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President's Report to the Board of Trustees

The report I gave to the Board this Wednesday is available at <http://www.smccd.edu/accounts/skynotes/index.html>.

Website Redesign is on track and there are a couple of key dates to note regarding updates to the current site

The Website Redesign project is on schedule. We will be migrating content from our current website into the new website from mid-October until we "soft-launch" the new website on December 12th. To make sure the process goes smoothly, we will handle web page updates differently than usual during certain periods:

- October 13 to November 17: Only limited and time-sensitive updates will be made.
- November 18 to December 12: The website updates will be 'frozen' and no updates other than critical ones will be made.
- During these times our current website can be viewed as usual.

Contact Sandy Irber irber@smccd.edu or Shelly Hausman hausmans@smccd.edu if you have questions.

What is the What Book Talk discussion is lively, and there is more to come

Yesterday afternoon I was faced with a dilemma: go to the regularly scheduled College Budget Committee (CBC) meeting or to Tom Hewitt's Book Talk in the Library on Dave Egger's novelized story of one of the Lost Boys of Sudan, Valentino Achak Deng. I did both, Book Talk first and then the CBC and as a result enjoyed two very lively and enjoyable discussions of two very different subjects. There is a synopsis of the CBC meeting at the end of this edition of *Skyline Shines*. As for the Book Talk, Tom did a masterful job of leading a relaxed but engaged discussion of this powerful and complex story. Here Tom is with some of the participants, including Mike Moynihan, me, Tony Jackson and Donna Bestock.



Photo by Shelly Hausman

I also learned from Eric Brenner that the Library has a spot on its website where a number of materials related to the book, the author, and the subject of the book can be found. Here it is: <http://www.skylinecollege.edu/library/WhatsTheWhat-Skyline.htm>. There is more to come in this three part event:

- Next Wednesday, October 1, author Dave Eggers and possibly Valentino Achak Deng, will be interviewed by Michael Krasny at the San Mateo Performing Arts Center. There are no advance tickets; admission is free and the doors open at 6:30 for the 7:30 event. No seats may be saved after 7:15 pm. Tom recommends planning ahead as parking is tight.
- "Lost Boys of Sudan," a free film and discussion with co-director Jon Shenk, will take place on Wednesday, October 15 at noon at the Main Theatre. "Lost Boys of Sudan" is an Emmy-nominated feature-length documentary that follows two Sudanese refugees on an extraordinary journey from Africa to America. Events are funded by the President's Innovation Fund. Copies of the book are available at Skyline Library, the Skyline College Bookstore, or from any other San Mateo County public library. For more information, see www.SkylineCollege.edu , www.onebookreads.com or call 650-738-4311.

This series of events is funded by the President's Innovation Fund.

Students will soon have their own Skyline College email powered by Google

On October 20th, every student will be given a new college email account--@my.smccd.edu. This will enable the college to communicate important information to students via email in a consistent manner without worry that messages will get caught in spam filters or lost due to wrong email addresses. This my.smccd.edu will be the place students:

- Receive class waitlist notifications
- Receive important registration information
- Correspond with Financial Aid
- Receive WebSMART receipts
- Communicate with instructors and classmates

There will also be some features of the @my.smccd.edu system that will be useful to faculty as well. More information from ITS will be forthcoming. On October 20, students will get an email at their current email address telling them how to log in, or they can visit [WebSMART](#). Students can also log on once and forward their @my.smccd.edu messages to any email account. For more information, see <http://my.smccd.edu/announcement.asp>.



Skyline's EOPS draws students to its programs

On September 10, EOPS held its fall Breakfast Open House, where more than 50 students were provided with breakfast wraps, fruit, and beverages, along with an opportunity to meet other EOPS students and to meet and greet the EOPS staff. Attendees received EOPS memorabilia such as t-shirts, sweatshirts, pad folios, and book bags. As of Friday, September 19, 354 students have attended a program orientation

session, and have been provided with assistance purchasing required text books and/or tools for their classes. Extended Opportunities and Program Services (EOPS) at Skyline is a support and services program designed to improve access and retention for low income, educationally disadvantaged students. EOPS provides students with assistance with the admission process, retention services through counseling, tutoring, a calculator loan service, financial aid via book vouchers, vocational grants for students in vocational programs, and transfer assistance for students ready to transfer.

Skyline students help the community shine

On Saturday, September 20, members of Skyline's Phi Theta Kappa chapter and Honors Transfer Program participated in the California Coastal Clean-up.

These Skyline students spent the morning picking up litter at Linda Mar Beach. They also picked up litter at the Sweeney Ridge trailhead in Parking Lot 2 on campus. This is part of an ongoing service project for our Phi Theta Kappa chapter to Keep America Beautiful.



Photo by Chris Case

Financial Aid Awareness Week helps spread the news to students

With the healthy increase in enrollment at Skyline for fall 2008, the Financial Aid Office has been holding Financial Aid Awareness Days from September 23-26 and fielding a lot of questions. Staff has been available at tables in the cafeteria to assist with the application process and encourage students to apply via the application in the class schedule, online or through processing the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid). Special events were held during the week including a BBQ and a FAFSA workshop on September 26. Financial Aid Awareness Week kicked off on Tuesday with free hotdogs for students and later in the week, there were karaoke, root beer floats and FAFSA Friday. Here are students enjoying the barbeque: Melissa Aliu, Jasmyne Samifla, Umu Pivtau, Ane Takadu-Utuhiva, Irickah Pola, and Christie Wright. The financial aid staff cooking and serving the hotdogs in the picture are Aileen Conmigo and Patti Mendoza.



Photo by Rakefet Avramovitz

Hermanas and Hermanos start the new semester at Capuchino and South San Francisco

Hermanos and Hermanas are funded by the President's Innovation Fund, among other sources. I had the pleasure of attending the kickoff of the first ever Hermanas program at South San Francisco High School last night, thanks to a new PIF-funded project. These events are meant to inform the parents about the program and introduce them to the Hermanos/as family, while they enjoy a fabulous dinner.

- The Kick Off at Capuchino High School, not only served as a celebration of a new Hermanos era at Capuchino, but also to celebrate the growth of the program in its entirety. The bi-lingual event, gave a detailed description about the Hermanos program, and introduced the parents to the great array of Hermanos supporters: Neil Telford (San Bruno Chief of Police), Mark Raffaelli. (South San Francisco Chief of Police), Marta Bookbinder (collaborative projects coordinator community learning center), Jennifer Blanco (Trustee, San Bruno Park School district) and Skyline's own; Lori Adrian, Felix Leiva, Pablo Gonzalez, Felix Perez and Imelda Herмосillo. The success of the event was demonstrated by the sheer joy and appreciation that was shared by the parents. Additionally, it is evident that the Hermanos Program will succeed in Capuchino, thanks to the great support from the Capuchino Staff, as Shamar Shanks (Principal), Ron Berggren (Assistant Principal), Kevin Thomas (counselor), and Andrea Gonzalez (teacher), all took time out of their busy schedule to attend.
- The Hermanos/Hermanas kick off at South San Francisco High School, highlighted the inaugural of the very exciting Hermanas Program. At the same time, it also celebrated the Hermanos Program's third year of existence. The parents at the event heard from me; Fabian Morales, Hermanos Instructor; Alma Garcia, Hermanas Instructor; Pablo Gonzalez, Hermanos Task Force member; and Michael Coyne, South San Francisco Principal. Also present were Vice President Lori Adrian and Memo Morantes, Trustee, San Mateo County Board of Education.

Here are the two groups, at South San Francisco High School and Capuchino High School.



Photos by Pablo Gonzalez

Sexual Assault Awareness Seminar provides access to experts

This Tuesday, a two hour seminar designed to raise awareness about the prevention of sexual assault and support services for sexual assault survivors was provided for students and staff by our Office of Psychological Services. Our psychological services counselors Beverly Muse and Liz Llamas, who are both licensed marriage and family therapists, conducted the workshop in collaboration with panelists from the San Francisco Trauma Recovery Center, San Mateo Rape Trauma Services and the Daly City Police. Thanks to Liz and Bev for arranging this very valuable event.

Skyline students assist with original research

You learned in my August 22 edition of *Skyline Shines* that during summer 2008, Skyline students Claudia Briones and Jonathan Tolentino worked with Biology Professor Christine Case in her lab doing original scientific research. On September 20, Claudia and Jonathan attended the Basic and Advanced Science and Technology Academies of Research (BA Star) Symposium at CSU Sacramento with MESA Director Tiffany Reardon. Claudia and Jonathan presented their research along with students from MESA Community College Students from throughout the state. Claudia and Jonathan won first place for their work on "Antibacterial Activity of Herbal Extracts Used in Native American Traditional Medicine." Here they are with their presentation materials.

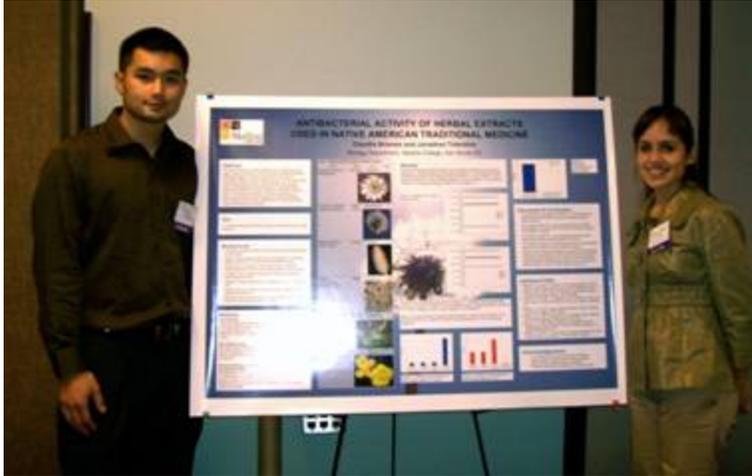


Photo by Tiffany Reardon

Automotive students' BBQ moves to the quad

The Auto Tech Club, which used to hold its fundraiser barbecue behind Building 8, is taking advantage of the magnetic effect of the Student Center and held the event there this year. From left to right there is a student whose name I don't know, and then Perry Dair, Phillip Gleyzer (seated), Zahan Lalkaka, Raymond Lee, George Campi (standing in the shadows), and Jose Fernandez. Speaking for myself, the burger was awesome though I overindulged in the onions.



Photo by Sandy Irber

Filipino Heritage Night 2 with the San Francisco Giants at AT&T Park

Over 120 students, faculty, and staff members from the Kababayan Program returned to AT&T Park to celebrate Filipino Heritage Night 2 on Tuesday, September 23. The Kababayan Dance Troupe, under the guidance of Filipino Dance instructor Bonifacio Valera, kicked off the pre-game festivities in Lot D with three traditional performances while folks enjoyed the various booths, food, music, culture and entertainment at the pre-game party. If you are interested in purchasing one of the commemorative caps from the game, please contact Liza Erpelol at erpelol@smccd.edu or x4119, as the program has about 20 souvenirs that they are selling as fundraisers. Here are a shot of the group doing the dance Singkil, the whole Kababayan Dance Troupe, and then the Kababayan group.



Photos by Liza Erpelo and a willing passerby

Filipino Food Festival on Wednesday, October 1st

You will have a chance to support the Filipino Student Union and Pilipino Cultural Night as they kick off Filipino American History Month with Filipino Food Festival and special performances by the Kababayan Dance Troupe. The food sale will be on October 1 from 10 am to 1 pm -- or until they sell out! More details to come soon!

The Romance of Magno Rubio: Student Night tickets selling fast

Over 300 tickets for the Thursday, October 9th show at 8 pm in the Main Theater, and they might sell out by next week. Please encourage your interested students to purchase their tickets as soon as possible in the Lower Quad every day from 9:30 am - 1 pm. Student Night tickets are \$10 pre-sale for students with valid ID, and \$25 for the general public. Contact Liza Erpelo at erpelol@smccd.edu or x4119 for more information or to reserve your tickets now.

College Council update

The Council met on Wednesday, September 24. By the way, each year we compile an Annual Report on the work of the College Council, displaying alphabetically by topic everything the Council has discussed, providing the detail from the minutes for each date on which that topic was handled. The third annual edition is now posted, along with the prior editions, at the above web address. Provided below is a synopsis of the meeting. Minutes of prior meetings are archived at <http://www.smccd.edu/accounts/skycouncil/home.html>.

1. **College Hour proposal:** The Council's subcommittee provided an update on their research into how many classes could be affected if a College Hour were established. They will look more deeply into these issues with Rob Johnstone's help and report back afterward,
2. **Smoking policy:** Council members brought feedback from their groups on the following proposed policy: "Smoking permitted in parking lots only, effective fall 2009." The proposal was

entered into the governance process at the Council's August meeting. Three groups have approved it: the Academic Senate, the Classified Council and the Management Council. The ASSC is not ready to approve it; they would like some additional information and so Ray Hernandez and Adolfo Leiva will attend a meeting to answer their questions about it. The Council will revisit this topic at the October meeting.

3. **Shared governance review:** Council members brought some feedback from the constituent groups on the Spring 2008 recommendations and requested some additional time before taking action on which recommendations to pursue. The Classified Council and the Management Council approved the recommendations. The Academic Senate and the ASSC will be discussing it at forthcoming meetings and will bring feedback to the October Council meeting. The next step will be to create a policy for regular review of the governance process.
4. **Proposed Student Equity Committee:** The proposal to replace the Student Access and Success Committee with the Student Equity Committee, changing the title, charge and membership to align with the proposed Student Equity Committee was approved by the Council and it will be formed right away.
5. **Website redesign update:** Sandy Irber updated the Council on the progress of the project and explained the timeline described above at the top of this edition of *Skyline Shines*.
6. **Building 4 inscription project and Council plans for culling the proposals at the next meeting:** The Council established a procedure for reviewing the proposed inscriptions. The deadline is October 10. After that date, Linda Ghio will compile them. Vicki will work with Rob Johnstone in the meantime to work out a procedure for the members to do some initial culling and then the Council will hold a special meeting to do the final review and selection of the proposals to be checked by the Librarians and then submitted to a college wide vote later in the semester.
7. **Next meeting:** October 22.

College Budget Committee (CBC) update

The College Budget Committee held its first meeting this academic year on September 25, 2008 with Eloisa Briones (Director of Business Services) and Ray Hernandez (Skyline Academic Senate President) as co-chairs. Minutes of prior meetings are archived at

<http://www.smccd.edu/accounts/skycbc/home.html>. After a very interesting round of introductions and approval of the May 1, 2008 meeting minutes, the committee discussed the following:

1. **Review of the Charge of the Committee:** The College Budget Committee is the primary budget recommendation group for the college. Ray Hernandez reminded the Committee that, as members representing different divisions and constituencies, we are to take a holistic view of the college and make recommendations that would be for the good of the institution as a whole.
2. **Productivity Report:** Dean Rob Johnstone explained the various components of the Productivity & Efficiency Report, highlighting Fall 08 FTES 8% growth over Fall 07, with a load of 604. FTES grew by 23.8% in Summer 08 compared to Summer 07, with a load of 572. If Spring 09 remains flat compared to last spring, Skyline needs to grow by only 36 FTES to achieve its 7,834 goal this year. CBC applauded the college for this success. A concern was raised as to when the district will reach its enrollment cap and what's needed to ensure that the district does not end up with unfunded FTES.
3. **District Committee on Budget & Finance (DCBF) report:** Linda Whitten reported on district budget committee discussions on the state budget as of September 16th before the State Budget was finally approved. She also shared DCBF tasks and topics for 2008-09, which include GASB 45 implementation and the full time faculty obligation.
4. **State Budget Update:** The district Board of Trustees approved the 2008-09 Final Budget with revisions. Kathy Blackwood presented the board with a brief summary of the approved state budget. Revisions had to be made to the assumptions the district used in the development of the adopted budget. Eloisa Briones shared Kathy's PowerPoint presentation with the committee. At the next meeting, Eloisa will do a more detailed analysis of the revised final budget and the 2008-09 resource allocation.
5. **Next meeting:** October 30, 2008

Coming Up ...

Friday, September 26

- Financial Aid Awareness - FAFSA Friday, 1:30 p.m.—3 p.m., Rm 2122
- Men's Soccer at Skyline, 2 p.m.

Saturday, September 27

- Women's Volleyball at San Diego City, time TBA
- Wrestling at Modesto, 9 a.m.

Tuesday, September 30

- Men's Soccer at Foothill College, 2 p.m.
- Planning Meeting for the Expanding Your Horizons in Math and Science (EYH) Conference, 2 p.m., Rm 6203
- Women's Soccer at Skyline, 2 p.m.
- Mad Cow Disease: Are We at Risk? - Science Seminar, 4 p.m., Rm 2306

Wednesday, October 1

- Transfer Day, 10 a.m.- 1 p.m., Cafeteria
- Women's Volleyball at Skyline, 6:30 p.m.

Friday, October 3

- Last Day to Apply for Degree/Certificate
- Women's Soccer at Skyline, 1 p.m.
- Men's Soccer at Skyline, 3 p.m.
- Women's Volleyball at Monterey Peninsula College, 6:30 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 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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