President’s Monday Briefing – Sept. 27, 2010

College of Marin Welcomes New Superintendent/President
The College of Marin Board of Trustees is pleased to announce that David Wain Coon, Ed.D. has been appointed to serve as the college’s new Superintendent/President, replacing former Superintendent/President Frances L. White, Ph.D., who recently retired.

“College of Marin's Board of Trustees is very excited in appointing our new visionary Superintendent/President Dr. David Wain Coon to join our college education community team, and continue our 84 year tradition of education excellence in Marin County. Dr. Coon is a creative, innovative leader and brings a wealth of expertise, knowledge, and experience which will greatly benefit the college community” said Dr. Eva Long, COM Board of Trustees President.

“We are thrilled and excited to have him take the helm in guiding the District to the next level of excellence with a proven track record of positive problem solving, community outreach, and sensitivity on focusing on student learning needs, faculty teaching and learning, and administration/staff supporting Students' First and learning as his priorities. Most of all, he is a superb communicator, sincere with the highest integrity, and patient listener with a keen sense of humor. We are so fortunate to have Dr. Coon lead the District during these challenging times. His record is exceptional and he shares the Board’s vision for the future of College of Marin and our Marin community.”

“I am deeply honored and humbled to have been selected to be the next Superintendent/President for College of Marin. I am very impressed with the college’s long history and reputation for excellence. I look forward to working collaboratively with the Board of Trustees and the college community as we serve the dynamic educational needs of Marin County and beyond,” Coon stated.

Throughout his 20-year career in higher education, Dr. Coon has been recognized for his leadership locally, regionally and nationally. Dr. Coon has been the President of Evergreen Valley College in San Jose, California since July 2005. The college has thrived under his leadership and he has been a true champion of the richly diverse student body.

Prior to Evergreen Valley College, Dr. Coon held the positions of Vice President for Student Success at Cascadia Community College, Executive Dean of Student Services at Green River Community College, Vice President of Student Services at The Art Institute of Seattle, and Director of Student Development at Pierce College, all in Washington. Dr. Coon has a Bachelor of Arts degree in Communications and Public Relations from Central Washington University, a Master of Education degree in Student Personnel Administration from Western Washington
University and a Doctor of Education degree in Educational Leadership with emphasis in Organizational Development from Seattle University.

The search for a new Superintendent/President began in February 2010 with the Board of Trustees hiring Ralph Andersen and Associates, a firm highly regarded for their professional guidance to higher education institution. They assisted the Board in conducting a national search which drew 65 candidates from across the country. A search committee composed of college faculty, staff, students, community leaders, and administrative employees interviewed an outstanding group of 11 semi-finalist candidates and after thorough research and numerous interviews, the committee identified five exceptional finalists.

The Board of Trustees encourages all Marin County citizens, community leaders, COM faculty/staff and students to join the College of Marin in welcoming Dr. David Wain Coon.

**College of Marin Foundation Awards Osher Scholarships for 2010-2011**
The California Community Colleges Scholarship Endowment is providing $20,000 in scholarship support to College of Marin students for the 2010-11 academic year. Out of 67 applicants 21 will be receiving scholarships.

The California Community Colleges Scholarship Endowment is a permanent fund that provides scholarships of up to $1,000 annually to students who have already completed 24 units of study, are enrolled in at least 6 units for the current semester, and who qualify for a Board of Governors fee waiver. It combines the historic $50 million commitment—including an upfront gift of $25 million—from The Bernard Osher Foundation with a three-year match fundraising campaign that involves all 112 California Community Colleges. Through this campaign, the Endowment will ultimately grow to $100 million and provide scholarships for thousands of California students annually. The College of Marin Foundation was able to meets its share of the match through a gift from a generous donor.

**Constitution Day presentation shows the power of our Constitution**
**Dr. Patricia Sullivan** visited College of Marin on Sept. 20 and gave a wonderful presentation on “Lift Every Voice; The NAACP and the Making of the Civil Rights Movement”. She spoke on how the National Organization for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) used the U.S. Constitution, especially the 14th Amendment, to right the wrongs being done to the African-American community at that time. She then shared how appropriate this presentation was for Constitution Day as this reminded us what can be done if we use the legal resources available to us for change. There were approximately 25 people in attendance, including **Hank Fearnley** and some of his students. Dr. Sullivan answered questions at the end of the presentation and made herself available to speak to students afterwards.

**Staff Parking Permits—renewal forms due this week**
The COM Police Department would like to remind all staff and faculty that parking permits need to be renewed by October 1. Forms are available in the mail rooms at both the Kentfield and Indian Valley Campuses and on the intranet. If you have any questions, call Campus Police at ext. 7455.
Seasonal Flu Shots
Influenza (“flu”) is a contagious disease which can be spread by coughing, sneezing, and nasal secretions. For most people the flu lasts only a few days and includes symptoms such as fever, chills, cough, sore throat, headache, muscle aches, and fatigue. By getting vaccinated you can protect yourself from influenza and may also avoid spreading influenza to others. The College of Marin Health Center will be offering seasonal flu shots for $20. Clinic dates are as follows:

Kentfield Campus, Health Services Portable
    Friday, Oct. 1, from 9 a.m. to noon
    Friday, Oct. 8, from 9 a.m. to noon

The Health Center is not a Medicare provider and is not able to bill insurance plans. Anyone wishing to receive a shot must be 18 years of age or older. For more information call (415) 485-9458.

Upcoming Events

Intensive English Program field trip to Angel Island
College of Marin students and faculty are invited to attend a field trip to Angel Island Wednesday, Sept. 29, 2010, at 9:45 a.m. Students in the Intensive English Program (IEP) and Credit International Students are especially encouraged to attend. The group will meet at the Angel Island-Tiburon Ferry located at 21 Main Street, Tiburon, 94920. Cost is $20.50 (includes $13.50 ferry ride and $7 guided tour); due by Tuesday, Sept. 28, 2010. It is recommended that you wear comfortable walking shoes, and bring a bag lunch, jacket, money for parking, and a camera. Each person attending must also bring the completed emergency contact form. Forms are available by e-mail or in person from Linda Hyland or Sara Oser.

Directions to the Tiburon Ferry: Take the Mill Valley/Tiburon exit off Highway 101 and follow the road to Tiburon. The least expensive parking lot is on your left as you come into town. It’s about a 15-minute walk to the dock. Allow enough time to get to the ferry. Parking is $4.

For more information contact Sara Oser at sara.oser@marin.edu; (415) 883-2211 ext. 8579 or Linda Hyland at linda.hyland@marin.edu (415) 883-2211 ext. 8578.

Dental Assisting Department Food Sale
This Thursday, Sept. 30, the Dental Assisting Department will host a food sale from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Learning Center Quad. All proceeds will go toward fees for students taking the state dental board exams.
Transfer Day
The College of Marin will be holding its Annual Transfer Day on Thursday, Sept. 30, 2010, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Student Services Building dining area. This event is a great opportunity for students, parents, academic advisors, and the community to meet representatives from four-year California colleges, universities, private colleges and out-of-state institutions and get their questions answered about the institution, admissions, housing, financial aid, and the general transfer process.

Contact the Transfer/Career Center at (415) 485-9671 or e-mail transfercenter@marin.edu for more information.

UC/CSU Application Workshops
The application filing period is just around the corner. Please encourage students planning on transferring to a four-year university fall 2011 to take the opportunity and attend any of the following workshops to help them with their personal statements and applications. Contact Emy Bagtas at (415) 485-9671 for additional information.

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Leave them Laughing at the Mill Valley Film Festival
The documentary film about former College of Marin Drama Professor Carla Zilbersmith, Leave them Laughing, will make its U.S. premiere at the Mill Valley Film Festival. There will be two screenings; Sunday, Oct. 10, at 7 p.m. and Tuesday, Oct. 12. At 8:30 p.m. Carla’s son Maclen Zilber will be present on Oct. 10 and Director John Zaritsky and Producer Montana Berg will be present both evenings. For ticket information go to http://mvff2010.inticketing.com/filmlist.php.
Performing Arts

Golden Vocals—Singer’s Choice Recital
Advanced Voice Class
Linda Noble Brown, instructor
Wednesday, Sept. 29, 11:10 a.m.
Lefort Recital Hall (FA 72)
835 College Ave.
Kentfield, CA 94904
Free admission
Parking $3

Ma Rainey’s Black Bottom
By August Wilson
Directed by W. Allen Taylor
September 30 is a pay-what-you-will preview at 8 p.m.
October 1, 2, 8, 9, 15, and 16 at 8 p.m.
October 10 and 17 at 2 p.m.
Fine Arts Theatre
835 College Ave.
Kentfield, CA 94904
$20 general, $10 for students, seniors, COM employees, and alumni

The play that initiated Wilson’s ten-play series about the African-American experience in America in the 20th Century; this brilliant and explosive piece will keep you riveted in your seat! It’s 1927, and the Jazz Age is in full swing. Set in a run-down recording studio in Chicago, Ma Rainey’s Black Bottom is funny, salty, and carnal and opens a scathing window into repression, racism, and the exploitation of black artists by whites. Don’t miss this iconic piece by one of America’s foremost Pulitzer Prize-winning playwrights.

Parking Information
Due to construction at College of Marin parking availability is reduced. Performances may be accessed by using Parking Lot 16 after 5pm (at the corner of Sir Francis Drake Boulevard and Laurel Avenue) and Parking Lot 2 (across Sir Francis Drake Boulevard, accessed via traffic signaled crosswalk.) Additional parking across campus can be accessed via College Avenue. On weekdays and Monday through Thursday evenings, please park in student parking only. There is very limited disabled parking behind the Fine Arts Building in the remaining vestiges of Parking Lot 4. Daily parking passes may be purchased from the machines in Parking Lot 2 for $3. Parking for events on Friday evenings, Saturdays, and Sundays is free.
Ongoing Events

COM Athletics
Men’s Soccer vs. San Santa Rosa College
   Tuesday, Sept. 28, 4 p.m. in Kentfield
Men’s Soccer vs. Merritt College
   Friday, Oct. 1, 4 p.m. in Kentfield

Women’s Soccer vs. College of the Sequoias
   Tuesday, Sept. 28, 2010, 3:30 p.m. in Visalia
Women’s Soccer vs. Contra Costa College
   Friday, Oct. 1, 2 p.m. in Kentfield

Women’s Volleyball vs. Solano College
   Wednesday, Sept. 29, 6 p.m. in Kentfield
Women’s Volleyball vs. Contra Costa College
   Friday, Oct. 1, 6 p.m. in San Pablo

Results
Men’s Soccer
   Sept. 21: COM 3, San Francisco City College 2
   Sept. 24: Contra Costa College 3, COM 1

Women’s Soccer
   Sept. 21: COM 1, San Joaquin Delta College 0

Women’s Volleyball

Have a great week,

A.J. Harrison II
Superintendent/President