



Skyline Shines

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I am sending out *Skyline Shines* early this week because I will be away on Thursday and Friday.

Cafeteria gets new name

Nearly 1000 people participated in our online poll concerning the new name for the cafeteria. The clear winner was "Sky Café."

Building 7 health issues update

The San Mateo County Community College District (District) on September 6, 2006 requested that The Denali Group (Denali) conduct an indoor air quality (IAQ) survey of Building 7 in response to potential IAQ concerns expressed by some Building 7 occupants. Here are their conclusions (the executive summary is attached):

1. The IAQ parameters in Building 7 were found to be well within the IAQ parameters established by ASHRAE for temperature, relative humidity, carbon dioxide and carbon monoxide.
2. The sample analytical results do not indicate the presence of any VOCs or formaldehyde, which exceeded or even approached established CAL/OSHA PELs. The VOCs detected were in the very low part per billion range or "Not Detected" which is significantly lower than the Permissible Exposure Limits.
3. The measured indoor air quality parameters and chemical concentrations in Building 7 represent an acceptable indoor air quality as defined by the American Society of Heating Refrigeration and Air-conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE).
4. The measured indoor air quality parameters and chemical concentrations are consistent with other office and college educational building environments evaluated by Denali.

Lady Trojans win their first game

Two great things happened on last Wednesday night: we celebrated the renovated Gym with a ribbon cutting. And our brand new women's basketball team won their season opener 72-44 over Cabrillo College.

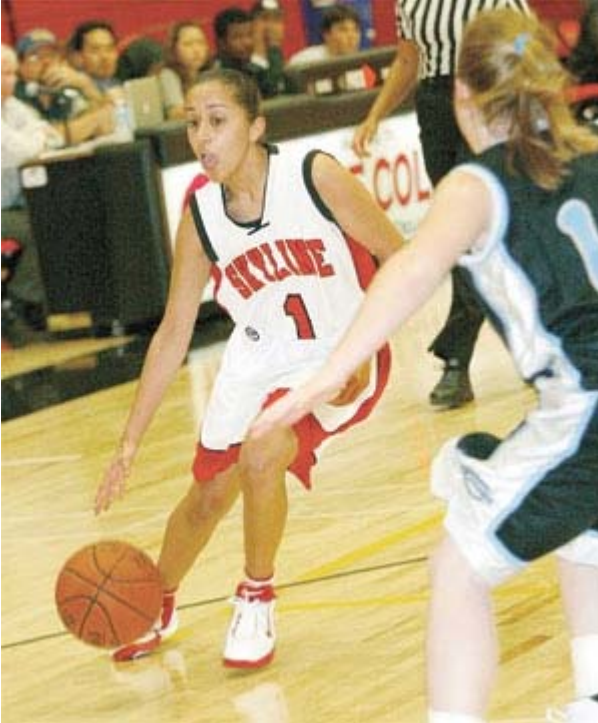


Photo by Richard Batman, San Mateo Daily Journal, November 9

Job Fair

More than 70 representatives from 35 companies attended Skyline's Holiday Job Fair on Wednesday, November 8. Employers from as far away as Southern California were on hand to meet with students to talk about employment opportunities. Students were invited to bring copies of their resumes, dress professionally and be ready for a job interview. The job fair was coordinated by Career Center Coordinator Virginia Padron, Counseling Aide Natalia Chavez, Transfer Center Assistant Gunilla Harshman as well as student assistants.



"American Blackout: Take a Stand!" October 27

Skyline hosted the showing and discussion of the film "American Blackout: Take a Stand!" on Friday, October 27. The political documentary, directed by Guerrilla News Network's Ian Inaba, won the 2006 Sundance Special Jury Prize and *LA Weekly* writes that it is "One of the most important political [documentaries] of the last several years." The event was sponsored by the Adewole Project, Black Student Union and ASTEP and funded by the President's Innovation Fund. Here are some of the Skyline faculty and students with Ian Inaba.



First Year Experience update

Following a successful launch in September, 2006, the Foundations of Excellence in the First Year experience project (FYE) is now in full swing. Faculty, staff, students, and administrators who have volunteered to serve on various dimension committees have begun their work. Dimension committees have been having conversations focusing on philosophy, organization, learning, campus culture, transitions, all students, diversity, roles and purposes, and improvement. They describe these conversations as engaged, energetic, honest, reflective, instructive and, most of all, full of possibilities and ideas for developing a comprehensive and integrated plan for our first year students. For those who didn't get a chance to attend the launch meeting, I invite you to view the wonderful introductory video that was written and produced by Rachel Bell and Lucia Lachmayr, in collaboration with their students (<http://www.smccd.edu/accounts/skytlc/fye.htm>). It's not too late to join any of the dimension committees. If you are interested, please contact Rachel Bell, Lucia Lachmayr, Jacquie Escobar, Regina Stroud, Cathy Hasson, or Lori Adrian.

Lies....or imagination

The student exhibit of art, photography, ceramics and sculpture for this semester is now open, through November 30. We enjoyed the Artists' Reception last Thursday night and the fascinating, varied and accomplished student work. Be sure to give it a visit!

College Council update for November 15 meeting:

1. **ASSC update:** Luis Padilla, ASSC President, reported on the ASSC activities for the Children's Center for Halloween.
2. **Accreditation update:** Ray Hernandez, Accreditation Steering Committee Co-Chair, reported on work on the second draft of the self-study, due December 1.
3. **Review of proposed Vision and Mission statements:** Cathy Hasson, Director of Planning, Research and Institutional Effectiveness, reported that the Institutional Planning Committee (IPC) had approved a new draft of the vision and mission statements. The Standard I writing team then recommended that the college include some input from the community on the new draft. That will be done through the President's Council, which will be meeting at the end of the month. Any revisions will then be considered by the IPC, and then come to the College Council for review. Members will take the new draft to their constituent groups, and the Council will take final action in early winter.
4. **Employee Voice Survey results:** Cathy Hasson reviewed the highlights of the Employee Voice Survey. She reported that she had provided two college-wide workshops on the findings as well as a detailed report to the Institutional Planning Committee. The results of the survey are available on the college website at <http://www.smccd.edu/accounts/skypro/home.html>. Look under recent reports. Hard copies will be provided to the accreditation writing teams shortly.
5. **Educational and Facilities Master Planning Project update:** Vicki Morrow reported on the Open Forum held yesterday and the ongoing work on the bridging documents for the college's new buildings, gateway entrances, roadways and parking, all of which are part of the Design Build project which will go out to bid in about February.
6. **Proposal for merger of the Health and Safety Committee and the Emergency Response Committee:** After discussion, the Council agreed not to proceed with the merger at this time. Instead, the membership structure of the two committees will be revised to ensure that appropriate overlap between the members will be ensured and to provide for a role for the Security Chief on the Health and Safety Committee.
7. **Update on the selection of a name for the "No Name Café":** Vicki reported that "Sky Café" was the winner in the recent online poll.
8. **Plans for SEED's diversity days April 18-19, 2006:** "Who Are We – Fascinating Rhythms". Carla reported that a letter will be coming from her shortly to all faculty concerning the book selected as a focus for the event, James McBride's "The Color of Water."
9. **District Shared Governance Committee update:** Luis Padilla reported on the discussion of student email addresses and their use for a periodic newsletter from the college on matters related primarily to admissions and records. It will include links to other information which may be of interest to students. The Vice President for Students at each college will be responsible for oversight of the contents.
10. **Next meeting:** December 6

Do you have an item for *Skyline Shines*?

If you do, just email me about it. Thanks.

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- The Chancellor's Office in Sacramento: <http://www.cccco.edu/>
- The Community College League of California: <http://www.ccleague.org/>
- The Research and Planning Group: <http://www.rpgroup.org/>

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