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The college's spring break will occur from March 17-21. Classes will not be in session, but the college will be open and the hours of particular offices are provided via a button on the front page of our website at <http://www.skylinecollege.edu/>. The next edition of *Skyline Shines* will be published on March 28.

Design Build Project update

We held an Open Forum on the project on January 30, at which we evaluated the ideas for bringing the budget and scope of the project into alignment and discussed other possibilities. We then worked to reach a final decision on exactly how to revise the project to make it affordable but as close to our dreams as possible. A couple of critical things occurred during this process. One is that we learned that we could continue to use some of the portable buildings behind the Gym. The other is that the Physical Education, Athletics and Dance Division (PEAD) came forward with a radical proposal: they offered to withdraw the PEAD functions from Building 4N, leaving that space for Cosmetology, the Multicultural Center and administrative offices. What they requested in order for that approach to work is that they be able to utilize a couple of the portable buildings for some critical functions, and that we make some other modifications to Building 3 to support the most urgent needs for their programs. In addition, they requested that facilities for Sports Medicine, Pilates, Yoga and a Fitness Center be part of the planning for the next wave of building at the college should either new bond funds or state funds become available.

With the important changes just noted, it was possible to map out the final project. On February 27, the Board of Trustees approved a contract with Hensel Phelps Construction Company. The key features of the plan are now these:

- **Building 4N** (next to the Library and the Gym) will be smaller, and will include Cosmetology, the Multicultural Center and the Administrative space as well as three new large and five new medium classrooms (not counting Cosmetology's 2 medium and 1 large classroom). The building is being designed so that it leaves open part of the view from the Library second floor out to the athletic fields and to the horizon beyond. Part of that open roof will be finished as a public terrace for the college to use as an outdoor gathering space when weather permits. The building design will still be roughly L-shaped but simpler than in the original proposal we saw in December. The walkway from the parking lots on the north side of campus will be between Buildings 4N and 5.
- **Building 11N**, the new Automotive building, will be smaller but we expect it to include the most critical needs of the program. It will be relocated to a flatter site, and the design will be worked out in consultation with the program faculty and staff.
- **The loop road** will be rerouted as recommended to go around the new parking areas on the north side of the campus.
- **Quad redesign:** The main quad areas between Buildings 1, 2, 6, 7 and 8, including the stairs and the disabled access will be redesigned.
- **Gateway entrances:** The two entrances to the college from Skyline Boulevard and Sharp Park Road will be marked much more clearly and re-landscaped.
- **Improved signage and wayfinding information:** This work will be done on the new buildings and on some of the outdoor areas as well.
- **Other infrastructure work:** The project will include some important but less visible work such as boiler replacement.

Here is the current rough timeline for the project:

March-December 2008	Design work takes place, including meetings in the early months with building user groups and Educational and Facilities Master Plan Project Task Force
Spring 2009	Ground breaking for new facilities
Building 11N, Spring 2010	Completion of new facility
Building 4N, Spring 2011	Completion of new facility

The more detailed background briefing is available on our website, updated to include this latest information. You can get to it via the front page, or at <http://www.skylinecollege.edu/skynotes/>, which is our Faculty and Staff page, under Educational and Facilities Master Planning.

Gallery theater shows Women’s Caucus for Art exhibit

The Gallery Theatre is currently exhibiting a variety of artwork from the Women's Caucus for Art--Peninsula Chapter. The Women's Caucus for Art, founded in 1972 in connection with the College Art Association (CAA), is a national member organization unique in its multi-disciplinary, multicultural membership of artists, art historians, students, educators, and museum professionals. Their website is at <http://www.nationalwca.org/>. The exhibit opened with a reception on Saturday, March 1, at the *Women on Writing WOW!* conference. Hours for the exhibit are: Monday-Wednesday, noon- 4 p.m. and Tuesday-Thursday, 2-4 p.m. through April 14. Other hours by arrangement.



Schedule for Fall Flex Days mirrors last year

Our Fall Flex Day format has been discussed in College Council and within the constituent groups. Here is our plan: the district-wide event will be held as usual on the first morning (Thursday, August 14), with our college-wide meeting on the second morning (Friday, August 15). Later that same morning will be the meetings of the Academic Senate and the Classified Council. We will have our own college-wide luncheon on that Friday. Division meetings and faculty/staff professional development activities will be held during the afternoons of the two days. There will be coordination among the divisions about the best time slot for the division meetings, with the idea that most or all of them will be at the same time, thus freeing people up to participate in other Flex workshops. We will work out the exact schedule this spring, but these are the broad brush strokes for now.

8th President’s Breakfast to be held April 1

This is one last reminder about the annual President’s Breakfast sponsored by the President’s Council to raise funds for the President’s Innovation Fund. About 300 people attended last year and enjoyed seeing the annual video of our Innovation Projects, hearing a couple of students speak and sharing breakfast. College faculty and staff are welcome to join the many community members who come to support the college. Please call 738-4325 to register. The breakfast is complimentary.

8th Annual Complimentary President's Breakfast

Tuesday, April 1
7:30 a.m.

South San Francisco
Conference Center

RSVP to 738-4325



Teachers Teaching Teachers (Three-T) to be launched

Taking advantage of all the resources we have here at Skyline, we have established a place where faculty can share successful basic skills lessons with other faculty from across the disciplines. There will be 3 meetings with teachers presenting 30-minute lessons. Participants attending the 3-meeting series will be paid \$100 and presenting teachers will receive \$50 per lesson. The meeting dates are on Mondays 2-4 pm in Room 1124 on March 24, April 21 and May 19. To sign up contact Rachel Bell: bellr@smccd.edu, ext. 4349.



Skyline's MESA students celebrate National Engineers' Week

Students from Skyline College's MESA (Mathematics, Engineering and Science Achievement) Program and Student Chapter of the Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers visited two middle schools last week to send a message to up-and-coming youth: *Engineers change the world, save lives, protect the earth, and make a world of difference.* Computer engineering students Leo Szeto introduced students to the basics of software engineering by demonstrating a self-made video game. Luis Bill demonstrated mechanical engineering by presenting a differential drive robot he assembled. Andre Green gave students a ride on a hover board made of household items. Students Margarita Gutierrez and Cristina Urista both volunteer weekly at the two afterschool programs, Youth Adelante and Science Corps, both programs that focus on math enrichment and skill building for middle school students in 7th and 8th grades at Garfield Charter in Menlo Park and Parkway Middle School in South San Francisco. Students pictured in the group shot are L to R: Cristina Urista, Rystian Cabellen, Luis Bill, Michelle De Mesa, Leo Szeto, Jack Torres, Andre Green, Kyle Garrone, Margarita Gutierrez, Tiffany Reardon (Director), and Marcus Wong. The second picture is of Andre Green and Kyle Garrone demonstrating a hover board made of household items to students at Garfield Charter School in Menlo Park. The third one is a joyful child trying it out!



Photos by Claudia Leon

Principal for a Day at Belle Aire Elementary School

I had the pleasure of serving as Principal for a Day at Belle Aire Elementary School in San Bruno this Wednesday. It is a public Kindergarten through 6th grade school of about 450 students, part of the San Bruno Park Elementary School District. I shadowed Principal Claire Beltrami, visited many classes at all grade levels, and I saw some phenomenal teaching going on. I also got to visit with students, and one of them told me her mother had been a Skyline student and how much she had enjoyed it. It was a great look at our future students and a chance to get to know some fine educational colleagues.

Wong promotes Skyline to students in China

James Wong participated in the grand opening of Gaoming Wuhuan Xue, a vocational school in the Gaoming District of the city of Foshan, China. The school focuses on a business program, a sports management program for individual athletes and teams, protection and security, and a future English-language instructional program, which will be overseen by James. The vocational school set up an informal informational center for Skyline College. The local press media and television, as well as a national magazine, covered the opening, where James gave a speech in English, which was translated into the local language by a former Skyline College student living in the area. James also met with and began discussions with the local governmental bureau for "Foreign and Overseas Chinese Affairs" about opening up more informational centers about Skyline College. With a population of 400,000, Gaoming is one of five districts for the city of Foshan, a "small" and historical city with a population of six million. Here is James with two official greeters and a familiar banner.



Institutional Planning Committee (IPC) update

The Institutional Planning Committee (IPC) met on Wednesday, March 12th from 2:00-4:00 for its monthly meeting. The meeting included updates on the Design/Build Project, the Website Redesign Q-Sort activities, and the District Strategic Planning process. The IPC also began its annual review of the Skyline College Balanced Scorecard which serves as the institutional-level performance indicator report. Finally, the IPC participated in a discussion on the 2008 state-wide accountability report, ARCC, which features seven college-level indicators of student performance and a comparison of Skyline to other California colleges.

Coming Up ...

Friday, March 14

- Hermanos Leadership Retreat through March 16

Saturday, March 15

- Expanding Your Horizons Conference, all day, Bldg 3
- Baseball at City College of SF, noon
- Badminton, Preseason at Mission, 10 a.m.

March 17-23

- Spring Recess

Tuesday, March 18

- Baseball at Sacramento City, 2 p.m.

Thursday, March 20

- Baseball vs. Sacramento City at Skyline, 2 p.m.

You can see the event calendar at www.smccd.net/accounts/skypio/calendar.html

To add events to the calendar, visit www.smccd.net/accounts/skypio/events.html

Do you have a suggestion?

One way to submit it is through our e-Suggestion Box, via the hyperlink in the box below, or via the same box on the front page of our website at <http://www.skylinecollege.edu/>.



For our Web Site Redesign Project, please log in your suggestions and concerns in the "Web Site Redesign Project eSuggestion Box", also on <http://www.skylinecollege.edu/> or click the box below.



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

- 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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