Welcome Back
On Friday, January 11, 2013, we were thrilled to be able to host our spring 2013 College Convocation in the James Dunn Theater in the newly remodeled Performing Arts Building.

Many thanks to retired COM Anthropology and Archeology Instructor Betty Goerke for being our spring 2013 College Convocation keynote speaker. Betty gave a fascinating presentation on the Coast Miwok Indians who inhabited our campus for generations. Betty sold out of both of her books and is donating the proceeds in the amount of $600 to the Marin Museum of the American Indian in Novato. I was informed that Betty was made an honorary elder of the Coast Miwok tribe after her book, *Chief Marin* was published.

Thank you ASCOM
I would like to express my appreciation and that of college staff to the ASCOM Board and Director of Student Affairs Arnulfo Cedillo for the generous donation of seven Kindles, which were raffled at the College Holiday Party. This is the second year that the students have contributed Kindles to the raffle in recognition of the support provided by staff. The raffles provide fun for all and hours of reading pleasure to the lucky winners. Thank you ASCOM!

Personnel Recommendations from the January 15 Board of Trustees Meeting

Appointment of Classified Personnel
- **Rebecca Freeland** has accepted the position of Office Technician-Community Education, Life Long Learning, and International Education effective January 1, 2013.
- **Patrick Garretson** has accepted the position of Testing Technician effective January 1, 2013.
- **Melinda Molloy** has accepted the position of Administrative Assistant to the Vice President of College Operations effective January 1, 2013.

Kudos
Congratulations to Fine Arts Instructor **John Rapko** whose review of Whitney Davis’s *A General Theory of Visual Culture*, is featured in the current issue of the *British Journal of Aesthetics*. 
Opening Night Gala Performance of *Big River*
Directed by **James Dunn**
Musical Direction by **Paul Smith**
Choreography by **Sandra Tanner**
Based on the book by William Hauptman

Reserve your tickets today for a gala event celebrating the dedication of the James Dunn Theatre and 80th birthday party for James Dunn.

**Gala Pre-show Talk and Reception with James Dunn – $65**
**Opening Night Performance and Post-show Party**
**Preferred Seating and Parking**
Friday, March 1, 2013, 6:30 p.m.
John H. Myers Rehearsal Hall, PA 75
Performing Arts Building

**Opening Night Performance and Post-show Party – $40**
Friday, March 1, 2013, 8 p.m.
James Dunn Theatre

The Marin County Premier of *Big River* is presented by special arrangement with Rodgers & Hammerstein, Inc. As American as apple pie, *Big River* recently played to sold out houses at TheatreWorks in Palo Alto. Based on *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*, by Mark Twain, this show is everyone’s favorite bad boy adventure story. Tom Sawyer, The Duke, The King, and all the other wonderful characters from Twain’s masterpiece come to life as Huck Finn and Jim, the runaway slave, raft their way down the Big Muddy—the mighty Mississippi River. With a musical score reminiscent of the music of preslavery days in Missouri, this show will be a wonderful outing for the entire family.

Tickets are limited, RSVP recommended. All proceeds will benefit College of Marin Performing Arts Programs. Contact the box office at (415) 485-9385 for tickets and information.

**Additional performances of Big River**
February 28 (Pay-What-You-Will Preview)
March 1, 2, 8, 9, 15 and 16 at 8 pm
March 10 and 17 at 2 pm
Tickets: $25 general, $18 seniors, $15 students, $10 children 12 and under

**Celebration of Life for Bob Chamberlain**
Please join me in a celebration of life remembering our friend and colleague Robert “Bob” Chamberlain Tuesday, January 22, at 1:30 p.m. outside the Austin Science Center, to the left of the entry ramp. Immediately following there will be coffee and cookies served in the Student Services Building, Deedy Staff Lounge.
Professor Presents at Upcoming Events
Social Sciences Professor Walter Turner will be a speaker at the Save Nubia Project Seminar on Saturday, January 26, held at Merritt College in Oakland, as well as at the Fourth Annual Latin@ Youth Summit on Saturday, February 2, at St. Ignatius College Preparatory School in San Francisco.

Spring 2013 Welcome Week
College of Marin will host its spring 2013 Welcome Week February 19 through 21 at the Kentfield Campus and February 19 and 20 at the Indian Valley Campus. Vendors will be on site at both campuses with special offers for students, staff, and faculty. Featured vendors include: The Marin Independent Journal, San Francisco Chronicle, Comcast, Verizon, Redwood Credit Union, Riley’s Art Supplies, Gideon Bible, Blue Cross, Allstate, KMEL, Live 105, Lobo’s Ice Cream, Marin Education Fund, Union Bank, Citibank, Wells Fargo, and many wonderful art and jewelry vendors. Make sure to take a break and join in the festivities. For further information, please call Vickie Lamke in the Student Affairs Office at (415) 485-9376.

Kentfield Campus
February 19, 20, and 21
Time: 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Location: Learning Resources Center Quad

Indian Valley Campus
February 19 and 20
Time: 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Location: Building 27, Internet Café Quad

Sign Up for COM's Emergency Notification System—AlertU
You can be notified immediately by text message of campus closures and emergencies by signing up for AlertU, the college’s emergency notification system. Marin Community College District Police Department, with sponsorship from alertu.org, has an emergency SMS messaging platform to enhance communication services during crisis situations.

AlertU will allow Campus Police to broadcast critical information, in real time, to the mobile devices (cell phones, etc.) of all employees and the student body. This is particularly important for those who may be in, or near, a crisis zone.

To sign up, go to AlertU and follow the directions. There is no cost to sign up for this service; however, standard text message rates may apply.
Campus Security Report Available Online
College of Marin’s annual Campus Security Report is available [online](#). This report is required by federal law and contains policy statements and crime statistics for the school. The policy statements address the school’s policies, procedures, and programs concerning safety and security; for example, policies for responding to emergency situations and sexual offenses. Three years’ worth of statistics are included for certain types of crimes that were reported to have occurred on campus, in or on off-campus buildings or property owned or controlled by the school, and on public property within or immediately adjacent to the campus. You may also request a paper copy from the Police Department, Kentfield Campus, TB-1.

District Laptop Users: Extend the Life of your Laptop PC
Windows 7 runs faster on laptops than Windows XP. If you would like to extend the life of your district laptop, please arrange for IT to upgrade your laptop to run Windows 7. You will also receive Office 2010 and the latest anti-virus and malware detection software as part of the upgrade. If your laptop is running slow with Windows 7, please arrange for IT to load and run the latest anti-malware software and perform some basic cleanup tasks.

Submit your request via Tech Stream or try our new work order system at: [http://is-trackit/TrackItWeb/SelfService/Application/Main](http://is-trackit/TrackItWeb/SelfService/Application/Main)

Sports
Men’s Basketball vs. Contra Costa
Thursday, January 17, 7:30 p.m. in Kentfield

Men’s Basketball vs. Yuba
Saturday, January 19, 7:30 p.m. in Marysville

Women’s Basketball vs. Contra Costa
Thursday, January 17, 5:30 p.m. in Kentfield

Women’s Basketball vs. Yuba
Saturday, January 19, 5:30 p.m. in Marysville

Campuses Closed for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
The College of Marin Kentfield and Indian Valley Campuses will be closed on Monday, January 21, in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. The campus will reopen on Tuesday, January 22.

Have a great weekend,

David Wain Coon, Ed.D.
Superintendent/President