline March 5
The College of Marin Foundation is accepting applications for 2010 scholarship awards. All applications must be submitted to the Financial Aid Office at either the Kentfield or Indian Valley campus by 4 p.m., Friday, March 5, 2010. Applications are available online at http://www.comf.org/pages/apply.html as well as on campus at the Financial Aid Offices.

Kudos
Congratulations to COM Financial Aid Specialist Andrea Hunter who has completed all requirements for an MBA!

In Memoriam
Millard Morgen, longtime member of the COM Social Science Department, died in his sleep at home in Fairfax last week, with his children and grandson nearby. Born in San Francisco in 1923, he was educated at San Francisco State and the University of California at Berkeley, where he earned his degree in history. He was an elementary school teacher and principal for many years, and taught history at COM beginning in the mid-sixties. He will be remembered by those who knew him as a great thinker and cook; he immersed himself in the lifelong study of history, physics, and the perfect cassoulet.

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
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!

Book Barter
Starting March 5, 2010, a book barter will be held the first Friday of each month. Join your fellow book lovers from noon to 1:30 p.m. at the College of Marin Emeritus Center, Student Services Building, Room 146. Bring your own lunch, talk about one of your favorite books, and then exchange your favorites. If you have a gem that you can’t part with, don’t worry. Exchange is not required. Come and enjoy the discussion; read a short passage from your selection – all sorts of book shares are welcome. Next three dates are March 5, April 2 and May 7. For more information call (415) 485-9652.
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
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.” The exhibit is sponsored by Emeritus Students College of Marin.

COM Athletics
Men’s Baseball vs. Diablo Valley College
Friday, Feb. 19, 1 p.m. in Pleasant Hill

Men’s Baseball vs. Cabrillo
Saturday, Feb. 20, 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. in Santa Cruz

Women’s Basketball vs. Solano
Wednesday, Feb. 17, 5:30 p.m. in Suisun

Women’s Basketball BYE
Friday, Feb. 19, 5:30

Men’s Basketball vs. Solano
Wednesday, Feb. 17, 7:30 p.m. in Suisun

Women’s Softball vs. Cabrillo
Tuesday, Feb. 16, 2 p.m. in Apts

Women’s Softball vs. Taft
Wednesday, Feb. 17, 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. in Aptos

Watch Board of Trustees Meetings Live
College of Marin Board meetings are now broadcast live at http://www.justin.tv/comtrustees. The next broadcast will be Tuesday, Feb. 16 at 6:30 p.m.

Have a great week,

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Superintendent/President