



Victoria P. Morrow, President

September 18, 2009

Second Debriefing Forum held on the shooting incident

On Wednesday, we held a second Debriefing Forum on the September 2 shooting incident, this time focused on faculty, staff and administrators, and about 60 people attended. Brian Tupper, our Chief of Public Safety, reviewed the information we have at this point from the San Bruno Police Department concerning the incident, and I summarized the work being done by our Crisis Action Team concerning lessons learned from this unintended “live drill.” Then counselors Bev Muse and Liz Llamas discussed the issues which students and employees may be facing in the wake of the incident, or any traumatic incident. They distributed a number of resources and then have placed tools on our website at <http://www.skylinecollege.edu/facstaff/PIO/incident9-2-09.html>. I noted that we are not only seeking to improve the communication tools we utilized (text messaging, Emergency Announcement System, email, website) but also to add others such as electronic message boards in all of the building lobbies, phone message blasts and others. We reviewed the various experiences of members of the audience and heard additional suggestions. Linda Bertellotti once again took detailed notes on all of the issues mentioned, and our Crisis Action Team will be following upon them. As usual, our eSuggestion Box is available on the website for additional ideas, and I welcome conversations and emails as well. Thanks again to everyone for the professional and effective responses you displayed on September 2 and in the days since then. Skyline Shines in a crisis just as it does every day, thanks to the people who work here and your attitude toward students and toward our mission.

Chamber Music Concert coming to Skyline September 23

Cellist Rebecca Rust and bassoonist Friedrich Edelmann have been steadily earning favorable reviews for their adventurous programming, from premiering newly discovered works banned and destroyed by the Nazi regime to commissioning works from contemporary composers. They recently performed a concert at Old First Church in San Francisco featuring two classic trios by Beethoven and Brahms alongside the US premiere of German composer Karl Michael Komma’s “Sapphische Strophen” for bassoon, ‘cello, and piano. They will be joined on September 23 at Skyline College by Skyline faculty member and pianist Elizabeth Ingber who participated this past summer in the Aspen Music Festival and School. The program will include music by Vivaldi, Mozart, Mendelssohn, Saint-Saëns, and Otmar Mácha, and “American Ragtime” by Arthur Frackenpohl. Ms. Rust and Mr. Edelmann are pictured below.

Wednesday, September 23, 2009
Skyline Theater
11:10 am-12 noon
Free Admission



Please come sign the Building 4 beam! And other construction updates...

If your schedule permits, please come join us to sign the topmost beam of Building 4 before it is hoisted into place.



"The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams."
- Eleanor Roosevelt

"The wisest mind has something yet to learn."
- George Santayana

You are cordially invited to join us for a

Topping Off* Ceremony *for our new*

Multicultural, Cosmetology & Administration Building (Bldg. 4)

Date: Thursday, September 24

Time: 10:30 am – 11:30 am **Beam Signing**
11:30 am **Topping Off Program**

Dr. Victoria P. Morrow • *President, Skyline College*
Ron Galatolo • *Chancellor, San Mateo County Community College District*
Karen Schwarz • *President, San Mateo County Community College Board of Trustees*
Josie Glenn • *Coordinator, representing Skyline's Cosmetology Program*
Nate Nevado • *Counselor, representing Skyline's Learning Communities*
Katharine Harer • *English Professor, representing Skyline's Learning Communities*

Location: North side of campus

Parking: Park in Lots 6 or 7, and walk south on the new walkways to the ceremony/construction site

* "Topping Off" is a tradition undertaken when the major structural steel of a construction project is complete. It is celebrated by asking friends who have had a significant role in the project to sign the "last steel beam," which is then placed in the building.

Design/Build Contractor: Hensel Phelps Construction Co.
Program/Construction Manager: Swinerton Management & Consulting



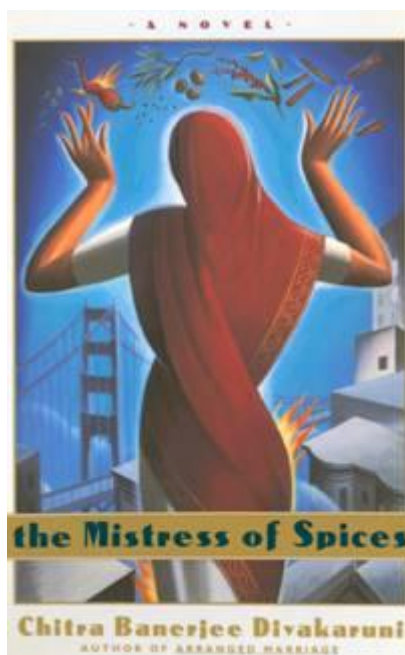
I also have an update for you on some of the other work under way on campus. The landscaping has begun, and you can see the first wave of it in parking lot 7. The irrigation for the main quads will be going in next week, followed by the planting there about October 1. The area between Buildings 2 and 5 (the walkway and stair) will be completed within about a month, and there will be a temporary pathway from there to Building 3 as well.

Public health video contest for students is announced

Here is information from the press release: Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger announced that he is challenging Californians to join in the fight against the spread of the H1N1 (swine flu) virus by entering the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) "LIGHTS, CAMERA, SAVES LIVES!" video contest. Titled the *California Department of Public Health's Film Festival*, this video contest is intended to motivate people (particularly high school and college students) to be proactive in preventing the spread of the H1N1 virus and seasonal flu. The governor has said that "This competition allows Californians to use their creative new media skills to develop innovative and effective videos that will remind all of us what steps we can take to slow the spread of both the seasonal flu and the H1N1 virus." Californians are invited to submit either a 15, 30 or 60-second video that will be judged based on creativity, message, and entertainment value and that encourage Californians to cover their cough or sneeze with a tissue or sleeve, stay home if they are sick and wash their hands often, especially after they cough or sneeze. Students could win a \$500 gift card and have their video posted on state Web sites and possibly have it used as a public service announcement on television stations statewide. **The deadline for students to submit videos is October 16, 2009.** To learn more about the contest, click on [CDPH Film Festival](#).

Attention Book Lovers!

The 2nd annual book talk with focus on Chitra Banerjee Divakaruni's *The Mistress of Spices*. The event will take place on October 14 at 1 pm in the Periodicals Browsing Area of our Library, and will include refreshments and lively discussion. Afterward, the group will move to the Library's new classroom to view the film version of *The Mistress of Spices*. The Bookstore has purchased 25 copies which are on display at the front register (25% off!). Here is a description of the tale: "The novel opens on a mythic island of women "where on our skin, the warm rain fell like pomegranate seeds" powerful spices like cinnamon, turmeric, and fenugreek whisper their secrets to young acolytes. Ordained after trial by fire, each new spice mistress is sent to a far-off land to cure the life pains of all Indian seekers, while keeping a cool distance from the mortals. Only stubborn, passionate Tilo, disguised as an old woman merchant in present-day Oakland, California, fails to heed the vengeful spices' warnings." For more information, contact Tom Hewitt at x4313 or at hewitt@smccd.edu



A beautiful view from the Skyline overlook

Nick Kapp took this stunning shot from the Skyline overlook on September 11. Here is what he had to say about it: "This is the view this morning about 7 am from the scenic overlook. A fog layer is covering Pacifica; the top of Gypsy Hill is just poking out of the layer. You can see a faint rainbow over Gypsy Hill. The townhouses on Outlook are just getting hit by the sun. A nice relaxing picture after what has gone on in the past week or so." Please join me in thanking Nick for this lovely photo.



Coming up...

Tuesday, September 22

- Women's Soccer vs. San Francisco City College, 2pm

Wednesday, September 23

- Chamber Music Concert, Theater, 11:10am-12pm
- Artist Lecture, Robert Geshilder, Gallery, 6:30-8pm

Thursday, September 24

- Topping Off Ceremony, Building 4, 10:30am

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 **40th 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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