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Victoria P. Morrow, President
February 1, 2008

African American History Month coming to Skyline with “A Celebration of Music: Africa’s Gift to the World”
The celebration will include film presentations and performances. The events are sponsored by the Black Student Union and will all be at 12:30 in the Main Theater. Here is the current array of events:

Spring 2008

**African-American
History Month**

*A Celebration of Music:
Africa's Gift to the World*

**Film Presentations &
Performances**

**Skyline College
Main Theater—Student and
Community Center**

Calendar of Events:

- **2/4** Lecture/Performance
Ed "Mohmar Polk Ngoma
12:30 pm room 6202-6204
- **2/11** Film Presentation
Beyond Beats & Rhymes
12:30 pm room 6202-6204
- **2/13** American Blackout
Film Presentation
12:30 pm Main Theater
- **2/20** R&B Jazz Performance
The Tone & New Management
12:30 pm Main Theater
- **2/27** HAIRDOO;
*Business Life Arts Culture Kids
BLACK A.P.E.S.*
12:30 pm Main Theater
- **2/29** *S. Kwaku Daddy*
12:30 pm room 6202-6204



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HAIRDOO



The Tone & New Management

Faculty door cards are flying onto the web

And once again, we have hit the 100% mark for full-time faculty having their electronic door cards available for students. That sends such an important message to students about our interest in helping them achieve their goals. Thanks to all of you for making this happen. The adjunct faculty are also posting electronic door cards—nearly 30% of them have already done so. Thanks to everyone! And thanks to Regina Stanback Stroud, the Division Deans, and Theresa Tentes for assisting faculty with this. Best wishes for a great semester.

Design Build project update

About 45 people from across the college came together Wednesday afternoon to review the status of our project, and to hear about the ideas we are exploring for closing the gap between our budget and our project scope. Dozens of suggestions and comments were offered to help shape the project. The PowerPoint presentation I used to provide a briefing on the project is available via a link on the front page of our website at <http://www.skylinecollege.edu/> under "News." It includes a summary of the feedback on the project that we have received so far via the electronic form (also on that website) and via paper forms in the Student Center. It also includes a summary of the options being considered to close the gap between our budget and the cost of the project as proposed by Hensel Phelps Construction Company, including these:

- Relocation of the two buildings to flatter sites
 - Bldg. 4N to the east toward the soccer fields
 - Bldg. 11 to the existing Auto area, possibly combining it with Bldg. 10
- Reductions in square footage of the two buildings:
 - Bldg. 4N: reduction of the square footage on the third floor to open up part of the view from the Library
 - Fitness Center modifications
 - Move Multicultural Center elsewhere
- Repurposing of existing college space for some functions
 - e.g. Part of Student Center second floor
- Simplification of landscape and hardscape

The attendees at the Open Forum discussed all of these and provided many valuable suggestions. The PowerPoint summarizes the next steps, which will include the participation of the Educational and Facilities Master Plan Project Task Force and the building user groups for both buildings as we move toward the final design.

Skyline Women's Basketball Cracks the Top 15

Skyline College women's basketball team was rated 15th in Northern California in this week's Women's Basketball California Community College Coaches Poll. The top 18 teams in Northern California qualify for the state playoffs. The team's record is 15-7 overall and 2-2 in conference. This ranking is the highest ever received by Skyline in the sport of women's basketball. Voting members of the poll are coaches and ratings are part of the criteria used in placing teams in post-season competition. Please come out this Friday and root on our women's team as they take on district rival, College of San Mateo, at 5:30 p.m. on Friday, February 1st. The women's game is the first of a double header with a men's game against Las Positas College following immediately after. Congrats to the players and coach Trisha Hosley!

MESA Program presents *Science in Action* Spring Speakers Series

Yesterday afternoon, our MESA program (Math, Engineering, Science Achievement) held the first in a series of speakers in their spring series. It was entitled "Life or Death in the Immune System" and the lecture was given by Dr. Steve Weinstein, Biology professor at San Francisco State University. He also is the Director of the Bridges to Baccalaureate Program which funds undergraduate research for community college students. Thanks to Tiffany Reardon for arranging the series. Watch for the next event in *Science in Action*.

Former Skyline Basketball Player Marques Benjamin Named National Player of the Week

Marques Benjamin (Skyline '06) was named National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) Player of the Week for Jan. 21-27. Benjamin, a 6' senior point guard from San Francisco, CA, helped Mayville State to two wins over Top 25 opponents last week and the top spot in the Dakota Athletic Conference standings. In a 103-93 win over #23 Jamestown College, Benjamin scored 23 points and recorded 11 assists. He also went a perfect 12-12 from the free throw line. One day later in a 84-80 win over #16 Valley City State Univ., he netted 24 points, 7 assists and 4 rebounds. Marques is currently averaging 7.3 assists per game, which is 2nd in the nation.

Celebrate, Reconnect and Remember with our Alumni!

Skyline, in addition to the President's Council, is hosting an Alumni Mixer from 5:30-7:00 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 21 in the Student and Community Center. We've invited our alumni to experience Skyline's warm and welcoming expanded and renovated campus! Please invite students with whom you still keep in touch and feel free to attend! To RSVP by Feb. 15 for yourself and/or alumni, please call 738-4325 or email skyalumni@smccd.edu. If you want to be sure

that a particular group of students with whom you are in contact are informed about this event, please contact Sandy Irber at Irber@smccd.edu. Here is the postcard we sent out with “then and now” photos of Skyline students in our programs.



Tipton’s “Annette Vallon” makes the best seller list

In the November 8, 2007, edition of *Skyline Shines*, I mentioned that adjunct faculty member James Tipton had just had his historical novel, “Annette Vallon”: A Novel of the French Revolution,” published by HarperCollins. Now it has appeared in last Sunday’s *San Francisco Chronicle* Book Review section as the #10 book on the Best Seller list for the Bay Area. Please join me in congratulating him. Meanwhile, I am thoroughly enjoying the book myself.

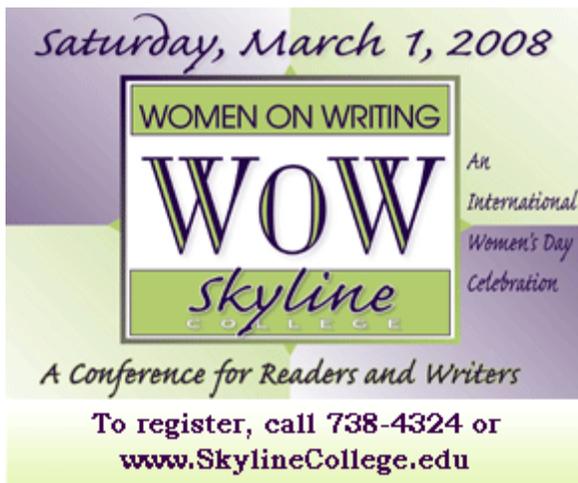
Deadline for Pister Scholarship to UC Santa Cruz is February 8

The Karl S. Pister Leadership Opportunity Program has been established to enable community college transfer students to complete their undergraduate studies at UC Santa Cruz. This scholarship is for junior-level UC transfer-eligible students and provides a \$20,000 scholarship distributed over two years. Applications are available in the Skyline College Financial Aid Office, Building 2, Room 234. The application deadline is February 8. For additional information, contact: Roxanne Brewer (650) 738-7011, brewerr@smccd.edu

WOW! Women on Writing is coming soon—March 1

Registration is open now for Skyline College’s WOW! Women on Writing conference on Saturday, March 1, 2008, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the college. Rachel Naomi Remen, M.D., author of “Kitchen Table Wisdom” and “My Grandfather’s Blessing,” will be the keynote speaker. Other featured authors are Samina Ali, “Madras on Rainy Days”; Tess Uriza Holthe, “When the Elephants Dance” and “The Five-Forty-Five to Cannes”; and Carol Lem, “Shadow of the Plum,” “Shadow of the Bamboo (CD),” “The Hermit,” and “Don’t Ask Why.” The conference includes 17 workshops ranging from fiction, script-writing, and poetry as slam performance.

WOW! admission is \$60 before January 31, \$85 by February 22, \$100 at the door, and \$25 for students. Registration may be made by calling 650-738-4324 or by downloading a form from <http://www.smccd.edu/accounts/skywow>



College Budget Committee (CBC) update

The CBC met yesterday.

1. **College budget for 2008-09 and hiring:** Eloisa presented updated budget scenarios for 2008-09 as well as 3 year projections from 2007-08 to 2009-10 which includes assistance from the district for 2008-09. After serious consideration of the fiscal impact of the committee's recommendation, the President approved the replacement of 2 Skyline faculty who separated this year and will be approving only replacement classified positions, no new ones in either employee category for now.
2. **State budget for 2008-09:** Eloisa Briones gave the Committee the highlights of the Governor's 2008-09 state budget proposal. Anyta Archer and Eloisa reported on items discussed at the District Committee on Budget and Finance which included Kathy Blackwood's outline of possible effects of this budget proposal on SMCCCD. Eloisa shared Kathy's proposal for Charging the Current Cost of Retiree Benefits to Grants and Categoricals The CBC recommended that Kathy meet with grant coordinators to discuss in depth the fiscal impact on our various programs.
3. **Budget Balancing Strategies:** Eloisa presented the latest edition of the "Budget Balancing Strategies for 2007-08 thru 2009-2010" which contains the college's achievements and completed tasks, as well as new initiatives. Discussions led to the addition of new initiatives and strategies that aim to increase college revenues and reduce expenditures.
4. **Enrollment update:** Cathy Hasson presented today's Productivity and Efficiency Report that shows Skyline growing by 7% compared to last year. We have generated 7,292.73 FTES which far exceeds our FTES goal for the current year.
5. **Next Meeting:** February 14, 2008

Coming Up ...

Friday, Feb. 1

- Men's Basketball vs. Las Positas at Skyline, 7:30 p.m.
- Women's Basketball vs. CSM at Skyline, 5:30 p.m.
- Baseball vs. Sierra College at Skyline, 2 p.m.
- Facilities/Maintenance Center Groundbreaking Ceremony, 11 a.m., former Facilities Bldg.

Saturday, Feb. 2

- Baseball vs. Cosumnes River at Skyline, noon

Monday, Feb. 4

- Last day to drop a semester length class with partial refund
- Last day to add a semester length class
- Lecture/Performance: Ed "Mohmar Polk" Ngoma, 12:30 p.m., Room 6202

Tuesday, Feb. 5

- Baseball at Sacramento City, 2 p.m.
- Primary Election Day! Don't forget to vote

Wednesday, Feb. 6

- Men's Basketball at Foothill, 7 p.m.

- Women's Basketball at Chabot, 5:30 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 8

- Women's Basketball at City College SF, 7 p.m.
- Baseball at San Joaquin Delta, 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 an item for *Skyline Shines*?

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

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 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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