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PRESIDENT'S
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EVENTFUL YEAR AHEAD FOR MISSION COLLEGE

Say "back to school" and images flood the mind.

As a lifelong educator, the phrase for me has always been linked to thoughts of change, hope and renewal. At Mission College, we are about to begin a landmark year in the college's history, a year that will bring many changes to our campus.

Much of what will occur at Mission College during 2001-02 has to do with on-going construction, facilities planning and, of course, Proposition A. While all of these relate to campus expansion, there are important distinctions that I would like to address.

Campus Construction

Construction of the Collaborative Studies Building is right on target for a Spring semester opening. The building will add 10 new classrooms and faculty offices to the campus. It is important to note that is not Proposition A-related, but rather a state-funded project.

At the other end of the campus, work is underway on our first Prop. A project, the expansion of the student services wing of the Instructional

Building. While both students and staff may be inconvenienced at times by the construction taking place, the rewards will be great (see accompanying story).

Facilities Master Plan

We have identified several construction projects to be carried out with Prop. A funds. But we must first go through a careful planning process to insure that expansion takes place according to a schedule that provides for college efficiency, safety and preserves the beauty of our campus. For this, we need professional help. I am pleased to announce that, in consultation with College Council and facilities staff, we have selected the firm of Gensler and Associates to be our master planner. In the coming months, Gensler representatives will work with us to develop a master plan for facilities – the blueprint for our future construction efforts.

Later this year, we will hire a project manager to actually take charge of our Prop. A building projects.

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INSTRUCTIONAL BUILDING EXPANSION UNDERWAY

The long-awaited expansion of the Instructional Building got underway this month, with the work expected to take most of the school year.

When completed, the enclosure of the U-shaped eastern end of the building will double the amount of space available for student services, including admissions, registration, counseling, financial aid, payment of student fees and an information booth.

Students who have to wait in line for certain services will no longer have to stand outdoors in the rain or heat, as they have in the past. Even better, the waiting lines themselves will be greatly reduced by installation of several touch-screen kiosks through which students will obtain needed information.

The completed project will allow student services staff now housed in the Campus Center Building to return to the Instructional Building, freeing the CCB's top floor to serve as a meeting room for such events as career days, student-sponsored activities and community gatherings.



IMPORTANT DATES

- Sept. 3** - Labor Day
- Sept. 4** - First day of classes
- Sept. 8** - Saturday classes begin
- Sept. 14** - Deadline to add classes for all students
- Sept. 28** - Last day to drop classes without a "W"
- Nov. 12** - Veteran's Day
- Nov. 21** - Last day to drop classes with a "W"
- Nov. 22-24** - Thanksgiving Holiday
- Dec. 13** - Classes end
- Dec. 14-20** - Final Exams
- Dec. 24-25** - Christmas Holidays
- Dec. 28-January 1, 2002** - New Year's Holidays



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Reserving a campus room

The Plant Facilities unit reminds you that in order to reserve a room or area of the campus for a meeting or special event, you must fill out a "facilities use request" form. You should submit your form at least two weeks before the event. Plant facilities staff can assist with your audio/visual, culinary, custodial, signage and parking needs. The request forms are available in the Plant Facilities office.

calendar of UPCOMING EVENTS

Date Event

- 8/30 Staff Development Day, all day
- 9/3 Labor Day – campus closed
- 9/4 Classes begin
- 9/5 LACCD Board of Trustees meeting, 3:30 p.m., downtown Los Angeles
- 9/5 Music on the Quad, noon
- 9/12 LAMC Citizens' Oversight Committee (Prop.A) meeting, 5 p.m.
- 9/13 International Independence Day – activities on the Quad
- 9/18 Club Day BBQ
- 9/18 LACCD Board of Trustees meeting, 3:30 p.m., downtown Los Angeles
- 9/22 Grand Opening, One Stop Career Center, 5 p.m., 11623 Glenoaks Blvd., Pacoima

focus on MISSION PEOPLE

Mission College welcomes new faculty members **Donna Ayers**, librarian, who comes to Mission from the Beverly Hills Unified School District and Glendale Community College; **Michael James Climo**, ESL, from West Los Angeles College; **Erwin F. Lopez**, addiction studies, from Cal State University, Northridge, and Mission College (part-time); **Deborah Paulsen**, art, from CSUN; **Said Pazirandeh**, physical science, from Alex Pilibos Armenian School, Mission College and College of the Canyons (part-time); and **Lilamani de Silva**, child development, LAMC (part-time).

John Cantley has been appointed Title III director, after holding the position on an interim basis. The primary intent of the Title III grant is to support faculty development of on-line materials that support instruction and student learning.

Mission College has said farewell to **Connie Reyes**, administrative analyst, who has accepted a position with the district. In the central office, Reyes will participate in the develop-

ment of the business processes for the district-wide systems modernization project.

Congratulations go out to **Julie Ruelas**, director of programs, child development; **Vilma Bernal**, director of the Welfare to Work program; **Guadalupe Jara**, director of the Citizenship Center; and **Eloise Cantrell**, dean of academic affairs, vocational education. Working separately, they have helped secure for Mission College various grants – announced this summer – totaling more than \$1.2 million.

Georgia Estrada has been named director of the college's Veterans and International Student Services office, after serving as interim head of the unit since last April.

Professor **Sandi Lampert**, Department Chair of Professional Studies, made a presentation this summer before the Educational Symposium of the American Culinary Federation. Lampert discussed SCANS Competencies (Secretary's Commission on Achieving Necessary Skills) at the organization's national conference in Las Vegas.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (continued from front page)

Assisting us will be our Citizens' Oversight Committee, whose members represent business interests, labor groups, K-12 education, senior citizen organizations and other community constituencies. I look forward to working with these individuals, who are volunteering their time to advise us with our Prop.A efforts.

Academic Affairs

Bill Farmer joined us this summer as our new vice president, academic affairs. In addition to his day-to-day duties, Mr. Farmer has been charged with leading the effort to

develop a master plan for education. This plan and our master plan for facilities underscore our determination to prepare for, and to address, expected enrollment growth and educational trends in the coming years.

Budget Situation

You've all read about the \$98 million for community colleges cut from the state budget. We fully support efforts underway to restore the funds. For us, the cuts mean that we will receive no new block grant funds, nor any increase in Program for Excellence

funds. However, our situation is not as bad as it could be owing to existing block grant funds. The Resource Analysis and Assessment and Planning committees of our governance structure are evaluating requests for new spending and will continue this work over the next two months.

In the coming weeks, I will continue to update you on matters and issues affecting the campus. Please forward your recommendations and suggestions to me...and welcome to the start of a great new school year!