President’s Monday Briefing—Feb. 21, 2011

Coffee and Conversation with COM Superintendent/President
Join me this week for the first Coffee and Conversation forum on the IVC campus to discuss a range of topics. This event will take place on Thursday, Feb. 24, at 9 a.m. in Building 17, room 100. Faculty, staff and students are invited to bring their ideas, questions, and other subjects of interest.

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 bona-fide taxpayer’s association, a senior citizens’ organization, and a member active in a business organization representing the business community located in the district. New members will be appointed by the College of Marin Board of Trustees at its April meeting. Applications are due March 31, 2011. 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](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 Dec. 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.

Marin Symphony Offers Friends at COM Discounted Seats
The Marin Symphony is offering great seats to their friends at College of Marin Sunday, March 13, and Tuesday, March 15, at 7:30 p.m. for *Love, Sex and Soaps*—Leonard Bernstein’s symphonic dances from *West Side Story*. The concert also features the Marin Symphony Chorus singing opera’s greatest hits and Bay Area composer Nathaniel Stookey’s *Zipperz* (a soaPOPERa) with Broadway performers. Come and enjoy these steamy works about romance for only $20. Call the box office at (415) 499-6800 and mention College of Marin to take advantage of this special offer.
*Zipperz deals with adult subject matter and may not be appropriate for younger audiences.*
The Deadline to Apply for Financial Aid is March 2

Students applying for Cal Grants, 10,000 Degrees (formally known as the Marin Education Fund), and College of Marin Foundation scholarships must submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and supplemental forms prior to March 2 for the following fall semester. Students applying for Federal Work-Study and Federal Supplemental Opportunity Grants must also submit their FAFSA by the March 2 deadline. If you miss the March 2 deadline you can still apply for fee waivers, Pell Grants, and loans by filling out the FAFSA. The Cal Grant also has a second deadline of Sept. 2. Call the Financial Aid Office at (415) 485-9409 for more information.

Library Displays in Honor of Black History Month and Chinese New Year

February is Black History Month and Feb. 3 was the beginning of the Year of the Rabbit. The College of Marin Library is currently showcasing a wonderful selection of books on Black History. The library’s database on African American history and culture will also be displayed. The database is called The African American Experience. Also on display is a collection of books on Chinese history and culture as well as books by Chinese American authors. The books that are on display can be checked out and the database can be used on and off campus by students and staff.

Upcoming Events

COM Celebrates Black History Month

On Thursday, Feb. 24, from noon to 1 p.m. all are invited to enjoy a free concert by the Jazz Ensemble of College of Marin featuring Beverly Freeman. The concert will be followed by speech recitations by 11-year-old Kibwe Diop and 12-year-old Lumumba Diop, 1st place winners of the San Francisco Alliance of Black School Educators. These live performances will take place at the Kentfield Campus in front of the Student Services Building.

In addition, a Howard University convocation speech made by Dr. Benjamin Carson was taped and will be shown at College of Marin on Thursday, Feb. 24, from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. in the Learning Resources Center, Room 53. In 1987 Dr. Carson, an African American, made medical history with an operation to separate a pair of Siamese twins. Please arrive about ten minutes prior to the scheduled film times so that everyone can be seated.
Detective Story
By Sidney Kingsley
Directed by James Dunn
March 3 is a pay-what-you-will preview at 8 p.m.
March 4, 5, 11, 12, 18, and 19 at 8 p.m.
March 13, 19 and 20 at 2 p.m.
Kentfield Performing Arts Theatre
$20 general, $10 students, seniors, COM employees, and alumni

A play noir Detective Story was the script upon which the 1951 Oscar-winning and Golden Globe nominated film was based. Set in a busy New York City police squad room and office, the play takes the audience through the busy workings of the precinct during the course of one day. Every manner of petty criminal, tough cop, eccentric street character is represented in this gritty story that is guaranteed to keep viewers spellbound until its dramatic climax.

Good news! Circle Drive has re-opened so there is convenient parking there as well as in Parking Lot # 2 (across Sir Francis Drake Blvd.) and Parking Lot #17 (at the corner of Laurel and Sir Francis Drake Blvd.).

SweetART Show
The College of Marin Fine Arts Gallery presents the second exhibition all about sweethearts and love from Feb. 21 to March 17. Gallery hours are Monday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

ESCOM Painting Exhibition
Emeritus Students College of Marin (ESCOM) is sponsoring an exhibition of paintings by Cole Posard now through March 25, 2011. The Emeritus Center at the Kentfield Campus is located in the Student Services Building, Room 146.
COM Athletics
Women’s Basketball Playoffs
Our women’s basketball team was defeated on Tuesday, Feb. 15, against the Bay Valley Conference’s No. 1 seed Solano, 67-52. Congratulations on a great season and kudos to Hanna Wilson who played with a black eye from an elbow shot she received in Monday’s 84-74 win over Contra Costa College. She scored 16 points and picked up 18 rebounds. Also scoring big for the Mariner’s was Jasmanique Price who racked up 17 points, with 13 coming from the free-throw line. Coach Tannea Nelson leaves this year’s conference pleased with the Mariner’s best season in more than a decade.

Baseball vs. Hartnell College
   Tuesday, Feb. 22, 2 p.m. in Kentfield

Baseball vs. San Mateo College
   Saturday, Feb. 26, noon in Kentfield

Softball vs. American River College
   Tuesday, Feb. 15, 3 p.m. in Solano

Softball vs. Monterey Peninsula College—Double Header
   Tuesday, Feb. 22, 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. in Kentfield

Swimming and Diving—Las Positas Invitational
   Friday, Feb. 25, all day in Livermore

Track and Field—Wildcat Relays
   Saturday, Feb. 26, all day in Chico

Correction: Student Supplies Available at IVC
In last week’s edition the Admissions and Records Office location was incorrect. Please see below for the corrected information.

Students may purchase Scantron forms, green books, and pencils from the Indian Valley Campus Admissions and Records Office located in Administrative Services Cluster, office 136. The office is open Monday and Tuesday from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Have a great week!

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