President’s Monday Briefing – May 10, 2010

Input Needed for the New Academic Center at Kentfield
The design process for the New Academic Center at Kentfield is beginning and we need your input! Please join us for one of the meetings below unless you have received an Outlook meeting request directly from Elizabeth Bornstein.

Dates for the first round of user group meetings are as follows:

Date: Wednesday, May 12, 2010
Time: 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.
Location: Fusselman Hall, Room 110

Date: Wednesday, May 19, 2010
Time: 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.
Location: Fusselman Hall, Room 110

Date: Thursday, May 20, 2010
Time: 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.
Location: Fusselman Hall, Room 120

RSVP to Elizabeth Bornstein at (415) 884-3139 (on campus ext. 8139) or e-mail Elizabeth.Bornstein@marin.edu.

You Are Invited to COM’s Retirement Reception
A reception honoring retirees will be held on Wednesday, May 19, 2010, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the Marin Art and Garden Center Garden Room, located at 30 Sir Francis Drake Blvd., in Ross. Join us for this special event showing appreciation for those who have provided many years of dedication and service to College of Marin. The retiree list as of May 6, 2010 includes:

V-Anne Chernock  Charles (Chuck) Lacy
Carol I. Moeller Costa  Kimie Lakomski
Sandra Douglass  David Rollison
Thomas Holub  Michael Stinson
Robert Kennedy  Frances L. White, Ph. D.
Carol Lacy
Revised Mission Statement
At the recommendation of College Council, the Board of Trustees adopted a revision to Board Policy 1200 titled “Mission Statement” at the April 20 Board meeting. College Council recommended adding the phrase “English as a Second Language” to the third bullet when they conducted their annual review of the Mission Statement in March.

The revised BP 1200/Mission Statement is posted on the Board Policy Web page at: [http://www.marin.edu/com/ODP/Chapter1/TheDistrict.htm](http://www.marin.edu/com/ODP/Chapter1/TheDistrict.htm) and is in the process of being updated wherever it appears on the Web or in future college publications.

The revised College of Marin Mission Statement is:

College of Marin’s commitment to educational excellence is rooted in our mission to provide excellent educational opportunities for all members of our diverse community by offering:

- preparation for transfer to four-year schools and universities;
- workforce education;
- basic skills improvement/English as a Second Language;
- intellectual and physical development; and lifelong learning; and
- cultural enrichment.

The College of Marin is committed to responding to community needs by offering student-centered programs and services in a supportive, innovative learning environment with a strong foundation of sustainability, which will instill environmental sensitivity in our students.

Transportation Technology Education Complex
Grand Opening and VIP Reception

Thursday, May 13
3:30–5:30 p.m. – Tours, Demonstrations, and Light Refreshments
5:30 p.m. – Ribbon Cutting
College of Marin Indian Valley Campus
RSVP to careers@marin.edu by May 10

College of Marin invites the college and the community to tour the new Transportation Technology Education Complex, a state-of-the-art facility that will help students keep pace with the rapidly evolving industry. The building is the first Measure C Bond project to be completed on the Indian Valley Campus and will host expanding programs in Automotive Technology and Automotive Collision and Repair.

The new Transportation Technology Education Complex includes two separate renovated buildings with a new connecting structure that houses faculty offices. An indoor/outdoor terrace provides space for class meetings and other activities.

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The Auto Collision and Repair facility has two full-size paint booths, auto body repair stations, and dual welding stations. The second building houses engine and transmission repair bays and a combination small components lab/smart classroom. Auto bays include computerized scissor lifts and transmission and engine dynometers.

The Transportation Technology Education Complex was paid for by Measure C Bond funds, which were approved by voters in 2004. HKIT Architects, Oakland, California was the architectural firm that designed the state-of-the-art-facilities. Alten Construction, Richmond, California was the firm in charge of construction. Swinerton Management & Consulting, San Francisco, California served as construction and program manager for the project. Also, special thanks to V-Anne Chernock, COM’s director of Modernization for her work in facilitating the project. Read more about the new facilities at http://www.marin.edu/MeasureC/PhotoGallery/TransTech.htm

Sustainable construction was a top priority and the facility features numerous energy-saving technologies such as hydronic heating in concrete floor slabs, solar heated showers, waterless urinals, and plumbing fixtures with electronic sensors and auto shutoff. Energy efficient lighting and motorized windows for efficient cross ventilation are some of the building components that can be managed online. Building insulation combined with standing seam metal roofing contributes significant energy savings. Other features in the ADA accessible facility include high-speed wireless internet coverage, a storm water run-off filtration system, sound barriers around an outdoor equipment yard, an air filtration system, and locker room showers. Builders used materials with high recycled content and low VOC (volatile organic compounds) content.

Upcoming

Children’s Centers Annual Butterfly Parade Celebrates Preschoolers Transition to Kindergarten
The Kentfield and IVC Children’s Centers will be holding their annual Butterfly Parade on the campus green on Wednesday, May 12, at 12:30 pm at Kentfield and on Wednesday, May 19 at 10:30 am at IVC. The Butterfly Parade celebrates the metamorphosis of our preschoolers who will be entering kindergarten this fall and the transformation of our student parents and student teachers who have completed their COM training and will be embarking on new vocations or transferring to a four-year university to continue their education. The children will be releasing the butterflies they have been raising since the caterpillar stage, singing, and flying special kites in honor of this occasion. All are welcome to join in the fun!

Children’s Art Show at IVC Children’s Center May 13
The IVC Children’s Center will present their annual Children’s Art Show on Thursday, May 13, from 10 am to 4 pm. Please stop by to pick up a beautiful matted drawing or painting to decorate your office or some special gift wrap created by the children. Donations are welcome and will support the children’s arts program.
College of Marin to Host Annual Spring Job Fair
The College of Marin Job Placement Center will host its annual spring job fair on Thursday, May 13, 2010, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Kentfield Campus in the Student Services Building cafeteria. This event is open to the public and is free of charge. A variety of employers from the Bay Area will be available at the event to answer questions and accept resumes.

The COM Job Placement Center establishes and maintains contacts with businesses in the community to provide students with job leads and internships in various fields. Assistance is available to current students, as well as COM alumni of any age and community members. The Job Placement Center is located at the Kentfield Campus in the Student Services Center, Room 206. For more information about the Job Fair please contact Carol Perez at (415) 485-9410.

Transfer Recognition Reception
The Transfer and Career Center will be hosting its 4th Annual Transfer Recognition Reception to honor and recognize our students who are transferring on to four-year universities. The event will be held Friday, May 14, 2010, in the Student Services Cafeteria at the Kentfield campus. The evening will begin with a reception at 5:30 p.m., followed by a ceremony to formally acknowledge our students. I would like to invite everyone who plays such a vital role in student success at the College of Marin to attend this event to honor our students as they make their transition from the college to attaining their educational and professional goals.

Come celebrate our students’ academic achievement. Please confirm your attendance by e-mailing Emy Bagtas at emy.bagtas@marin.edu, by Friday, May 7. For more information call (415) 485-9671.

Bus Tour to Sonoma State
The Transfer Club has organized a bus tour to Sonoma State scheduled for Thursday, May 20. This is a great opportunity for College of Marin students who may be considering transferring to Sonoma State to see what the university has to offer. Due to the limited number of seats available, reservations must be made no later than Tuesday, May 18. For reservations, contact Emy Bagtas at the Transfer/Career Center at emy.bagtas@marin.edu.

Annual Faculty and Staff Luncheon
The annual Faculty and Staff Luncheon sponsored by College Council and the Academic and Classified Senates will be held from noon to 1:30 p.m., Thursday, May 27, in the campus green area near Fusselman Hall on the Kentfield campus. In an effort to conserve resources, invitations were sent via campus e-mail on May 3. You may RSVP by sending an e-mail to Melinda.Molloy@marin.edu or calling ext. 7508 by May 20, 2010.
Flex Update
Mark your calendars for the Fall 2010 Flex days. The Independent Flex days are August 11 and August 12. The Mandatory Flex day is Friday, August 13. College Convocation will take place from 10 a.m. to noon, followed by department meetings organized by your department chair in the afternoon from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Flex information and scheduled activities will be posted on the Staff Development Page on the college Web site. Click on ‘Staff Development’ under the ‘Faculty and Staff’ tab at www.marin.edu. If you would like to present a workshop on the Independent Flex days or during the semester, please e-mail kathleen.kirkpatrick@marin.edu for a proposal form. You may also download a Flex Workshop Proposal Form on the Staff Development Web page.

Reminder! Spring 2010 Flex Verification Forms are due in Human Resources by Friday, May 28, 2010. The forms can be downloaded from the Staff Development Web page.

Performing Arts

Jazz Ensemble
Douglas Delaney, director
Daivd Jones, choreographer
Tuesday, May 11, 7:30 p.m.
Fine Arts Theatre
Donation suggested, parking $3

Dancers, singers, and a big band will all be on stage for exciting performances of the great music of Duke Ellington, Charlie Parker, and Chick Corea. David Jones will bring his jazz dance class back again; their performance last semester was one of the highlights of the concert.

College Chorus and Chamber Singers
Boyd Jarrell, director
Jeffrey Paul, accompanist
Thursday, May 13, 7:30 p.m.
Lefort Recital Hall (FA 72)
Donation suggested, parking $3

Our American musical heritage is featured in this concert of combined choirs. College Chorus will sing gospel and spiritual classics along with contemporary selections. Chamber Singers will explore colonial American music along with romantic English glees, and will offer some interesting musical weather with La Lluvia (The Rain) by Stephen Hatfield, and Cloudburst by Eric Whitacre.
COM Symphony Orchestra
Robert Schumann 200th Birthday Concert
Tara Flandreau, director
Saturday, May 15, 7:30 p.m.
St. Hilary Church, Tiburon
Sunday, May 16, 4 p.m.
Unity in Marin, Novato
Donation suggested, free parking

The College of Marin Symphony Orchestra celebrates the 200th anniversary of Robert Schumann’s birth by performing his joyous and energetic Symphony No. 1. Also on the program are two pieces featuring soloists from the orchestra. Composer/oboist Gary Friedman’s Variations on Eliahu for cello and orchestra features principal cellist Ken Hoppe as soloist. The delightful Tracoline for two piccolos and strings by Donjon features Bruce Salvisberg and Dawna Stebbins on piccolo.

Advanced Voice Class Recital
Not Merely Something You Can Hum: Songs of Aaron Copland
Linda Noble Brown, instructor
Sunday, May 16, 3 p.m.
The Tamalpais Retirement Community
501 Via Casitas, Greenbrae

Concert Band
Douglas Delaney, director
Wednesday, May 19, noon
Fine Arts Theatre
Donation suggested, parking $3

The ensemble will perform a variety of music including Samuel Barber’s Adagio, Debussy’s Arabesque No. 1, and a medley of some of Henry Mancini’s most memorable music. The program will close with a special arrangement of Tchaikovsky’s 1812 Overture.

Symphonic Band
Douglas Delaney, director
Wednesday, May 19, 7:30 p.m.
Fine Arts Theatre
Donation suggested, parking $3

A new work by composer Adrian L. Quince will have its debut at this concert. The band has performed several other works by this gifted composer and former COM music major. Another featured new work is Green Bushes — Percy Grainger’s setting of a beautiful English folk song. Also on the program is the exciting and humorous Tulsa by American composer, Don Gillis.
Beginning Voice Class Recital  
**Linda Noble Brown**, instructor  
Monday, May 24, 2:10 p.m.  
Lefort Recital Hall (FA 72), Kentfield  
Free admission, parking $3

Contemporary Opera Marin  
**Eating, Drinking, Shopping**  
**Paul Smith**, director  
June 19, 23, 25, and 26 at 7:30 p.m.  
St. Hilary Church, Tiburon

Contemporary Opera Marin, College of Marin’s opera program, will once again be the resident opera company of the Tiburon Music Festival, June 19 to 26. This summer’s theme is Eating, Drinking, Shopping. The program will include fully staged English language performances ranging from JS Bach’s *Coffee Cantata* to PDQ Bach’s *The Seasonings*, Mark Blitzstein’s *Triple Sec* to settings of Prohibition era songs and, by popular demand, a revival of Mischa Spoliansky’s 1930s cabaret opera, *Send for Mr. Plim*. Visit [www.tiburonmusicfestival.org](http://www.tiburonmusicfestival.org) or call 415.485.9460 for information and ticket reservations.

Ongoing

Marin Art and Music Alliance Presents Free Concert Series  
Come out and enjoy the sunshine! The Marin Art and Music Alliance (MAMA) and Associated Students College of Marin (ASCOM) are presenting a free spring concert series. Food is available for purchase beginning at noon. The music starts at 2 p.m. and wraps up at 4 p.m. All concerts take place on the lawn area in front of the Student Services Building. This event is open to the public.

**The Bob Hill Band**  
May 13

**7th Street Reggae Band**  
May 20
Performing Arts

’59 Pink Thunderbird – Laundry & Bourbon and Lone Star
By James McClure
Directed by Jeffrey Bihr
May 14, and 15 at 8 p.m.
May 16 at 2 p.m.
Studio Theatre
$15 general admission; $10 for students, seniors, COM employees and alumni

It’s a hot afternoon in Maynard, Texas, where the “girls” are folding laundry, sipping bourbon, and sharing local gossip. That same evening, a trio of Texas good-ole-boys are drinking beer and trading tall tales behind a local bar. The comic intertwining of the two scenarios makes for a very funny, delightful evening of theatre.

Director Jeffrey Bihr last directed Born Yesterday for COM. In addition to his teaching duties here at College of Marin, he also teaches and performs at Stanford University as well as with other local companies such as American Conservatory Theatre, Berkeley Rep, and the Aurora Theatre.

Annual Student Spring Show
The College of Marin Fine Arts Gallery currently has on exhibit the Annual Student Spring Show. Artwork will be up through May 21, 2010, and features a variety of different media. 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.

Emeritus Students Exhibit Paintings by Kay Carlson
The current exhibition at the College of Marin Emeritus Center, Splendor of Place by Kay Carlson, runs through June 17. You can see this beautiful collection of paintings in the Student Services Building, Room 146. The exhibition is sponsored by Emeritus Students College of Marin.

83rd Commencement Exercises
This year’s commencement exercises will take place Saturday, May 29, 2010. The ceremony begins at 10 a.m. and will be held at the Baseball Field, Kentfield Campus. For more information please contact Student Affairs at (415) 485-9376 or visit
Infrastructure Projects Scheduled for Sir Francis Drake Boulevard
Infrastructure improvements on Sir Francis Drake Boulevard in Ross are in progress. The work will likely result in traffic impacts during the dates specified below. Marin Municipal Water District (MMWD) recommends allowing extra travel time and considering using alternate routes. Please see description of project below:

- **Pipeline: through June 15.** MMWD will be installing 2700 feet of pipe on Sir Francis Drake Boulevard between Winship Avenue and Lagunitas Road. Work hours are from 8 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. on weekdays. Two lanes of traffic will be open at all times.

COM Athletics
Track and Field
Angelina Pilachelli placed second in the Pole Vault at the Bay Valley Conference championships at Diablo Valley College, vaulting 9 feet 6 ¾ inches. She now moves on to the Nor Cal championships where a sixth or better finish is needed to qualify for the state meet in Lancaster from May 21 through 22.

Kentfield Campus Summer Swim
Dates: June 16 through August 8
Time: Monday through Friday, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.
      Saturday and Sunday, noon to 5 p.m.
Price: $3 for children
       $5 for adults
       $3 for seniors (60+) and disabled

Please call 415.457.8811 ext. 8260 for IVC pool information.

Have a great week,

Frances L. White, Ph.D.
Superintendent/President