

## **Skyline Shines**

Victoria P. Morrow, President December 8, 2006

#### Preview tour of Buildings 6 and 7A on Monday

This is just a reminder of the preview tour of Buildings 6 and 7A on Monday at 3:30, for anyone who is interested.

You are invited to take a 'Preview Tour' of Building 6 & 7A on Monday, December 11th at 3:30 pm.

The tour group will meet at the fence gate in the Quad at 3:25 pm. For your safety, please wear sturdy, closed-toe, hard-soled shoes and long pants, if possible.

#### What's coming for renovation of the center of the campus

The central areas of campus between Buildings 1, 2 and 6, and the stairway leading up to Buildings 7 and 8 will be renovated starting in mid-spring semester, with completion planned for early August, in advance of the fall semester. Our Educational and Facilities Master Planning Task Force and our Art on Campus Task Force have seen earlier versions of this plan, and they will get a detailed briefing in January. But for now, I thought everyone might like to see a couple of schematics, which are attached.

#### **Bookstore reminder**

In order to successfully complete the move to Building 6 (Student Support & Community Service Center) during Winter Break, Skyline Bookstore will be closed from December 16 - Jan 15. This means that students will be unable to purchase their course materials *in the store* prior to the first day of the Spring semester on January 16.

To accommodate those students who would like to purchase their course materials prior to the beginning of the Spring semester, the Bookstore website began accepting orders for Spring 2007 on December 1 with orders shipping to students starting December 18, 2006. Students may purchase their Spring 2007 books with the Skyline Bookstore link in WebSMART or from the Bookstore's website directly, <a href="http://bookstore.SkylineCollege.edu">http://bookstore.SkylineCollege.edu</a>.

If you need to contact the bookstore while we are moving to Building 6, please contact them via Tom Bauer, Director of Auxiliary Services (<a href="mailto:bauert@smccd.edu">bauert@smccd.edu</a> or 650-358-6782) or email the bookstore at <a href="mailto:skylinebookstore@smccd.edu">skylinebookstore@smccd.edu</a>. The Bookstore phones will not be reliable during this period.

#### Viva la Accreditation!

Thanks to Ray Hernandez, Donna Bestock and all of the accreditation Steering Committee and the writing teams for their efforts to complete a thorough and candid self study report. The barbecue last Friday marked an important milestone as the second draft is pulled together in preparation for sharing it with the college as a whole. There was even chocolate!





(Photos by Roxanne Brewer)

#### Summer schedule for 2007

There will be some changes to the summer schedule for 2007, partly as a result of the negotiated calendar and partly due to an examination of our summer experience last summer. The new calendar will cause the fall term to begin a week later, creating a one week gap between the end of the summer session and the beginning of the fall semester. In addition we have made some schedule refinements to the summer schedule, including the fact that there will generally not be Friday classes. We are working now on how we want to schedule the various services that students will need. If you have ideas or suggestions about that, please pass them to your supervisor.

#### Book for diversity days' program this spring

Faculty received a letter from Carla Campillo and Rosie Bell recently (attached), on behalf of SEEED. SEEED members are Lori Adrian, Linda Allen, Rosie Bell, Amory Cariadus, John Chavez, Donna Elliott, Melissa Komadino, Vicki Morrow, and Richard Soyombo. This was the message from Carla and Rosie:

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With the assistance of the Academic Senate, the SEEED Committee has also chosen a book that emphasizes our diversity. <u>The Color of Water</u> by James McBride, is about a black man's tribute to his white Jewish mother.

We would like for you to consider adopting this book for your class. Even if your course isn't a writing course per se, we hope you would be willing to assign it for extra credit. On the back of this page is an example of an extra credit, or "Bank Assignment" that might fit your needs. We would like to encourage you to participate in this event. If you have any questions please contact Rosie Bell at 650 738-4213, or via email at bellro@smccd.edu.

Thanks for giving it a thought.

#### Keep Skyline beautiful

The Phi Theta Kappa International Service Project is Keep America Beautiful. To work towords that goal, our Phi Theta Kappans picked up cigarette butts on campus and sponsored a contest for Skyline students to guess the number of butts collected in one afternoon. Four contest winners received \$24 Borders gift cards. Our Phi Theta Kappa chapter gave out pocket ashtrays the day of the contest. The correct answer was that over 2000 cigarette butts were picked up in that one afternoon.





(Photos by Christine Case)

# New Phi Theta Kappa members

Each semester our Phi Theta Kappa chapter hosts an induction ceremony for new members. This November, 43 Skyline students were inducted into the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society. They were welcomed into Phi Theta Kappa by Chancellor Galatolo.



(Photos by Christine Case)

## **Automotive Ribbon Cutting**

The Automotive faculty, staff and students have been on a truly wild ride during the renovation of their facilities—a ride that involved big changes in their instruction schedule and adapting to many challenges. They have won through to the other side of all that and are enjoying the beautiful upgraded classrooms and shops along with many invisible improvements such as seismic upgrading. Congratulations to Margery Meadows, Rick Escalambre, Tom Broxholm, Jerry Ciraolo, Perry Dair, Dan Ming, Alex Pfaeffle, Clydie Rizzo, Don Ross, Paul Spakowski and Kevin Sullivan, and to the adjunct faculty and the students of the program. Thanks to the staff from the district, Swinerton and John Plane Construction for their heroic efforts to bring it all together. The program held its usual holiday luncheon in conjunction with a ribbon cutting last Tuesday in beautiful sunshine, as you can see.





(Photos by Shelly Hausman)

# College Council update for meeting of December 6

- 1. ASSC update: ASSC completed a successful food drive. They have a nearly full complement of Senators with only a couple of vacant seats. They are moving their regular meetings to Wednesdays from 4-6 pm to accommodate student schedules and to ensure member availability to serve on college wide committees.
- 2. Accreditation update: Everyone enjoyed the barbecue celebration last week and the writing teams are wrapping up their second drafts. It will be published for college wide feedback early in the spring semester.
- 3. Review of proposed Vision and Mission statements: The draft has been reviewed by all of the shared governance groups including the President's Council, and their suggestions have been incorporated. This last version will now return one last time to the Academic Senate, Classified Senate and ASSC, and will come back to the February meeting of the College Council for final action and forwarding to the Board of Trustees.

- **4. Educational and Facilities Master Planning Project update:** Vicki updated the group on plans for the renovation of the central part of campus and indicated that later this week there would be more details available about the timing for the work. She said she would include information in *Skyline Shines*. (See above.)
- **Plans for SEED's diversity days April 18-19, 2006:** Rosie Bell, diversity coordinator, briefed the Council on plans for the spring event entitled "Who Are We Fascinating Rhythms". (See the item above in this edition of *Skyline Shines* related to the book, <u>The Color of Water.)</u>
- 6. District Shared Governance Committee update: Carla Campillo reviewed the items discussed at the recent meeting of the District Shared Governance Committee: the district budget and projections, accreditation and the creation of the functional map required by the accrediting commission, the district mission statement and a possible revision to it, building naming and a proposed revision to the board's rules and regulations concerning gifts and donations, and the inclusion of students on hiring committees for positions which have a significant effect on students.
- 7. Next meeting: January 24

### Coming up

#### Friday, December 8

- Jazz and Concert Band Concert, 7:30 p.m., Main Theatre
- Women's Basketball at Merritt College, 8 p.m.
- Men's Basketball, Skyline Classic, Skyline plays at 6 p.m.
- Child Development Center Annual Holiday Potluck and 10th Anniversary Gala Celebration, 5:30-8 p.m., Bldg. 2 Cafeteria.
- Psychology 268: "Explorations in Culture and Mind Series XI," 11:15 a.m. and 11:35 a.m., Room 2309.

#### Saturday, December 9

- Men's Basketball, Skyline Classic, TBA
- Women's Basketball at Merritt College, TBA
- Final Examinations Through Dec. 15
- Winter Serenade- Concert Choir, 7:30 p.m., 1220A Linda Mar Blvd., Pacifica.

#### Sunday, December 10

- Men's Basketball, Skyline Classic, TBA
- Women's Basketball at Merritt College, TBA

#### Monday, December 11

Final Examinations Through Dec. 15

## Tuesday, December 12

Women's Basketball vs. Lassen College, at Skyline, 4 p.m.

#### Wednesday, December 13

 Biomanufacturing Certificate Program Completion Ceremony, 6 p.m., Gallery Theatre

#### Friday, December 15

- Women's Basketball vs. Shasta College, at Skyline, 6 p.m.
- Day and Evening Classes/Finals End

#### Saturday, December 16

Men's Basketball at Sierra College, 5 p.m.

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For more on this week's events, see the event calendar at <a href="https://www.smccd.net/accounts/skypio/calendar.html">www.smccd.net/accounts/skypio/calendar.html</a>
To add events to the calendar, visit <a href="https://www.smccd.net/accounts/skypio/events.html">www.smccd.net/accounts/skypio/events.html</a>

### Do you have an item for Skyline Shines?

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

## For state level information on community colleges, see these websites:

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

**Skyline Shines** is archived at <a href="http://www.skylinecollege.edu/skynotes/">http://www.skylinecollege.edu/skynotes/</a>.



# Fascinating Rhythms...you got me on the go!

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Thanks for taking the time to read this letter.

Carla Campillo,
President, Academic Senate

Rosie Bell Diversity Coordinator, SEEED

November 13, 2006

# **BANK**

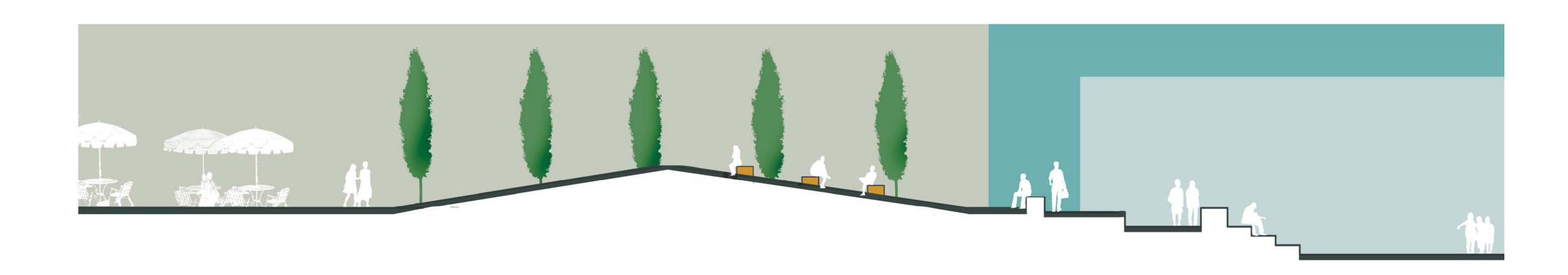
"Bank" works this way. You earn up to \_\_\_\_\_\_ (your choice) in your bank savings account. At the end of the semester, points can be withdrawn to offset test scores. To earn bank points you can read a thought provoking and poignant book, <u>The Color of Water, A Black Man's Tribute to His White Mother</u> by James McBride. Here's a little excerpt:

James McBride grew up one of twelve siblings in the all-black housing projects of Red Hook, Brooklyn, the son of a black minister and a woman who would not admit she was white. The object of McBride's constant embarrassment, and his continuous fear for her safety, his mother was an inspiring figure, who through sheer force of will saw her dozen children through college. McBride was an adult before he discovered the truth about his mother: the daughter of a failed itinerant Orthodox rabbi in rural Virginia, she had run away to Harlem, married a black man, and founded an all-black Baptist church in her living room in Red Hook. In this remarkable memoir, she tells in her own words the story of her past. Around her narrative, James McBride has written a powerful portrait of growing up, and a meditation on race and identity. (Penguin Group USA).

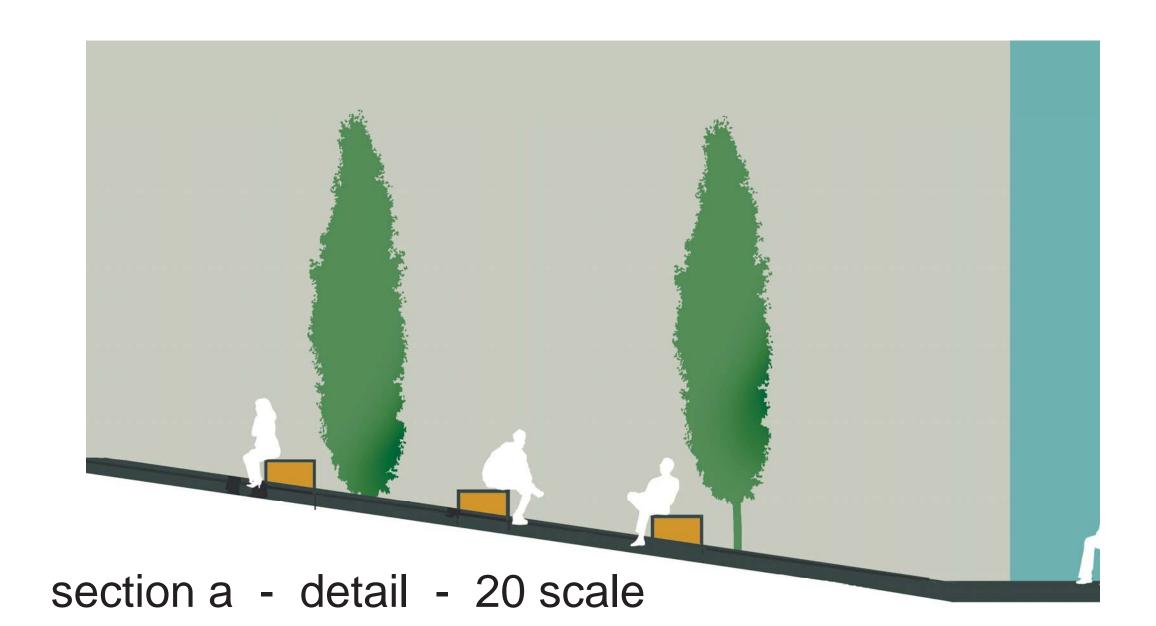
In essay form answer any two of the following questions:

- 1. Discuss Ruth McBride's refusal to reveal her past and how that influenced her children's sense of themselves and their place in the world. How has your knowledge—or lack thereof—about your family background shaped your own self-image? Use references to the book.
  - 2. The McBride children's struggle with their identities led each to his or her own "revolution." Is it also possible that that same struggle led them to define themselves through professional achievement? What has been your own "revolution?"
- 3. Several of the McBride children became involved in the civil rights movement. Do you think that this was a result of the times in which they lived, their need to belong to a group that lent them a solid identity, or a combination of these factors? Has discrimination or prejudice against your family or yourself pushed you to become involved in social justice issues?
- 4. While reading the book, were you curious about how Ruth McBride Jordan's remarkable faith had translated into the adult lives of her children? Do you think that faith is something that can be passed on from one generation to the next or do you think that faith that is instilled too strongly in children eventually causes them to turn away from it? Use personal experiences. (Penguin Group, USA)





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Skyline College

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