President’s Monday Briefing – March 8, 2010

College of Marin Measure C Bond Citizens’ Oversight Committee Solicits New Members

Five committee members are being sought to serve on the College of Marin Measure C Bond Citizens’ Oversight Committee for the Measure C bond program. The committee is seeking applications for members representing the community at large, a Senior Citizens’ Organization, a Community College Support Group, a Support Organization for College of Marin, and a Student Representative. New members will be appointed by the College of Marin Board of Trustees at its April meeting. Applications are due March 31, 2010. Oversight committee members cannot be employees, officials, vendors, consultants, or contractors of the College of Marin. Application and application information can be found on-line at http://www.marin.edu/MeasureC/coc/index.htm or by calling the Office of the Superintendent/President at (415) 485-9502.

The College of Marin Board of Trustees passed a resolution on December 14, 2004 establishing the independent citizens’ oversight committee. The committee is responsible for ensuring the College of Marin’s financial accountability for projects funded by a $249.5 million bond earmarked for facilities modernization and passed by Marin County Voters in the November 2004 election with more than 63 percent voter approval. Measure C was a Proposition 39 bond that required the formation of a Citizen’s Oversight Committee.

Two COM Standouts Present Workshop in Tampa

Nursing Education Instructor Mary Piper Warren and Simulation Coordinator Edward Avrutin were invited to present a session at the Medical Education Technologies, Inc. Human Patient Simulation Network (METI HPSN) 2010 conference in Tampa, Florida March 2 through 4, 2010. Their presentation, “Head to Toe in Five Minutes,” was one of 160 workshops by leading educators and professionals in health care simulation. The 14th annual conference is designed for nurses, physicians, paramedics, military personnel, and simulation experts from around the world to gather and exchange ideas, preview the latest simulation technology, and push the envelope of 21st century health care education.

Mary and Edward’s session focused on practicing head-to-toe assessment and subsequent critical thinking skills within a five minute time frame. Learners were exposed to ten pre-programmed short clinical scenarios with one or more abnormal clinical findings that yielded room for interpretation and first-line action. The need for the exercise was driven by repeated requests from clinical agencies in our area for graduates to assess the patient quickly and come up with a plan of action. We are so proud of the ground breaking work that our team has accomplished.
New Collection of Kay Ryan’s Poetry
College of Marin Basic Skills English Instructor and U.S. Poet Laureate Kay Ryan’s new book was reviewed recently in the New York Times. The collection of works titled The Best of It affords readers the opportunity to experience Ryan’s poems from nearly her entire career. The title also alludes to a poem found in her 2005 volume The Niagara River. Reviewer Dwight Garner speaks of Ryan’s poems as being, “…so tiny you could almost tweet them.” He warns, however, that their size in no way relates to their complexity. Her poetry has the keen ability to make you take something undemanding away from the first read, then bring you back with a double-take to delve deeper.

Kudos
College of Marin Night in Marin City, held last week, provided information on what it takes to be successful in college. There were so many that worked together to make this evening possible. Among those to thank are College of Marin: Basic Skills Initiative, Student Development and Special Services, Bookstore, Communications and Community Relations, Student Affairs, Representatives of Student Services, Academic and Career Programs, the College of Marin Foundation; as well as the Marin City Community Services District, Marin Education Fund, and Community and School Organizations from Marin City and Marin County. The student panel presented a compelling perspective and Professor Walter Turner enlightened attendees about some of the personal history of Marin City and brought up that there is still much work that lies ahead in addressing the educational inequities that still exist. Special thanks go to EOPS Counselor Rose Thompson for all her hard work that has laid the ground work for future outreach.

Changes to Marin Transit Service
Marin Transit provides transit service in Marin County with service to both College of Marin campuses. The following information may be useful to students and staff who are current or may be future transit riders.

Due to declining revenues and increasing costs, Marin Transit is forced to reduce local bus service. These reductions will go into effect on Sunday, March 14, 2010. Impacted routes include Routes 17, 19, 22, 23, 29, 36, 45, 49, 51, and 52. Final schedules are now available at www.marintransit.org/servicereductions2009.html. Many riders may be impacted by the service reductions; therefore, it is recommended that you review the new schedules to plan your trip in advance.

If you have additional questions or comments, please call (415) 226-0855 or e-mail info@marintransit.org. Additional trip-planning events will be held at the San Rafael Transit Center on March 11, 12, and 15. Visit www.marintransit.org for more information.
Upcoming

Marin Art and Music Alliance Presents The Carlitos
The Carlitos will be playing a free concert Thursday, March 11, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. on the lawn in front of the Student Services Building. Frank’s Barbecue will serving their normal savory fare as well as grilling up vegetables. The Carlitos is a band of four friends who share a love of jazz and crazy clothes. This event is sponsored by the Marin Art and Music Alliance (MAMA) and Associated Students College of Marin (ASCOM).

COM’s Drama Department Presents William Shakespeare’s Hamlet
Directed by James Dunn
March 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!

Sunday Salon
The Emeritus Students College of Marin (ESCOM) and The Lark Theater are pleased to present Sunday Salon. 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 second in a series of three films will be held March 21. General tickets are $15 per show. Emeritus members pay $13 per show. 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!
Ongoing

International Film Festival
College of Marin Modern Languages Department presents the third annual International Film Festival, with films featuring foreign languages taught at the college. The following films, which are FREE and open to the community, will be shown at 7 p.m. in Olney Hall 96, 835 College Ave., Kentfield. Free parking is also available. For more information, including a synopsis of each film, go to www.marin.edu/IFF

March 12  To Live (1994), Chinese
March 19  Bridge to Silence (1989), American Sign Language
March 26  Shall We Dance (1996), Japanese
April 2  La Luz Prodigiosa (2003), Spanish

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.

College of Marin Fine Arts Gallery Presents Entanglements
The latest Fine Arts Gallery exhibit, Entanglements, will be up through April 1, 2010. Featured artists include Julia Goodman, Amy Keefe, Ali Nashe-Messing, Esther Traugot, and Anneliese Vobis. The gallery is located at 835 College Ave., Kentfield and is open Monday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call (415) 485-9494 for more information.

COM Athletics
Men’s Baseball vs. Los Medanos College
   Tuesday, March 9, 2:30 p.m. in Kentfield
Men’s Baseball vs. Contra Costa College
   Thursday, March 11, 2:30 p.m. in San Pablo
Men’s Baseball vs. Laney College
   Saturday, March 13, 1 p.m. in Oakland

Women’s Softball vs. Yuba College (doubleheader)
   Tuesday, March 9, 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. in Kentfield
Women’s Softball vs. Mendocino College (doubleheader)
   Thursday, March 11, 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. in Ukiah
Women’s Softball vs. San Francisco City College (doubleheader)
   Saturday, March 13, 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. in Kentfield
Board of Trustees Meeting Broadcast Live
College of Marin Board meetings are now broadcast live at http://www.justin.tv/comtrustees. The next broadcast will be Tuesday, March 16, at 6:30 p.m.

Have a great week,

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