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PRESIDENT'S
NEWSLETTER

MOVING FORWARD WITH PROPOSITION A

It's been two years this month since voters approved Proposition A. With the exception of our Student Services Annex expansion – paid for by Prop.A funds – we appear to see very little evidence of the renovated, expanded campus promised by the voter-approved measure: no shovels in the ground, no yellow hardhats around the campus, no ribbon cuttings.

In the absence of outward signs, let me assure you that we are moving forward with our Master Plan for Facilities. This is a good time to update you on that progress.

The key approval that we await – the green light to go forward with our Arroyo Plan – must come from our district Board of Trustees. When I last wrote about a Proposition A timetable, I indicated that we hoped for this approval by June. That date, unfortunately, has slipped to September, primarily because of the many elements involved with our plan to expand into adjacent parkland. Several agencies, local and federal, are involved. And because the expansion plan has complex elements that involve golf course construction, ball field layout and park lighting, many studies – and a nearly equal number of consultants – are required to provide the scientific or environment

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information that allows us to move to the next step.

It takes great patience and a thorough knowledge of the complicated world of construction to stay atop the process. Thank goodness for Ana Rojas, our project manager. I am indebted to her for keeping our Proposition A program moving forward. Through her efforts, we believe the required steps will be completed in order to present our master plan to trustees in September. If it's not, it will most likely be because of complications in the negotiations over our proposed land swap with the county.

Let me pass along news of a recent gain. We've learned that our proposed Fitness and Wellness Center (a Proposition A project) probably will be half-funded by state monies. Though this is a significant gain, the savings still do not allow us to complete the "building out" of the Mission College campus as envisioned in the Arroyo Plan. To ensure that the nine district colleges are able to complete their respective master plans, the Board of Trustees placed on the May 20 ballot, Proposition AA, a \$980 million bond measure.

I encourage all Mission College employees and students to vote on May 20.



FOUNDATION FESTIVAL SET TO RAISE SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS

Following up on its highly successful "Dinner by the Fountain" last fall, the Mission College Foundation will sponsor another major fundraising event next month.

The Foundation will sponsor a food and wine tasting festival on May 10 from 2-5 p.m. in Campus Center. More than 20 wine distributors and about two dozen businesses, including restaurants, hotels, caterers and others, are donating all of the food and wine that will be served at the festival. The Culinary Arts department will prepare much of the food.

Tickets for the event are \$25 in advance, \$30 at the door. Or, a donation of \$100 allows you to attend a private preview featuring a silent auction of fine wines, gourmet meals, gift baskets and other amenities.

"Last fall, we raised about \$8,000 for scholarships with our Dinner by the Fountain," said Gary Bombalicki, president of the Foundation. "We hope to raise even more with this event. It's going to be a lot of fun."

Tickets may be purchased at the President's Office. For information, call (818) 364-7796 or 364-7819.



■ A TOAST TO GOOD HEALTH !

Actors portraying Lady Elizabeth Clinton and Lord Burghley spoke about 16th century dining etiquette at the feast celebrating the 400th anniversary of Queen Elizabeth's reign. About 100 staff members, students and guests enjoyed the multi-course Elizabethan-style meal, prepared and served by the culinary department.



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calendar of
UPCOMING
EVENTS

DATE	EVENT
4/22	* Women's Softball: LAMC v. Citrus College - 2:30 pm - Citrus College
4/22	* Men's Baseball: LAMC v. Citrus College - 2:30 pm - El Cariso Park
4/23	College Council (tentative) - 1 pm - CC 1
4/24	Film: "Voice from the Lake: The Secret Genocide" - 12:30 pm - Teleconference Room (LRC)
4/26	FCN Celebration of "Dia de Los Niños" - 8 am-1 pm - Pacoima Elementary School
4/30	Spring Job Fair - 9:30 am-12:30 pm - CC Main
5/8	LAMC Foundation meeting - 8 am - CC 4
5/10	Food and Wine Festival (Foundation fundraiser) 1-5 pm - CC Main
5/16	Scholarship Luncheon - 2:30 pm - Campus Center
5/17	Multimedia Art Show Reception - 6-10 pm - South Atrium
5/19-23	Multimedia Art Show 2003 - Continuous - South Atrium
5/20	Proposition AA/Trustee Election - 7 am- 8 pm
5/21	Citizens Oversight Committee (Prop.A) meeting - 6 pm - CC 4

* For complete schedule of baseball/softball
games, visit www.lamission.edu/athletics

focus on
MISSION PEOPLE



The family of **Doreen De Los Santos** is working with Mission College to create a scholarship in her name. The family also has indicated that those wishing to do so may send contributions in Doreen's name to the American Institute for Cancer Research, Dept. 802, 1759 R Street, NW, Washington, DC 20009. Ms. De Los Santos, associate dean for student services, passed away on March 26. Speaking on behalf of Mission College at Ms. De Los Santos' funeral, Associate Vice President for Administrative Services, **Dr. Richard Arvizu**, said: "Doreen had such a wonderful and pleasant way of working with everyone, that it made you feel as though you were working with a dear and trusted friend."



It's been a busy spring for **Barbara Kerwin**, assistant professor of art. Not only is her work being featured in two separate exhibitions right now, but she is also the subject of a magazine article on Los Angeles painters. An exhibit of new paintings, called "SEQUENCE," is currently on view at the Ruth Bachofner Gallery in Santa Monica. SEQUENCE follows Kerwin's meditative considerations of the Fibonacci number series. On view at the Square Blue Gallery in Newport Beach are 10 encaustic Grid paintings by Kerwin, in a show called "On the Surface" running through April 29th. Meantime, Modern Painters art magazine profiles Kerwin in an article entitled "Art Angelenos." The magazine describes Kerwin's encaustic-coated grid paintings as "...a visual counterpart to the music, say, of Miles Davis." Visit www.ModernPainters.co.uk.

Two LAMC students recently presented papers at the third annual research conference for community college honor

students held at UC Irvine. **Amber Escamilla** (below left) presented a paper entitled "Standardized Testing: The Desecration of Education." Her paper argues that schools should rely less on standardized testing and more on teacher input for assessing student progress. **Tanya Plascencia** presented a paper entitled "Exclusivism, Inclusivism, and Pluralism: A Global Theology of Religion." The paper is a defense of religious pluralism. Honors students from throughout California presented various research papers.



Veterans office director **Georgia Estrada** reports that at least four Mission College students attached to the military were called to active duty in the weeks before the start of the war with Iraq. "Two of them decided to marry their sweethearts before they left," said Estrada. The four, all marines, include a sergeant, a lance corporal, and two privates, according to Estrada.



The ASO has moved to fill vacancies within its ranks. **Luis Perez** (left) is the newly appointed vice president; **Angelica Amaral** now holds the post of treasurer; and **Annette Madrid** has been named historian. Also recently appointed are **Don Simmons**, community relations senator; **Vitaly Shtifman**, education senator; **Gerardo Silva**, fundraising chair; and **Louisa Petito**, editor-in-chief.

Three Mission College cadets have been accepted into the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Academy as security assistants. They are **Stephanie Casas**, **Ivan Moreno**, and **Angel Vasquez**. Acceptance into the academy is the first step toward becoming a sheriff's deputy.

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