



**Victoria P. Morrow, President**

March 6, 2009

### **Update on our construction plans**

I have posted on our website the latest edition of my periodic construction update. This version of the briefing is updated since the October 2008 edition. The title has been changed to include projects outside of the Design Build project scope and to reflect recent changes in the fiscal resources available to the district. It is entitled *Skyline College Capital Improvement Project Briefing* and it is located with the prior editions at <http://www.skylinecollege.edu/facstaff/PresidentsOffice/>.

Here is a synopsis: A number of challenges are confronting the college this spring related to funding available for our projects:

- The state's decision to delay the facilities bond initiative originally slated for the November 2008 ballot and to start over with the ranking of projects means that our district lost approval for funding, and the funding source, for some projects we had planned. At Skyline this affected our plans for Building 2 (third floor) and for Building 1 (the Theater renovation).
- The general fiscal crisis which led to the Lehman Brothers collapse affected our district because about \$21 million of our bond money was invested (as required by law) in the county treasury, and it, in turn, was invested in Lehman Brothers.
- There are always unforeseen challenges which arise in the course of construction (such as structural issues, soil and water management issues), and some of those have affected the resources available too.

As a result, we must establish sequencing priorities among the many important projects on the table, as well as continue to seek state resources for projects that match their funding criteria. That work is underway. The projects for which we need funding and for which there are extremely limited resources are these:

- Building 1 Theater renovation
- Building 1 renovation of floors 1, 2 and 3
- Building 2 floor 3 modernization: expansion of Student Services One Stop and other services (state funding was requested but the request was not successful)
- Building 5 renovation
- Loma Chica renovation to accommodate the Child Development Center
- Demolition of Pacific Heights (once we have finished using it for swing space) to allow for more parking space

We are working with the budget right now to attempt to identify what we should do most urgently and what will need to wait. There are also other projects for which we are making funding proposals to the state, including the two Building 1 projects above, the building 5 project, the Fitness Center project (which was deleted from our Design Build project), demolition of Pacific Heights (deleted from our Design Build project), and a Workforce and Economic Development Prosperity Center (much of which was in a building originally slated for the Design Build project). Meanwhile, the Building 4N and 11N projects are funded and are proceeding on schedule.

**Faculty and staff are key in getting the word out to students about scholarship opportunities**

Skyline College Institutional Scholarships are now available online:  
<http://www.skylinecollege.edu/general/finaid/scholarships/index.html>.

**Applications are due March 13, 2009 by 2pm.**

Contact Crystal Shetaya (650) 738-7011 or email [shetayac@smccd.edu](mailto:shetayac@smccd.edu) if you have any questions.

**President's Breakfast coming on March 26**

Our annual President's Breakfast will be held on Thursday, March 26 at 7:30 am, at our usual venue—the South San Francisco Conference Center. This is the major fundraising event for the President's Innovation Fund and we expect several hundred people. Skyline faculty and staff are welcome; just RSVP to [skypresbreakfast@smccd.net](mailto:skypresbreakfast@smccd.net) if you would like to attend.

March 26, 2009  
**PRESIDENT'S BREAKFAST**

 **Dr. Victoria P. Morrow**  
*President, Skyline College*

Cordially invites you to join with the  
**Skyline College President's Council**  
for the  
***Ninth Annual President's Breakfast***  
Thursday, March 26, 2009 at 7:30 a.m.

South San Francisco Conference Center  
255 South Airport Blvd.  
South San Francisco

*The breakfast is complimentary*  
Please RSVP to (650) 738-4325 by March 23rd or  
Email [skypresbreakfast@smccd.net](mailto:skypresbreakfast@smccd.net)

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**Trojan men eliminated but women advance in State Playoffs**

Skyline College Men's Basketball team gave top ranked and undefeated Fresno City College all it could handle before falling to the host Rams by a score of 78-67 last Saturday night. The Trojans played a great defensive game holding Fresno to 15 points less than their season average. The difference in the game was at the free throw and 3-point line. Fresno converted 26 of their 31 three throw attempts and shot 10 of 26 from beyond the 3-point arc. Skyline finishes the season with an overall record of 18-14. Congratulations to Head Coach Justin Piergrossi and his team on a great season.

Skyline College Women's Basketball team traveled to Susanville and defeated the 8<sup>th</sup> seeded Lassen College Vikings by a score of 60-47 last Friday night. The Trojans fell quickly behind 9-1 in the first two minutes of play. But over the next twenty three minutes of action Skyline outscored Lassen 48-21 building a 18 point advantage with just 14 minutes remaining. After that, Skyline played stellar defense and hit some clutch free throws to thwart any hope for a Vikings comeback. Skyline was lead in scoring by Laura Zasly with 24 points.

The Trojans will next play in the Regional Finals against the City College of San Francisco Rams who are the number 1 rated community college team in all Northern California on Saturday, March 7th. Game time is scheduled for 5:30pm at City College. This game is a state playoff contest, admission will be charged with all receipts going to the California Community College Athletic Association. Prices are \$8 for adults and \$5 for students, faculty, staff, seniors and children under 12. Ticket sales will begin at 4:30P. For information regarding directions and campus maps, you can visit the City College website ([www.ccsf.edu](http://www.ccsf.edu)).



*Photos by Visual Sports*

### Artist meets with ASTEP students

During the past month we have had a wonderful exhibit of paintings by artist Stephen Namara. I hope you got a look at it. Mr. Namara also came to Skyline to meet with several of the ASTEP classes and they had the opportunity to view his work and discuss it with him. Here are Murrell Green's Counseling 100 ASTEP group and Phyllis Taylor's Speech 150 ASTEP students, listening to Mr. Namara on the right.



*Photos by Phyllis Taylor*

### Website redesign update

In response to requests, we have created an A to Z Index button on the Web site home page. The E-suggestion box is now in the Quick Links section. A quick note about the 'search' on the new Web site. The search function on the homepage and Faculty/Staff POD searches the entire Web site. Search inside each of the PODs searches within that POD, so if a high school student searches for "financial aid" they would get the financial aid information within the High School POD. The search indexes the site daily at midnight, and new pages and changes are added to the search at that time. The new Web site is a "work-in-progress," and we welcome your suggestions. Please use this link to continue to give us feedback <http://remark.smccd.edu/cgi-bin/rws4.pl?FORM=B72-WebsiteFeedbackSurveyv1>.

Today is the deadline for application for graduation this spring



#### **eSuggestion Box update—the results of your suggestions**

First of all, thanks to everyone who has submitted suggestions via our general eSuggestion Box at <http://www.skylinecollege.edu/general/surveys/index.html>. I review them consistently with my Cabinet and we determine how best to address the concerns raised. Periodically I like to provide a synopsis of the suggestions we have received and what has been done in response to them. Here are items that we received during last summer and fall and the action taken:

- **Paint the buildings a warmer color:** we are working on that, beginning with new Building 4.
- **Increase evening course offerings:** the Office of Instruction is reviewing the class schedule with this in mind.
- **Provide a bike rack:** we are working on that as part of the site improvements slated to take place over the next year.
- **Courtesy matters:** several comments either praised the courtesy of staff members or mentioned disappointment with treatment by one of us, so this is just a reminder to us all how important our interactions with students, the public and each other are.
- **Create a bus system to link the three colleges:** this will be investigated.
- **Print a hard copy Directory for the college:** this was done last fall and emailed to all staff. It is being updated now to reflect recent staffing changes and it will be posted on the Faculty and Staff Web site at <http://www.skylinecollege.edu/facstaff/fachome.html>.
- **Department office hours on the website and outgoing voice mail:** this suggestion will be discussed in the Management Council next week.
- **Speeding in the parking lots:** Our methods for deterring speeding vehicles are the posted speed limit signs, speed bumps, and the presence of Skyline Public Safety Officers. In collaboration with the San Bruno Police Department, speed trailers are strategically located on campus for brief periods of time during peak periods. Skyline Public Safety Officers are not allowed to make traffic stops on speeding vehicles, though they can discuss speeding with offenders and if the driver is a student, make a referral for student discipline. San Bruno Police Department enforces the roadways around Skyline Boulevard and College Drive. Pacifica Police Department enforces the roadways near the Sharp Park entrance.
- **Specialized courses:** we will not be able to help with a suggestion for the college to add coursework at the upper division (junior and senior) level due to our current transfer agreements and our accreditation.

- **Provide more recycling containers:** Facilities staff are always looking for ways of promoting recycling efforts on campus. In October they ordered and deployed thirty recycle containers to be placed near hallway and common area trash containers. These were in addition to those already placed in our hallways. Also, they deployed fifty recycle containers in offices and office areas with the goal of making sure 100% of offices throughout campus have a recycle container readily available. New garbage and recycle “stations” are planned to be deployed throughout campus in all hallways and common areas. In May, Building 7 will be the first see fifteen of these prototype garbage and recycling “stations.” Pending funding approval, more “stations” will start to appear in all our buildings.
- **Put trash cans next to the door in restrooms:** Facilities staff recognized this paper towel littering at our restroom entrances/exits as a problem throughout campus. In October they ordered and deployed fifty trash cans specifically for restroom entrance/exit areas. They continue to monitor the situation and hope paper towels end up in the containers and not on the floor.
- **Heat and lights on a Sunday:** Our building lighting and heating systems are controlled by a computerized management system. Lighting and heating are scheduled to be “off” on Sundays. On the particular Sunday in question, Facilities crews may have been in Building 8 cleaning and waxing the floors. They coordinate and schedule the lighting and heating system to be “on” during those periods.
- **Need for a hand rail on the new ramp between Buildings 5 and 6:** This issue has been referred to Facilities and is being investigated.
- **Sprinklers on in the quad during the day:** The construction of our new Buildings 6 and 7 resulted in the destruction of all underground sprinkler lines in our main quad area. In an effort to keep the small areas of lawn thriving, it was necessary to run hoses and some spill-off onto pavement areas may have resulted. Grounds crews will not be watering the small lawn areas in our quads this Spring/Summer season because those areas will all be under construction for landscape site improvements. All irrigation for other grass areas throughout campus is controlled by timers and only occurs two times a week during the darkness hours between 3 to 5 a.m.
- **Provide hand sanitizers throughout the campus:** this idea will be explored.
- **Fundraising suggestions:** these have been referred to the Director of Development at Skyline.

If you identify a need for service in terms of Facilities or ITS, here is the link to a simple request form on our district portal page that allows you to readily track the status of the request:

<http://www.smccd.net/accounts/portal/>.

### **New exhibit opens today in the Gallery**

The exhibit is entitled *Nature Insideout* and features works by Ronit Arnon, Eliza Barrios and Patricia K. Kelly. It will be in our Gallery Theater from today through April 3, with a reception on Thursday, March 12, from 5:30 - 7:30 pm. Current gallery hours are M-F, 1-4 pm. You can see more on the Gallery website: <http://www.smccd.edu/accounts/skygallery/>.

# nature insideout

*works by ronit arnon,  
eliza barrios  
and patricia k. kelly*

**Mar 6- Apr 3**



## Coming up...

### Friday, March 6

- Last Day to Apply for Degree-Certificate

### Saturday, March 7

- WOW! Women on Writing Conference, Building 1, 8:30-4pm
- Baseball vs. Gavilan College at Skyline, 12pm

### Tuesday, March 10

- Baseball at Ohlone College, 2pm

### Wednesday, March 11

- Flex Day, No Class

### Thursday, March 12

- Baseball vs. San Mateo College at Skyline, 2pm

### Friday, March 13

- Scholarship applications due

### Do you have a suggestion?

One way to submit it is through our general **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/general/surveys/index.html>



Here is the **Website Redesign Project e-Suggestion Box**, for feedback on the new website,



For suggestions specific to the **budget**, here is the link:



And for ideas about Skyline's **40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** celebration next year, here is the link:



**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/>

**Skyline Shines** is archived at <http://www.skylinecollege.edu/facstaff/PresidentsOffice/skyshines/>

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