In January, the Cabrillo College Governing Board unanimously approved the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Facilities Master Plan. With the EIR approved, the college can now begin construction on numerous large-scale projects. This heralds a new era for the College, representing the culmination of many years of planning and hard work. We are now on the verge of an extraordinary period of activity and physical transformation. The new, improved Cabrillo College campus will be more accessible, safer, and easier to navigate, with an infrastructure designed to meet the demands of today’s and tomorrow’s technologies.

Orchestrating a variety of large-scale construction projects like the ones we are beginning requires a combination of precision, artistry, and a measure of good luck. It also will require patience on everybody’s part. While we have much to look forward to, we must also collectively manage the approaching day-to-day realities of working in and around an ongoing construction zone. In the months ahead, roads will move, foundations will be poured, parking structures will be raised, and tons of earth will be transported in order to pave the way for new facilities. Fortunately, we have an outstanding Facilities Management Team, including Pegi Ard, Vice President of Business Services, Michael Maas, Development Manager, and Joe Nugent, Facilities and Development Supervisor, that has the necessary qualities to deliver the best possible job.

The Watsonville Center expansion will begin in mid-April. Towards the end of the spring semester, our Aptos campus will move into high gear with improvements to Soquel Drive, rerouting Cabrillo College Drive, laying the ground for a new Environmental Horticulture Center and Botanic Gardens, building Parking Decks in lots A and B, installing exterior elevators and ramps, and starting the design phase of both the Student Services Complex and the Visual and Performing Arts (VAPA) complex. In the following pages of this newsletter, I hope to shed more light on the specific details of these projects. Please see pages 2 to 4 for thumbnail presentations of our efforts.
WATSONVILLE CENTER EXPANSION
The first large-scale construction will begin this spring with the expansion of the Watsonville Center. The new center will be quadruple the size of the present facility. The expansion will allow the college to offer an increased and expanded selection of transfer-level, Associate Degree, and vocational certificate classes, including lab science, and visual and performing arts classes. The new center will have a science lab, multimedia classrooms, an art classroom, an integrated learning center, a tiered-seating lecture hall, a bookstore, an instructional computer lab, a multi-disciplinary computer lab, an open access computer lab, and an outside Paseo. The Watsonville Center expansion will be completed in June 2001.

SOQUEL DRIVE
This major undertaking began over spring break when the medians running in front of the college were replaced to make room for a variety of road improvements. Major construction will begin on May 22. Sidewalks will be installed on both sides of the street. Drainage problems will be fixed. Two new bus stops will be built. Bike paths will be created. New lighting will be installed and landscaping will be planted along the entire length of Soquel Drive near the college. There will be periodic lane closures, but Soquel Drive will remain open throughout the entire construction process. One lane in each direction will remain open at all times. Soquel Drive improvements, except for landscaping, will be complete by the beginning of fall semester 2000.

CABRILLO COLLEGE DRIVE
Cabrillo College Drive will be realigned to intersect what is now the visitor parking area in front of the Library/Learning Resources building. This new alignment will create the college’s first formal entrances, clearly marked by attractive monuments bearing the college logo. Sidewalks, bike paths, a new traffic light, and two new bus stops also will be added along the new section of road. The existing Cabrillo College Drive will remain open until the new road is complete. Faculty, staff, and students accustomed to parking in Lots A, B, C, or L during the summer months are advised to use alternative lots D, E, F, G, H or K. The project will be finished by the beginning of the fall 2000 semester.

COMPLETED PROJECTS
Since the passage of Measure C, the college has redressed many years of deferred maintenance problems. Over 100 projects have been completed to date. A new bus stop has been added behind the 700 Building. Outdoor elevators have been installed allowing easier access in buildings 400, 800, and 900. Old floors have been replaced. The swimming pool has been rebuilt and can now be used at night. Science classrooms and laboratories have been remodeled. The stadium has a new media center and classroom facility. New fire alarm systems have been installed. Electrical systems have been upgraded. Walkways and stairways have been repaired. Old cast-iron pipes have been replaced, plumbing fixed, and dozens of other renovations and repairs have been made throughout the campus.
EXTERIOR ELEVATORS

The installation of outdoor, all-weather elevators with ancillary stairs will allow disabled students easier access while traversing the campus. The first of two exterior elevators will be installed between the 100 and 450 buildings this spring. The second will be installed between 100 and the Library/Learning Resources Center over the summer months. All of the elevators will be installed and operating in time for the beginning of fall 2000 semester. In order to address further accessibility problems, a group of non-elevator access ramps also will be built before fall semester. Both systems incorporate small viewing and sitting plazas with ocean views. The gymnasium elevator and pool classroom building will also be finished by fall semester, allowing disabled students improved access from the locker rooms to the pool area.

ENVIRONMENTAL HORTICULTURE CENTER AND BOTANIC GARDENS

The new Horticulture Center will be located on hills above the Aptos campus on a beautiful six-acre site with sweeping ocean views. Site preparation will be completed this summer. The new center will allow the expansion of course offerings, and will feature new nursery facilities, including greenhouses, shade houses, a conference center, a horticulture gift store, classrooms, and world-class garden areas for teaching and community enjoyment. Greenhouses, shade houses, and hoop houses will be completed by October 2000. The storage and classroom area will be completed by January, 2001. The Community Center/Retail area will begin construction March, 2001 and will be completed by November, 2001.

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

From late May to July, 2000 the upper campus perimeter road will be open, but will have significant construction traffic. In August it will be closed for short periods of time for resurfacing. Cabrillo Stage fans looking forward to this summer’s production of Peter Pan will be able to park in Lots C (partial), D, E, F, G, H, and I. The Farmers’s Market will be relocated to Parking Lot F beginning May 6, 2000. A variety of smaller-scale construction projects ranging from new roofs to painting, from re-carpeting classrooms to stairway and walkway repairs are also scheduled over the upcoming summer months.
The Future Cabrillo College Campus

1 Environmental Horticulture Center & Botanical Gardens
2 New signal light and perimeter road realignment
3 Parking deck Lots A & B
4 Student Services Complex and Parking Area
5 New Entrance & signal light
6 Visual & Performing Arts Complex
7 New Cabrillo College Drive
8 Health & Wellness Center

CABRILLO COLLEGE FOUNDATION CAMPAIGN UPDATE

Last fall the Cabrillo College Foundation launched a major gifts campaign to raise money to furnish and equip the new facilities bond funding has made possible. Led by a committed group of community volunteers, the campaign is off to an excellent start as the Foundation seeks donations for the Watsonville Center expansion and the new Environmental Horticulture Center & Botanic Gardens.

The goal for Watsonville Center is $928,000, and the campaign committee has already raised $356,000, 37 percent of the goal. The David and Lucile Packard Foundation has generously granted $250,000 to equip the Watsonville Center Science Lab. Cabrillo is indebted to major donors Dan and Pat Lester, Don and Diane Cooley, S. Martinelli Company, Ann Soldo, Paul and Ann Irwin, First National Bank, and the Watsonville Rotary Club for their pledges. The efforts of Watsonville Center Campaign Committee Cochairs Ann Soldo and Marshall Delk and hardworking members Sedric Cade, Tony Campus, Diane Cooley, Mahlon Foote, Rocky Franich, Gary Gionnette, Tila Guerrero, Hal Hyde, Paul Irwin, Jeff Kane, Bill Locke-Paddon, Mike Machado, Megan Martinelli, Henry Mello, Ann Morhauser, Alan Smith, Theo Wierdsma and Bruce Woolpert have launched a very successful campaign.

Judging by recently finalized plans for the Environmental Horticulture Center & Botanic Gardens, the Center will be one of the finest community college horticulture facilities in California. The Foundation thanks Rachael Spencer and Kevin Rooney and Joe and Gayle Ortiz and Gayle’s Bakery and Rosticceria for major gift pledges towards the campaign goal of $344,000. Credit is due to Horticulture Campaign Committee Cochairs Gayle Ortiz and Joan DeNeffe and to committee members Marcy Albert, Jess Brown, John David, Renee Shepard, and Rachael Spencer for their many hours of work on the project.
PHONE REGISTRATION

Starting this summer, registering for classes will be as easy as dialing a touch-tone telephone. After many years of anticipation, Cabrillo College is launching phone registration for all students starting in May. Dubbed “Hawk Talk” after the college Seahawk mascot, Cabrillo’s new phone registration system will greatly speed up the enrollment process, and help eliminate waiting in long lines to sign up for classes. The new phone registration system has already had initial success during the trial process. Last fall, the Cabrillo Admissions and Records Office and the Computing Resource Department implemented phone registration to students who were enrolled during the previous semester and who were already entered in the computer system. Thousands of students opted for the convenience of phone registration, and the new hardware and software performed remarkably without a glitch. There are 24 dedicated telephone lines being used for phone registration. The college is also implementing one of the first Spanish language versions of phone registration in California. Paying for classes is also easier. Students now can pay either by phone using a credit card, or by mailing a check or money order. Phone lines are open from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m., seven days a week. A special Help Line is staffed by a live human being Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., just in case. Thanks are due to the hard working people who made phone registration a success: Kathy Carter, Byron Cornwell, Nikole DuTemple, Gloria Garing, Sue Haas, Al Holbert, Deborah Johnson, Kathleen Kiehl, Rachel Mayo, Barbara McKee, Nita Manglicmot, Jeanne Ragan, Ray Rider, Mike Satren, Cathy Summa-Ford, Loren Washburn, Shelley West, and Marcy Wieland.

RE-ENTRY CENTER LAUNCHES NEW RECRUITING EFFORT

In August Dhyana Swann was hired as the new full-time Coordinator/Counselor for the Re-entry Resource Center. Counselor Joe Napolitano, Deborah Alastra, Interim Department Assistant, and six students round out the Re-entry Center staff. Last fall, Dhyana launched an impressive new recruiting initiative aimed at the re-entry student population. Her outreach efforts included a series of weekly information sessions held at the Aptos campus, in Watsonville, and in San Lorenzo Valley. Over 600 students have received re-entry counseling services since the new program began. Dhyana is maximizing resources by enlisting the talents of experienced student staff members who serve as outreach “ambassadors” at the off-campus locations. The basic mission of the Re-entry Center is to offer the growing re-entry student population a range of services including academic, career, personal, peer, and drop-in counseling. Dhyana and her staff work hard to provide a welcoming environment, from a warm decor to a hot cup of coffee or tea. In addition, re-entry students can use the Center’s computers and computer tutors, usually without waiting. Students will also find a referral service to many on and off campus resources. The Re-entry Center awards a number of student scholarships, including the Women’s Educational Success grants, and has sponsored several events this past year, including African-American History Month and Women’s History Month.
Cabrillo College continues to win instructional grants across the board with funding for the 1999-2000 school year now totaling $1,876,955. This great success is due to the outstanding efforts of dedicated faculty and staff members including Rick Graziani, Cisco Academy Grant; Francesca Hampton, VESL Summer Institute Grant, Eric Carter, Culinary Arts Internships Grant, Maia Chisholm, Professional Office Skills & Technology Grant; Dean Meyer, Links Grant; Debra Jones, Vocational Educators Technical Institute Grant; Rachael Spencer, Ladders Project Grant and Cluster Analysis Grants; and Laura

440 YEARS OF SERVICE—FAREWELL RETIREEs!

This year the College will say a fond farewell to 17 faculty and staff retirees representing approximately 440 years of dedicated service. The College will hold an Inaugural Ball in celebration of our retirees’ new beginnings. The party will be held Friday, April 28, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Sesnon House. Guests will be treated to delicious food, a short program, and music by Kazanga Marimba. The event is sponsored by the Academic Senate, Student Senate, CCFT, SEIU, the Cabrillo College Foundation and the College Administration. Special thanks once again to Art Instructor Jane Gregorious for coordinating the event. Academic retirees include Reading Instructor Diane Davis, BECHO Division Chair Donna Duell, Nursing Education Director Joan Frommhagen, Anthropology Instructor James Funaro, English Instructor Steven Hanley, Art Instructor Howard Ikemoto, Physical Education Instructor Pat Lovell, History Instructor Sandy Lydon, Psychology Instructor Andy Neher, Art Instructor Donald Thompson, History Instructor Peter Wang, English Instructor Anita Wilkins, and Physical Education Instructor Charles Wilkinson. Staff members who are retiring include Maintenance and Operations Director Jim Graefe, Nursing Program Specialist Rosalyn Hilbert, Nursing Lab Instructional Assistant Karen Isliker, BECHO Division Assistant Janet King, and BCS Division Assistant Sharon Smeenk. We wish them all the very best in their future endeavors.

Cabrillo Offers Bridge

During the six-week June 19-July 28 summer session, Cabrillo College, in partnership with Santa Cruz City Schools, will offer a pilot program called the ESL-English Summer Bridge. This program targets at-risk high school graduates who have been identified by their high schools as likely to benefit from intensive study. These students will generally speak English as a second language, be interested in attending college, and will have been assessed to need more work on their writing and reading skills. Participating students will be placed in an appropriate level of English or ESL class. They will also study reading and Counseling and Guidance Career Planning Courses. College faculty and staff will offer a series of special presentations and introduce Bridge students to financial aid opportunities, Library usage, and computer skills. Santa Cruz City Schools approached the college last fall requesting a headstart opportunity for some of their at-risk students.
Catalyst

STROKE CENTER BOWLATHON RAISES $18,000

The Margaret DeSylvester Charitable Foundation gave the Cabrillo College Stroke Center a challenge grant of $5,000 this year. Motivated by the challenge grant, Stroke Center Director Caroline Bliss-Isberg and staff held a successful bowling benefit on St. Patrick’s Day called Strikes for Strokes. The wheelchair accessible event provided a fun-filled day of bowling for 85 Stroke Center students, and community members. Team Captain and Stroke Center Advisory Board Member Brigid Simpkins’ team, the “Hole in the Ball Gang,” won first prize for the best name.

Through the generosity of the Seaside Company and George H. Wilson, Inc., five wheelchair-adapted lanes at Surf Bowl were donated for the fundraiser. Eleven families and businesses underwrote teams. Underwriters included George Ow, Jr., Cathy and Dale Pomeroy, Horsnyder Pharmacy, the Phillips Family Trust, the Resetar Family Foundation, Tony Resetar, the Simpkins Family, the Beauregard family, Kay Zwerling, and Redtree Properties. More than $18,000 was raised averaging over $1,000 per team. The Cabrillo team, “The President’s Pals” (sponsored and captained by one John Hurd) didn’t win first prize for best name, but all the members had a good time. In addition to John, Cabrillo bowlers included MSE Division Chair Wanda Gardner, Marketing and Communications Director Cathy Summa-Ford, Purchasing Agent Doug Deaver, and MESA Director Sue Tappero. The event was such a great success that Caroline is planning a similar event next year. You are invited to dust off your bowling ball and mark your calendar for the next Strikes for Strokes fundraiser.

Volunteer Diane Grunes assists bowler Leo Greenberg
ACCOLADES

Speech Communications Instructor Dan Rothwell recently published a textbook titled *In the Company of Others—An Introduction to Communication* (Mayfield Press). The book is expected to be used across the country in two- and four-year colleges and universities. This is Dan’s second textbook on the market. His first textbook was a national bestseller.

Instructor Eric Hoffman received the prestigious Parent’s Choice Silver Award for his book *Play Lady*, aimed at children from two to seven years old. The book is one of a series of four, all by Hoffman, which publisher Redleaf bought on the strength of his writing an Anti Bias Series.

Library Director Johanna Bowen published an article titled “Assistive Technology at the Cabrillo College Library” in the *Community & Junior College Libraries Journal*, (Haworth Press). This journal is distributed to professionals working in academic and technical libraries, learning or media centers, library training programs, and library organizations.

Institutional Research Director Jing Luan has recently become president-elect of the Research and Planning Group for California Community Colleges (RP Group). Jing and his office staff also recently hosted a successful California Assessment Institute.

At this year’s CCC Board of Governors Conference, Transfer Center Director Donna Mekis received the Ann Cade-Wilson Award—a perpetual award designed to honor transfer center directors for outstanding service toward improving the transfer process for community college students. The award is named after its first recipient, the former Transfer Center Director of Los Angeles City College. Donna is the current Northern Vice President of the statewide Transfer Center Directors Association.

BECHO Division Chair Donna Duell and writer Sandra Smith co-authored *The 5th Edition of the Clinical Nursing Skills* textbook. The book is used internationally as a textbook and is the largest selling nursing skills book in the country.

Physics instructor Doug Brown and the Physics Department hosted the TYC21 Region 2 spring meeting. TYC21 is a fledgling organization of two-year college physics faculty forging a stronger two-year college physics community and supporting physics education research. Doug gave a presentation at the meeting on Cabrillo’s Physics Lab Learning Community.

The Society for Applied Anthropology (SFAA) invited a team of Cabrillo Instructors to present at its annual conference in San Francisco. Anthropology instructors Debra Bolter, Jim Funaro, Ruth Laird, Allen Lonberg, Chuck Smith, Corrine Shear Wood and Archeology instructor Rob Edwards gave a joint presentation titled “Teaching and Learning as Applied Anthropology: Examples from Cabrillo Community College.” SFAA is the preeminent international organization in the field of Anthropology.

MSE Division Chair Wanda Garner was invited to attend the *Re-envisioning the Ph.D. National Conference*. Wanda is one of only six community college representatives invited to attend.

Anthropology Instructor James Funaro’s annual CONTACT-Cultures of the Imagination conference attracted a record number of attendees and a list of renowned presenters including MIT Professor Marvin Minsky, Ph.D.; Seth Shostak, Ph.D., SETI Scientist; and William J. Clancey, Ph.D., NASA/Ames Research Center among others.