

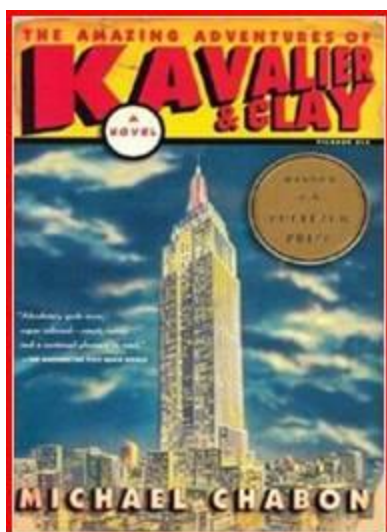


**Victoria P. Morrow, President**  
October 8, 2010

### **The president search process is on schedule**

I checked with Harry Joel, Vice Chancellor for Human Resources, and he indicates that the screening of applicants for the presidency at Skyline is on schedule. The initial interviews are nearing completion and the finalists should be announced next week. They will come to the college to appear in Open Forums later this month.

### **Skyline book events focus on Chabon's *The Amazing Adventures of Kavalier & Clay***



Here is how the organization San Mateo County Reads describes the book: "*The Amazing Adventures of Kavalier & Clay*, Michael Chabon's Pulitzer Prize winning novel, explores the early years of the American comic book, from the first superhero comics of the 1930s to the 1950s morality panic that nearly killed the industry." This book is a personal favorite of mine, so I am particularly pleased to share information about two events are coming up at Skyline in connection with the county's "One Book One Community--San Mateo County Reads" program, funded by the Pacific Library Partnership. The first is next Monday:

**Monday, October 11**  
**11:00 am**  
**Skyline College Student Center, Room 6202**

As One Book One Community tells us, Andrew Farago, Curator of San Francisco's Cartoon Art Museum, will discuss:

...the real-life stories that inspired Chabon's novel. Comic-book artists moonlighting as stage magicians, superheroes with Houdini-like powers of escape, cartoonists battling Nazis in WWII, Superman suing Captain Marvel and the U.S. Senate taking on Batman...it all happened. Get to know the real people--and the real comics--behind *Kavalier & Clay*. Mr. Farago has overseen more than 50 exhibitions of original cartoon and comic art, on subjects from political cartoons to superheroes to Disney animation. He has written for Marvel Comics, *The Comics Journal*, *The Comics Reporter*, Animation World Network, and is the author of the upcoming *Looney Tunes Treasury* from Palace Press.

Skyline's second event related to the book will be a week later, when Tom Hewitt, Director of Skyline's Library, will moderate a discussion of this fascinating book:

**Tuesday, October 19**  
**12:30 pm**  
**Skyline College Library.**

## Flu clinics coming to Skyline

This year's flu shots will include not only seasonal flu but the H1N1 vaccine as well, all in a single shot. Flu shots are available on campus, in the Health Center in Building 2, on the clinic dates below when two nurses will be on duty to expedite the process:

- Monday, Oct 11, 9 am-2 pm
- Wednesday, Oct 13, 10:00-11:30 am
- Friday, Oct 15, 9 am-12 noon

In addition to the scheduled clinics, walk-in vaccinations will be available during regularly scheduled Health Center hours. Those hours are posted on our website at <http://www.skylinecollege.edu/healthservices/index.htm>

## Skyline students shine at SACNAS once again

At the Society for the Advancement of Native Americans and Chicanos in Science (SACNAS) Conference September 30-October 3, 17 Skyline students presented their original scientific research alongside students from University of Texas, Princeton University, Yale University, University of California, University of Vermont, and many other universities. There were 890 student presentations. Our students did their research with Professors Chris Case, Nick Kapp, and Shari Bookstaff. Biology laboratory technician Pat Carter worked with all the students to complete their projects and MESA Director Stephen Fredricks worked with the students to prepare them for presenting at a national conference. Skyline's SACNAS Chapter and chapter advisor Stephen were recognized at the Chapter Reception at the conference. Chris and Stephen report that we can be quite proud of these students, they were knowledgeable and professional, and represented the college well. All of these students now have their first publication.

Prizes were awarded to the best paper in each category. Skyline students Bardo Castro and Pamela Rios (shown with their poster) won the Biology category. Skyline Transfer Student (CSU Humboldt) Omar Abi-Chahine won the Environmental Science category. You can read their posters at <http://www.smccd.edu/accounts/case/biol690/sacnas10.html>. The group photo is of all of the Skyline participants: Stephen Fredricks, Celia Dourado Leao, Pamela Rios, Lyle Rapp, Elena Anuryeva, Karina Chelnokova, Mohammed Abbas, Gabriel Getchell, Bardo Castro, Christabel Causapin, Rebecca Belloso, Martin Cordero, Thi Yi Aung, William Figueroa, Katrina Cheung, Matthew Garza, Rebecca Curtis and Jonathan Tolentino. Thanks to Christine Case for these three shots.



The student research projects were:

- Antimicrobial Activity of *Baccharis pilularis* (Asteraceae), A Traditional Native American Herbal Medicine. Bardo Castro and Pamela Rios. Mentor: Christine Case.
- Does the Nintendo Wii Fit Promote Recovery for Brain-Injured Patients? A Case Study. William Figueroa and Tina Ha. Mentor: Shari Bookstaff.

- An In Vitro Study of the Antimicrobial Activity of *Vaccinium ovatum*. Karina Chelnokova and Elena Anuryeva. Mentor: Christine Case.
- Antimicrobial Activity of Marine Algae. Gabriel Getchell and Rebecca Curtis. Mentor: Christine Case.
- Evaluation of Native American Herbal Extracts As Food Preservatives. Jonathan Tolentino. Mentor: Christine Case.
- Evaluation of the Antibacterial Activity of the Traditional Medicinal Plant, *Astragalus membranaceus*. Katrina Cheung. Mentor: Christine Case.
- The Effect of Temperature and Aeration on *Chlorella* Cell Growth and Oil Production. Thi Yi Aung and Celia Dourado Leao. Mentor: Christine Case.
- Effect of Triclosan on a Freshwater Ecosystem. Lyle Rapp. Mentor: Christine Case.
- Evaluating the Antibacterial Properties of *Ceanothus thyrsiflorus*. Mohammed Abbas and Martin Cordero. Mentor: Christine Case.
- Development of an Inexpensive Method to Purify Proteins through Affinity Chromatography Using the Starch-binding Domain of Alpha-amylase from *B. subtilis*. Matthew Garza. Mentor: Nick Kapp
- Antibacterial Activity of *Sambucus mexicana* (Elderberry), A Native American medicinal Plant. Rebecca Belloso and Christabel Causapin. Mentor: Christine Case.
- Effects of Fresh Water Outflow, Nutrients, and Climate on Phytoplankton in Central San Francisco Bay: An Examination of an Eight-Year Record, 2002 to 2010. Omar Abi-Chahine, Al Marchi, Alex Parker, Kervi Ramos. Mentor: Alex Parker. Collaborative Project with Skyline College MESA, SFSU Bridges and CCSF.



### **Get ready to drop, cover and hold on!**

Skyline College will participate in the Great California ShakeOut on Thursday, October 21, 2010 at 10:21 a.m. The Great California ShakeOut drill is held on the third Thursday of October each year. More than 6.9 million Californians participated in 2009. The Great California ShakeOut has been created to help people and organizations become better prepared for major earthquakes, and to practice how to protect themselves when an earthquake happens. The goal is to prevent disasters from becoming catastrophes.

The college will make use of its carillon system to signal the start of the drill. Following that, a short set of siren blasts from the system will signal the start of an earthquake. After hearing the signals, you should consider yourself in an earthquake for the next 15 seconds. If you are indoors, you should drop, cover and hold on. If you are outdoors, you should get clear of any walls and windows, then drop, cover and hold on. At the end of the 15 second earthquake, there will be a third burst of sirens from the carillon system. If you are indoors, you should calmly evacuate the building and head towards one of the evacuation points posted in the hallways, or follow instructions from your professor to the nearest evacuation point. When all of the buildings have been successfully evacuated, you will hear a final burst of sirens from the carillon system signaling the conclusion of the exercise. At that time you may re-enter the buildings and go back to your classroom or the area where you were at the beginning of the drill.

### **Skyline Art students win contest for second year in a row**

Pacifica's annual Fog Fest took place last weekend, and the festivities included a Sand Castle Contest, which Art students from Skyline entered. Skyline students won first place in the contest, this year with a piece entitled "The Cheshire Cat." Four students from Ellen Lowenstein's sculpture class created the piece. One of the four, Tom Byrne, also won last year. The others involved this year were Allan Gomez, Alvaro Martin, and Harley Hamack.

## Coming Up...

### October 8, 2010

- 4:00 p.m., Women's Soccer vs. Las Positas @ Livermore
- 4:00 p.m., Men's Soccer vs. Gavilan @ Gilroy
- 6:30 p.m., Volleyball vs. Ohlone @ Skyline

### October 9, 2010

- 9:00 a.m., Men's Wrestling – Modesto Tournament @ Modesto

### October 11, 2010

- 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., One Book, One Community Event: A Talk with Andrew Farago – Curator of the Cartoon Art Museum, Building 6, Room 6202

### October 12, 2010

- 1:00 p.m., Men's Soccer vs. Evergreen @ Skyline
- 3:00 p.m., Women's Soccer vs. Foothill @ Skyline

### October 13, 2010

- 4:30 – 6:30 p.m., FAFSA Workshop, Building 2 – 2117A
- 6:30 p.m., Volleyball vs. City College @ Skyline

## 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:



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

- The California Community College 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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