In Memoriam

James Kimo Campbell, a former COM student body president, political activist, and former Board of Trustees president passed away on February 16, 2012. Kimo was elected to the COM board in 1975 and served for four terms. As a student leader and activist, he studied journalism and was an editor of COM’s student newspaper. He earned an associate degree at COM and then transferred to UC Berkeley where he earned a baccalaureate degree in history. He is survived by his wife, Kerry Tepperman Campbell, and two children, Mahea Campbell and Kawika Campbell. The family will hold a private funeral; a memorial for friends and community members will be held in the coming months. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Hawaii Community Foundation and/or ACLU of Northern California.

Kudos
COM Environmental Landscape Instructor Wendy Johnson was one of the keynote speakers for the North Eastern Organic Farming Association (NOFA) on Sunday, February 12, in Burlington, Vermont. She spoke to over 1,000 farmers on the topic of “The ground of resilience”.

Cop’s Corner
What you can do to be prepared for a fire:
Make sure you know the location of fire extinguishers, fire exits, and alarm systems in your area and how to use them. Training and information are available from the Campus Police at ext. 7455.

Actions to take if you discover a fire:
- Safeguard life and isolate the fire by closing all doors (lock only if safe to do so) on your way out of the room. Get out quick!
- Report fire or smoke by activating the nearest fire alarm.
- Call the fire department by dialing 911 from the nearest telephone. If in a class or group, designate a person to call 911. Having several people calling 911 will just be confusing and conflicting information may delay the response. Make sure you can provide the correct information while being clear and concise.
- Slowly state, “I want to report a fire.” Give your location (campus, building, floor, room number). Do not hang up until the dispatcher tells you to.
- Do not attempt to fight a fire alone; report it immediately to 911. Firefighting should be left to trained firefighters, with the possible exception of a minor fire that could be quickly and easily extinguished by a portable fire extinguisher.
- For more information check page 11 in the Emergency Guidelines Handbook
Data Dashboard Training Workshops Scheduled
The Data Dashboard is a dynamic menu-driven system developed by the Office of Planning, Research, and Institutional Effectiveness (PRIE) that enables you to access live COM data to research and study various student success factors including student achievement, enrollment, student demographics, cohort tracking for sequential classes, student persistence, course success, and degrees/certificates awarded. It’s available to all COM faculty, staff, and administrators via the COM Intranet.

You’ll find the link to the Dashboard on the folder list on the left side of the Intranet First Page. Due to security issues, in most cases, the Dashboard can only be accessed on campus when you’re signed in to the Marin Domain (college network) on an office computer. If you have an Argos account, you can also open the Data Dashboard under the QuickLaunch tab when you’re logged into Argos. Although you’re free to explore the Dashboard on your own (just click around, you can’t break it!), you may wish to attend one of the training workshops scheduled in March. The first half hour of each workshop will be demonstration. The second half hour, you’ll be able to play on your own with PRIE staff available to answer your questions.

Data Dashboard Training Workshop Schedule
No registration is necessary. Just bring your curious mind and your questions!
Open to all faculty and staff. Flex credit available.
All workshops will be held in BC 101 on the Kentfield Campus.

Wednesday, March 7, 3 p.m. to 4 p.m.
Thursday, March 22, 3 p.m. to 4 p.m.

For more information feel free to contact PRIE Director Dr. Chialin Hsieh, Kathleen Kirkpatrick, Melody Creel, or Barbara David.

Black Student Union Celebrates Black History Month
On Wednesday, February 29, at 11 a.m. the Black Student Union (BSU) is presenting student performances at the Kentfield Campus to celebrate Black History Month. There will be music, contests, and prizes on the Quad in front of the Learning Resources Center. The event is sponsored by the Associated Students of College of Marin. Free lunch will be provided.

Book Display for Black History Month
In honor of Black History Month the COM Library has a Black history book exhibit on display in the cases located just inside the library on the Kentfield Campus. The books will be exhibited until the end of February.
Moodle Training
Spring Moodle Training sessions are listed below. Each session will comprise 30 minutes of instruction and 20 minutes of implementation. All trainings meet in the COM Library Computer Lab at the back of the Learning Resources Center.

If you are a faculty member, you have a Moodle shell associated with each of your spring 2012 courses, so you may wish to practice attaching documents and images during the training. You can also update your Moodle Profile and set up messaging. Please bring your MyCOM logon information and a flash drive with some of your materials; for example, you may wish to bring a headshot, a syllabus, and an assignment. RSVP to Alisa Klinger if you plan to attend.

Friday, February 24, 2012
Moodle Communications: 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Friday, March 2, 2012
Moodle Grade Book: 1 p.m. 2 p.m.

Friday, March 16, 2012
Moodle Open Q & A Session: 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 29, 2012
Moodle Basics: 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.

As You Like It
by William Shakespeare
directed by Jim Dunn
March 1 (pay what you will preview), 2, 3, 9, 10, 16, and 17 at 8 p.m.
March 4, 10, 11, 17, and 18 at 2 p.m.
Studio Theatre (PA 32)

The Drama Department’s first performance since moving back into the Studio Theatre is one of Shakespeare’s most popular comedies. As You Like It is as bubbly as a glass of champagne, filled with gender-bending disguises, misplaced love, silly sequences, a nod to Robin Hood and his Merry Men, a wrestling match, and some slightly evil villains who really aren’t so bad after all. Indeed, “All the world IS a stage…” and all the players on it bring this visit to the Forest of Arden to life in a charming production that will please the entire family. Call the box office at (415) 485-9385 for reservations.
COM Athletics

San Rafael Pacifics Sign Local Pitchers Vinny Pacchetti and Eric LeBaron
Two former COM baseball players were signed by the new Pacifics baseball team out of San Rafael. The Pacifics have extended contracts to right-handed pitcher and San Marin High grad, Vinny Pacchetti and Petaluma’s Eric LeBaron.

Pachetti, 22, a 2011 graduate of Cal State Stanislaus, appeared in 12 games (11 starts), notching a 4-5 record with a 3.45 earned run average (ERA), third best on the team. He held opponents to a .249 average in 60-plus innings of work. In 2008 Pacchetti was named All-Bay Valley Conference Honorable Mention and in 2009 earned Conference Pitcher of the year.

LeBaron, a 6-foot 2 right-hander, posted a 6.43 ERA in 28 innings of relief with San Jose State in 2010. The 24-year-old held right-handed batters to a .219 average. In 2009, LeBaron made five appearances posting a 3.86 ERA in 9 1/3 innings, striking out five. LeBaron spent the 2007-08 seasons with COM under the tutelage of Coach Steve Berringer. In 2007 he led the team with 33 strikeouts over 24 2/3 innings, making 15 starts (one complete game) and a relief appearance. A 2006 graduate of Casa Grande in Petaluma, LeBaron was a three-year varsity letter winner in baseball.

Baseball vs. Cañada College
Saturday, February 25, noon in Redwood City

Softball vs. College of the Redwoods—doubleheader
Friday, February 24, 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. in Kentfield

Swimming and Diving—Las Positas Invitational
Friday, February 24, all day in Livermore

Track and Field—San Joaquin Delta, All Comer’s Meet
Saturday, February 25, all day in Stockton

Have a great week!

David Wain Coon, Ed.D.
Superintendent/President