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**COLLEGE OF THE REDWOODS**

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CR President Jeff Marsee



Local contractor Mercer Fraser poured concrete for the Student Services/Administration/Performing Arts Building.



The Humboldt County Farm Bureau has proposed partnering with CR to help renovate the 'Everett' house, above, for use as a residence for agriculture students.



The Farm Bureau also wants to help CR by renovating the old barn on Tompkins Hill Road for educational livestock uses.

### *Season's Greetings!*

As one calendar year ends and another begins, College of the Redwoods continues to serve its community with distinction. A review of CR's successful activities and remarkable achievements this past year underscores how special this college is to the northwest region and how important the community is to the District.

For instance, despite a financially imploding state economy, the District's 2009-2010 enrollment continued its record setting double-digit growth for the second consecutive year. Our challenge has been to accommodate the influx of students despite a 3.5 percent cut in state appropriations. Yet, thanks to efficient scheduling and careful fiduciary management, CR has been able to meet the community's needs while other California community colleges were forced to turn away 140,000 students due to budget cuts.

Good news for Southern Humboldt! The District received formal approval from the California Division of the State Architect for the proposed renovation plans of the recently purchased Southern Humboldt Instructional Site in Garberville. CR is formally beginning the bidding process for the renovations. If all goes well, classes may be offered at CR's newest instructional site in fall 2011. Bringing CR's services to the local communities continues to be a driving theme for the college.

This past year has not only been about managing growth. The District has begun working with community leaders to customize CR's education plans for each campus, education center, and instructional site. Planning documents for the Mendocino Coast and Del Norte Education Centers are being prepared for presentation to the CR Board of Trustees in early spring. In addition to proposing new degrees, such as Environmental Science, and implementing new programs, like the Fire Academy, the District's education master plans are focusing on improving high school outreach efforts, creating more effective college completion strategies, and addressing the severe shortage of health occupation workers in the northwest region. Other education master plans will be initiated next year for the Klamath-Trinity Instructional Site in Hoopa, the Southern Humboldt Instructional Site, the 101 Corridor (Eureka Downtown, Arcata and McKinleyville Instructional Sites), virtual courses, and the Eureka campus.

The past year has been a remarkable year for changing the look of the Eureka campus. The \$18+ million Student Services/Administration/ Performing Arts Theater buildings are showing evidence of progress as the steel frame work is forming the outline of the structures. Local bond funds are paying \$0.13 for every \$0.87 paid by the state on this project. The state has also approved the budget for a \$28+ million state-of-the-art project for two academic classroom and laboratory buildings scheduled to begin construction in July 2011. The aging Eureka campus "subterranean" infrastructure will also be getting relief. CR's proposed \$33+ million replacement and renovation of electrical, plumbing, drainage, and sewage systems has been tentatively accepted by the state for funding beginning summer 2012.

Equally important are the two science lab renovation projects at the Mendocino Coast (CRMC) and Del Norte (CRDN) Education Centers. The CRMC lab renovation plans are awaiting approval by the Division of the State Architect (DSA). If the DSA approval and the bidding process stay on schedule, it could be completed, using local bond funds, by the end of summer 2011. The CRDN project is still gathering information and evolving.

In recent years, CR has been fortunate to receive several major grants. Two years ago, the U.S. Department of Labor awarded CR, through the County of Humboldt, a \$2 million grant to facilitate the startup of 12 career and technical programs. A CalTrans mitigation grant



Above photos: Young CCC workers work on the roof of the Annie B. Ryan House in Eureka as part of a CR Historic Preservation Field Techniques class focusing on Green Energy Training.



CR Agriculture Professor Franz Rulofson



CR Interim Dean of Career and Technical Education Mike Peterson, left, receives a national award at the Association for Technology, Management, and Applied Technology conference.

for \$2 million has also been instrumental in reviving the District's agriculture program. Now, thanks to a unique proposal, the currently abandoned "Everett" house, fish hatchery and barn – all located at the Eureka campus – will be renovated by the Humboldt County Farm Bureau and managed by them through a proposed cooperative lease agreement with CR. Living space will be provided as "work-ships" to qualified agriculture students in the Everett house as compensation for working on CR's 38-acre, organic Shively farm. The barn and adjoining acreage, also to be maintained by the Farm Bureau, will be used to reactivate the livestock program, thus providing a richer and more diverse agriculture curriculum for students. This is an example of what can be done when the "village" works together. It has been an exciting and fulfilling year. Next year promises to be more of the same.

To each and all from the CR faculty, staff, and trustees, please have a safe and happy holiday season.

Sincerely,

Jeff Marsee, Ph.D.  
President/Superintendent

## CR District-wide Updates

### ***CR Partners with County of Humboldt in Green Energy Training***

CR has been involved in an exciting new partnership in green energy training with the County of Humboldt, the California Conservation Corps, and the Eureka Adult School. The County of Humboldt received a California Clean Energy workforce training grant for this program which targets disadvantaged young adults between the ages of 18 and 24.

The fall program resulted in 26 young adults completing the free training and hands-on experience in the green building profession. The participants received workforce entry skills at the Eureka Adult School and were enrolled in the California Conservation Corps, which paid them for their work. Each participant also received a free tool belt.

The students learned techniques and performed work in the CR Construction Technology class, Field Techniques for Historic Preservation. They worked on the roof of the historic Annie B. Ryan House, 1000 F Street in Eureka, the Stamps House in Manila (the new Friends of the Dunes headquarters), and the second floor of the Samoa Cookhouse, which is being renovated into a heritage hostel. In January 2011, the multi-agency partnership will offer a new program, the Green Building Pre-Apprenticeship Training Program.

The CR training includes: Introduction to Green Building; Energy Fundamentals; Retrofits and Energy Efficiency; Water-Efficient Building and Retrofits; Solar Hot Water and Solar Photovoltaic Installation and Design Principles; and a 10-hour OSHA Certification.

### ***CR Faculty and Staff awards***

CR is fortunate to have many talented staff and faculty who are extraordinarily devoted to making a difference in the lives of our students and the community. I would like to highlight some of these individuals and the accomplishments they have achieved over the past nine months.

- Agriculture Professor Franz Rulofson was recently awarded the Green California Community College Summit Leadership Award in the category of Green Curriculum.
- Interim Dean of Career and Technical Education Mike Peterson had his paper on Humboldt County niche manufacturing win the award of best conference proceedings paper at the recent international technology conference, the Association for Technology, Management, and Applied Technology.
- Greg Masten, Hoopa Career and Technical Education Program (HCATEP) Director, and CR Klamath-Trinity Instructional Site Director Jolene Gates delivered a presentation entitled "Educating Indian Country for the New Job Market" at the National Congress of American Indians in Albuquerque, NM.
- CR Eureka Campus Art Professor Shannon Sullivan and CR Eureka Campus Associate Art Professor Dave Zdrazil presented a paper on current pedagogical aspects of wood firing within accredited U.S. academic institutions, including public and private colleges and universities at the First European Woodfire Conference in Bröllin, Germany.
- CR English Professor Dave Holper was voted 2010-11 Faculty of the Year for the CR Eureka Campus by his faculty colleagues.
- CR Associate Professor of English, History, and Cinema Sean Herrera-Thomas was voted CR



CR Eureka Campus Art Professor Cindy Hooper, the recipient of the 2010-2011 Dr. Eugene Portugal Award, will make presentations throughout the District during spring semester.



CR Forestry and Natural Resources Professor Tim Baker demonstrates a forestry technique to a young Science Night attendee.



A young girl closely inspects a blackberry plant in a botany classroom during Science Night. CR's 25th Science Night drew a large crowd during a late October Friday evening.



The CR Del Norte Center held its LVN pinning ceremony in December in Crescent City.

Eureka Campus Associate Faculty of the Year by his colleagues.

- CR Del Norte Education Center Nursing Professor Melody Pope was voted CRDN Center Faculty of the Year by her colleagues. Pope also recently earned her doctorate degree in Education/Education Leadership, from the University of Phoenix.
- CR Del Norte Education Center History and Political Science Associate Professor Jennifer Gardner was voted Associate Faculty of the Year for the CRDN Center by her colleagues.
- CR Mendocino Coast Education Center Counselor David Gonsalves was voted 2010-11 Faculty of the Year for the CRMC Center by his faculty colleagues.
- CR DSPS Interim Director Learning Disability Specialist/DSPS Coordinator Dr. Trish Blair was named the CR Multicultural and Diversity Award winner for 2010-2011.
- CR Financial Aid Director Lynn Thiesen was voted CR Eureka Classified Employee of the Year.
- CR Disabled Student Services Support Specialist for the CR Mendocino Coast Center Carole Freeman was voted 2010-2011 CRMC Center Classified Employee of the Year.
- CR Del Norte Education Center Student Support Services, TRIO Program employee, Marla Ovick, was voted CRDN Center Classified Employee of the Year.
- CR Del Norte Education Center English Professor Ruth Rhodes recently was notified that her nonfiction essay, "Tonight We Dash," will be published in the forthcoming Bona Fide Press anthology, "Permanent Vacation: Living and Working in the National Parks."
- CR Eureka Campus Art Professor Cindy Hooper is the 2010-2011 recipient of the 2010 Dr. Eugene Portugal Award. She will present a lecture and screening of her recent videos about water and the environment, "Anthropogenic Aquascapes: Videos about Water and the Environment," during the spring semester on the main Eureka campus, the CRDN and CRMC centers, and at the Klamath River Early CR campus.
- CR Del Norte Education Center Art Instructor Sara Broderick won the People's Choice Award at the Manley Art Center in Brookings, OR., for her painting, "Kiss."

### Science Night

CR hosted its 25th Eureka Campus Science Night in October. It was one of the best-attended Science Nights. This educational and fun evening of free science-oriented activities took place in many of CR's facilities. Over the years the night has broadened to include demonstrations, hands-on activities, experiments, and lectures—most presented by CR faculty—on many facets of math, art, science, health, and technology. Science Night is truly one of the highlight events of the year showcasing the best CR has to offer the North Coast community.

### CRAccess Card

CR will become greener and improve its financial service to all students in January 2011 with the new CRAccess Card. This will change the way CR disburses financial aid and tuition refunds to students. Every CR student will receive an official CRAccess Card. This card gives students a choice in how they receive refunds from the college, and it will all be done by electronic deposits. No more paper checks will be sent to students. The college saves paper and students receive their funds faster. The CR staff has worked hard to bring this major new benefit to CR students.

### Around the District

The end of the fall semester around the CR District is always a busy and joyous time. Here are some of events that took place involving CR students, faculty, and staff:

- The CR Del Norte Licensed Vocational Nursing Program held its pinning ceremony for 27 graduates at the Del Norte County Fairgrounds on December 17.
- The CR Basic Law Enforcement Academy spotlighted 14 cadets during a graduation event on December 10 on the CR Eureka campus.
- The students from the CR Eureka Campus Kiln Building art class held a special kiln opening event in December in the ceramics and sculpture yard of the Creative Arts Building. Students enrolled in Dave Zdrasil's class took on the challenge of rebuilding the kiln that was severely damaged by the January 2009 earthquake. This dynamic and committed group of students worked collaboratively to design, construct, and finish the new two-chambered wood/soda-fired kiln. Quite an accomplishment!
- The CR Del Norte Education Center's 90-voice Chorale presented its fall concert, "Joyous Memories of Christmas," on December 8 at Crescent Elk Middle School. This CR Chorale Choir is under the direction of Christie Lynn Rust with accompanist Jill Dovre. The choir will tour Europe in November 2011.
- The CR Oratorio Choir, with CR Eureka Campus Music Instructor Carol Ryder directing,



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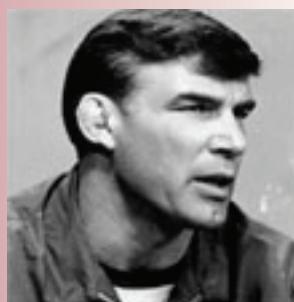
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An avid Corsair sports teams fan, retired CR Coach and Physical Education Professor Jim Sylvia passed away on Dec. 7.



At its December meeting, the CR Board of Trustess approved the apointment of Dr. Garrett Kenehan as the new full-time assistant professor of mathematics for the CR Mendocino Coast Education Center. Kenehan had been a math professor at the Berklee School of Music in Boston.

performed Vivaldi's "Gloria" on December 5 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Fortuna. • The CR Jazz Orchestra with CR Eureka Campus Music Instructor Bill Allison directing, presented "An Evening of Swing and Beyond" on December 7 in the CR Forum Theater. • The CR Concert Band, with CR Eureka Campus Music Instructor Brian Newkirk directing, performed an afternoon of Christmas favorites at the Fortuna Christmas Festival on December 12 at the River Lodge in Fortuna. • CR Eureka Campus Concert Band, also directed by Brian Newkirk, performed at the Eureka Inn Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony (with the Arcata Interfaith Choir and the Eureka Presbyterian Choir) on November 28. • Sad news: Retired CR Coach and Physical Education Professor Jim Sylvia passed away of natural causes on December 7. Jim was hired by CR in 1966. He worked in the CR Physical Education & Athletics Department from 1966-1997. He coached baseball, track, cross country, football, and wrestling during this time and won numerous titles. He is best known for starting the CR wrestling program in 1966 and coached the team until 1978.

### **Personnel changes around the CR District**

#### *New Hires:*

Dr. Garrett Kenehan, Assistant Professor Mathematics, CRMC Education Center  
Theresa Sisson, Athletics & Activities Secretary  
Eric Arndt, Instructional Support Specialist I – Computer Aided Drafting  
Scott Pieper, Shipping and Receiving Clerk  
Jeanne Quirk, Instructional Support Specialist – Lab Technician  
Amanda Steinebach, Early Childhood Education Assistant II – Child Development Center  
Elizabeth Wainwright, Early Childhood Education Assistant II – Child Development Center  
Rebecca Swanson, Early Childhood Education Assistant II – Child Development Center  
Miguel Magdaleno, Student Services Specialist I  
Rafael Samano, Public Safety Officer, Security  
Marisa Kendall, Early Childhood Education Nutrition Associate – Child Development Center  
Corin Balkovek, Administrative Office Assistant II, Upward Bound  
Michelle Voorhees, Academic Advising Coordinator, Special Programs, CalSOAP  
Ronald Waters, Director, Administration of Justice  
Linda Scales, Assistant Professor – Medical Assisting (1-year, grant-funded, non-tenure track position)  
Karen Nelson, Interim Manager, Resource Development

*Happy  
Holidays!*



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