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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Napa Valley College is in the midst of a transformation. When one drives by the main campus, one can see that the college is building for the future. A new Life Sciences Building is under construction, new roads and parking are being added, and the site for a new center for instruction in theater and music is being cleared. When one walks the campus, many other new improvements are evident. There are new, lighted tennis courts, an environmentally friendly chiller plant, and six acres of photovoltaic panels that make Napa Valley College one of the largest solar-powered facilities in the country. Over the coming years, you will see a new Ceramics Building, a Gymnasium Annex, additional facilities for our Viticulture and Winery Technology Program, and a new Library & Learning Resources Center.

Our educational and student support programs are also continually refined and improved. Our Nursing Program has doubled in size, and a new Electronic Classroom will allow us to send Respiratory Therapy instruction to sites throughout Northern California. We have begun a new Hospitality Program at the request of those in the local hotel, restaurant and wine industries. We just graduated our first Corrections Academy class. We have guaranteed transfer agreements with many top universities, and we are one of only three community colleges with a partnership agreement with UC Berkeley for stu-



dents interested in the sciences. CSU Sonoma will be offering a bachelor's degree at Napa Valley College this fall.

Throughout these pages, you will see the many ways that Napa Valley College is continually striving to meet the changing educational and employment needs of the communities we serve. We are certain

that there is something at the college for everyone, whether it be courses that lead to a new career, improvement of basic skills, transfer to a university, or personal development. We invite you to learn more about us and let us know how we can best serve you. We are proud to be your community college.

Sincerely,

Dr. Chris McCarthy
President

From NVC to Haas School of Business at UC Berkeley



BETTY MILMORE PHOTO

LeAnn Estill, left, and Candy Hong, right, with Professor Walt Unti.

Acceptance to the Haas School of Business at the University of California, Berkeley, is very competitive. Business Professor Walt Unti notes that only seven out of 100 community college applicants are accepted. LeAnn Estill, Candy Hong and Maria Sotelo-Ramirez, Napa Valley College 2007 graduates, were among those accepted. Above, LeAnn and Candy are pictured at the spring Scholarship Ceremony with Prof. Unti. Right, Maria is pictured at graduation.

LeAnn Estill attended Benicia High School and commuted to attend Napa Valley College. After Haas, she is looking to a career in marketing. "Napa Valley College has helped me reach my educational goals; due to the wonderful faculty, I've gotten to know about

clubs on campus. I was president of the honor society and an officer in MESA (Mathematics, Engineering, Science Achievement.) Taking part in these organizations helped me to develop and improve my leadership skills."

Candy Hong, who was born in Hong Kong, lives in Napa. She was active in student government, Phi Theta Kappa and clubs at NVC. She hopes to become a CPA. "NVC provided great general education and it cost less than the four-year universities. I would recommend NVC to others," she said.

Maria Sotelo-Ramirez graduated from Napa High School before coming to Napa Valley College.



Sotelo-Ramirez

After Haas, she hopes to go on to graduate school for an MBA. "I would strongly recommend NVC. Programs such as Student Support Services and Puente are what helped me the most," she said. She was also a member of Phi Theta Kappa and Club Latina. "The college was close to home and small classes were nice," she added.

Citizens' Oversight Committee

An Independent Citizens' Oversight Committee has been monitoring how the college spends Measure N funds. According to outgoing chair Dr. Tom Timar, the college has "spent bond money only on voter-approved projects" and should be congratulated on its "commitment to conservation." The Oversight Committee reported that it is "impressed with

the college's efforts to maximize bond funds."

The 2007-2008 Oversight Committee, chaired by Greg Rodeno, will include Heather Stanton, Jarrod Denton, Joseph Tagliaboschi, Gregory Evans, Brian Kearny, Audrey Amundsen, Skip Keyser, Richard Walton, Rick Whatley and Dr. Denys Michaud.

ANNUAL REPORT CARD

Student Headcount: Total number of students enrolled. Each student is counted once.

Fall 2006 Headcount: 9,041
Source: California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office Data Mart

Enrollment: Total course enrollments. A student taking three courses counts as three enrollments.

Fall 2006 Enrollment: 17,807
Source: California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office Data Mart

Graduation Figures, 2005-2006

Degrees conferred: 504
Certificates awarded: 194
Source: California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office Data Mart

Retention Rate: Percentage of students who are retained in courses (i.e., who receive grades of A, B, C, D, F, CR, NC, I) out of total students enrolled in courses (and receive grades of A, B, C, D, F, CR, NC, I, W).

Fall 2006 retention rate: 79.9%
Spring 2006 retention rate: 80.2%
Source: California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office Data Mart

Persistence Rate: Percentage of students enrolled in one term who also enroll in the next term.

Fall 2005 - Spring 2006 persistence: 61.2%
Fall 2005 - Fall 2006 persistence: 41.8%
Source: MIS Data, SX Files

Successful Course Completion Rate: Percent of students who are successful in courses (i.e., receive grades of A, B, C, CR) out of total students enrolled in courses (and receive grades of A, B, C, D, F, CR, NC, I, W).

Fall 2006 successful course completion rate: 66.1%
Spring 2006 successful course completion rate: 66.0%
Source: California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office Data Mart

STUDENT DEMOGRAPHICS

Ethnic/Racial Background (Credit Students Fall 2006)

White	45.9%
Hispanic	21.5%
Filipino	11.3%
Unknown	9.4%
African American	6.1%
Asian/Pacific Islander	4.2%
Other	0.9%
Native American	0.7%

Source: California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office Data Mart

Age (Credit Students Fall 2006)

19 Years or Younger	26.1%
20 to 24 Years	23.9%
25 to 29 Years	12.0%
30 to 34 Years	7.6%
35 to 39 Years	6.6%
40 to 49 Years	11.5%
50 Years & Over	12.2%

Source: California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office Data Mart

Gender (Credit Students Fall 2006)

Female	58.7%
Male	40.1%
Unknown	1.2%

Source: California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office Data Mart

Percent of 2005-2006 University of California & California State University graduates who attended a California Community College: 45.3%

Source: Focus on Results: Accountability Reporting for the California Community Colleges, 2007

Fall registration in progress

New students welcome at Napa Valley College

Fall classes start Aug. 20 at Napa Valley College. Fall online registration is in progress for continuing, returning and new matriculated students (students who have completed assessment testing and orientation).

New students are welcome at Napa Valley College. New non-matriculated students can register online, and walk-in registration is available for all students.

The fall schedule is available online. Parking permits are available online.

Fees are only \$20 per credit unit. Financial Aid information is available.

NVC Day

A special Saturday walk-in registration will be held Aug. 18 during NVC Day, an open house and welcome event. The free public event will be held from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday registration will be open that day, as will the Bookstore for the convenience of those attending. NVC Day will welcome new, returning and re-entry students. Have questions about college? There will be panels on topics from Financial Aid and Money Management to "College 101" for both students and parents. The Parents' workshop will be held in both English and Spanish. Transfer op-



"Give me a fish and I eat for a day. Teach me to fish and I eat for a lifetime."
—Chinese Proverb

portunities will be another workshop topic. Campus tours will be offered. There will be food and music. Watch for future announcements of more details or call Victoria Estrella, coordinator of Student Life, at 707-253-3061 or see www.napavalley.edu.

Law Enforcement Expo

Greg Miraglia and the Criminal Justice Training Center staff are planning Law Enforcement Expo II

and Career Fair Saturday, August 18, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. behind the CJTC and on the college track. Details on their event can be found at this link: <http://www.nvccjtc.org/nvccexpo2.html>. Information will be available on the college Police Academy and related classes and programs. More than 50 law enforcement agencies looking to fill hundreds of job vacancies will participate. There will be many activities, including several police K-9 Dog demonstrations, a "CSI" demonstration, Physical Agility Course demonstration, and Weaponless Defense demonstrations.

Late-start classes

Seats in many late-start classes are also available. Late-start classes range from Payroll Accounting to Desktop Publishing, from AutoCAD to Command Spanish for Nurses, from Algebra to Introduction to Creative Writing. Many student success classes are late-start, including Orientation for the Successful Online Student, Letting Go of Test Anxiety, Managing College and Career Decision-Making, for example.

Napa Valley College...a place so near can take you so far!



Monique Perry

Napa Valley College student Monique Perry of Vallejo was one of 400 students nationally to be honored in the Coca-Cola Two-Year Colleges Scholarship Pro-

Vallejo student awarded Coca-Cola Scholarship

gram. She has received a \$1,000 scholarship for her academic success and community service. From St. Louis, Monique has attended Napa Valley College since

2005, studying business economics. She has just been accepted to transfer to Mills College. Monique was president of the Black Student Union on campus. She appreci-

ated the support she received from SSS and EOPS. "Doors have been opened for me here," she says of her experience at Napa Valley College. "People care."

Academic excellence: Phi Theta Kappa honored

Napa Valley College's honor society chapter was recognized at the spring Phi Theta Kappa regional conference in San Diego. Out of 80 chapters, NVC's chapter

won the Service Hallmark Award for outstanding service projects. The chapter again earned 5-star status (the highest level of overall achievement) and a Pinnacle

Achievement Award.

Beta Beta Sigma was also recognized at the international level with the Service Hallmark Award and Top 100 Chapters Award.

Honor society students honored

NVC student Jason Johnson was honored as a member of the All California Academic First Team, and Griselda Vargas was named to the third team. Jason was an active board member with Phi Theta Kappa. He majored in Business and has plans to transfer to UCLA.

Griselda, a member of

Puente Program, is a first-generation college student. She plans to transfer to UC Berkeley with a double major in Spanish and Chicano Studies.

Both students were honored with additional scholarships and awards.

Honor society advisors are Cathy Gillis and Andrea Bewick.



Submitted photo
Griselda Vargas, left, and Jason Johnson display their awards received in Sacramento.



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Cover Photo

Richard Bruns photo of the new Life Science Building under construction.

Green project



Napa Valley College Campus Planning & Construction Director Dan TerAvest, left, and Project Coordinator Pat Marrinan observe the delicate placement of one of the eight chiller units being installed in the new building.



Richard Bruins Photos



A new state-of-the-art Central Chiller Plant is scheduled to be completed in October 2007. A local firm, Bell Products, Inc., is working on the \$7.2 million cooling plant. This green project includes a two-story building to house cooling towers and pumps. The facility will be used to create one million pounds of ice at night, while electricity rates are lowest, and then distribute chilled water to campus buildings for cooling during daytime hours. Daytime pumping will be solar powered thanks to the college's new photovoltaic field. Left, workers move one of the eight 10-ton chiller plant units into place as it floats on compressed-air jacks. Above, a welder seals seams on piping destined for the new chiller plant.

New Hospitality Classes at Napa Valley College

Napa Valley College has launched a credit Hospitality and Tourism Management Program and is offering classes on hospitality management, hotel administration and marketing in the hospitality industry this fall.

The introduction of this new program comes at a time when the local hospitality industry is struggling to find qualified employees and industry leaders are seeking to improve customer experiences, said instructor

Ian MacNeil. The three courses offered are Introduction to Hospitality Management (BUSI 298A) held on Tuesdays from 6 to 8:50 p.m., Principles of Hotel Administration (BUSI 298B) held on Thursdays at 6 to 8:50 p.m., and Marketing for Hospitality and Tourism (BUSI 251) held on Tuesdays at 1:30 to 4:20 p.m. Each of these courses will improve student awareness of customer service and provide a firm foundation for career growth in hospitality management.

Instructor Ian MacNeil, who has nearly 20 years of wine-hospitality business experience, will teach all three classes with a focus on management and leadership. Key community professionals from wineries, hotels, restaurants and spas will be guest speakers and cover such topics as human resources, winemaking, hospitality law and management communication. The classes are very useful for those who are thinking about going into the hospitality field as well as for

individuals already working in the industry, MacNeil says.

For more information on the program visit the program's website at www.napavalley.edu/hospitality or contact Ian MacNeil at 707-259-6047.

The Hospitality and Tourism Management Program is made possible through an Economic Workforce Development Grant from the Chancellor's Office and partnerships with local businesses.

Student success: 2007 NVC graduates share their stories

"Napa Valley College has great teachers. They are helpful and always there for you. I have attended the college since I was in eighth grade and am graduating from Napa Valley College a week before I will graduate from Vintage High School. My goal is to go into nursing. I plan to transfer to PUC."



—Caitlyn James

"I was home-schooled and graduated at 15. I am 27 now and happy to be getting my degree and transferring. I am a business major and will transfer to UC Berkeley. My goal is to get an MBA. I like the support at Napa Valley College; everyone here was so helpful."



—Angela Chamberlin

"I was a re-entry student and now am on my way to be a substance abuse counselor. I'm getting my Human Services certificate and will come back to get my A.S. in Human Services. I like the diversity at Napa Valley College. There is strength in diversity. I feel like I have a bright future now."



—Dan Gagne

"I attended New Technology High School and Vintage High School. I am getting my degree from Napa Valley College in Digital Design Graphics Technology. We had access to powerful, state-of-the-art technology and very qualified instructors. I will transfer to Cal Poly San Luis Obispo and want to be an architectural engineer."



—Peter Guirguis

Eco-Renovation!



Photos by Richard Bruns



The Napa Valley College pond and its feeder stream, historic Tulucay Creek, have been restored. Part of the process involved dredging the pond, making it deeper as well as cleaner. The top right photos shows ducks swimming through pervasive parrot feather, which chokes off other plant life. Bottom right, a Great Egret sits amongst reeds with several Mallard Ducks with the restored pond behind them.

Far left, NVC president Dr. Chris McCarthy addresses a gathering during a ceremony celebrating the completion of the restoration project.

For more information on current and future bond projects see www.napavalley.edu/bond.

Renewing NVC's natural surroundings Restored pond, creek habitats enhance campus renovation

As a state-of-the-art science building takes shape at the south end of the Napa Valley College campus, birds are returning to a nearby waterway whose winding banks are lined with native plants.

Historic Tulucay Creek, released from the underground pipe that carried it for decades, now flows gently past the college ballfields it will help to drain in wet weather.

Belted Kingfishers, egrets and Black-crowned Night Herons are again catching their meals in the college pond, which had shriveled to a shal-

low, weed-choked pool before it was dredged and restored.

The creek and pond – revived with voter-approved Measure N bond funds as part of the first major campus-wide overhaul since the campus was opened in 1965 – provide more than habitat for wildlife and a pleasing view for humans.

When heavy winter rains batter Napa, the restored creek will help carry storm water away from campus buildings and playing fields long plagued by flooding; the pond will store the overflow.

Before voters passed Measure N, which allots bond funds to specific campus-renovation projects, the pond “was becoming a meadow,” said assistant campus planner Carolee Cattolica.

“It was about 18 inches deep, completely choked with parrot feather, an invasive weed,” Cattolica said. “It was heavily silted and full of decaying plant matter. You couldn’t see water.”

Now dredged to a depth that discourages weeds, the pond can again serve as a detention basin for storm

water as well as a haven for native plants and animals.

Historic Tulucay Creek was a trickle in an underground pipe after some forty years, until the summer of 2006, when work began to transform it into a gently curving, rock-lined waterway landscaped with trees and wildflowers native to California. A dedication was held April 18 as part of events leading up to the Earth Day celebration on campus.

“We’ve restored it as habitat, as a waterway and as useful drainage,” Cattolica said.

Extended campus news

Upper Valley Campus

Thanks to support from Bond Measure N, the Upper Valley Campus library has been expanded to house a 5,000-volume cookbook collection donated by Belle Rhodes. The kitchen for the Napa Valley Cooking School has been expanded. Improvements were made in the food storage area and a pizza oven was added.

The Upper Valley Campus, as with the Napa campus, also benefited from new signage.

American Canyon

In an effort to serve the growing American Canyon community, Napa Valley College has partnered with the Napa Valley Unified School District to construct classroom space for an Early College High School within the new high school planned for American Canyon. The space will also serve as an outreach center in American Canyon for Napa Valley College. The college currently offers classes at several different locations in American Canyon.

Napa Valley College to be first bonded community college winery in California



Winery & Viticulture Technology Program trains students for local industry and beyond

Napa Valley College's Viticulture and Winery Technology Program continues to grow. Parts of the vineyard have been replanted. A new Wine Storage Building is scheduled to be completed in December 2007.

This new building will serve as secure, bonded wine storage. Napa Valley College will be the first community college in California to have a bonded winery, the second in the country. When the bonding process is complete, wine can be sold in support of the Viticulture and Winery Technology program. An independent foundation was established to meet bonding requirements.

NVC on Korean television



NVC student leaders from MESA and ASB, from left, Francis Villegas, James Carter, Will Roque, Chris Barberi, Sara Morgado and Eric Anderson were interviewed by a television crew from Korea. The Korean crew filmed in the solar field and also interviewed Dan TerAvest, director of Campus Planning and Construction, and Betty Malmgren, director of Community Relations. The visit was requested by and coordinated by the U.S. State Department.

Solar Powered!

Napa Valley College is solar powered. When constructed in 2006, the college's 6.5-acre solar field was the fifth largest in the United States. It is providing a significant cost savings for the college and giving students lessons on alternative energy right in their own backyard. The solar field has received international attention with a television camera crew from Korea filming and doing interviews this spring for Korean national TV. It has also received national and state recognition as the college has been congratulated for environmental leadership. It is seen as a model project and has been pictured in educational publications.



Eight new tennis courts in full swing

Night-accessible courts prove to be a popular option for NVC students, community players

Numerous improvements have been made to sports facilities at Napa Valley College to enhance physical education classes and provide additional opportunities for students. The bond-funded renovation of the Gymnasium has been completed, as has the construction of new tennis courts, complete with lights for night classes and community use. New baseball and softball dugouts, replacement batting cages and improved paths of travel in the ballfield area are under construction, with completion scheduled for October 2007.

A new Field House, which will be used for physical education classes, Adaptive P.E. and Police Academy physical training, is planned. It will include a weight room. The new two-story building will be constructed on the site of the old tennis courts, north of the Gymnasium.

See the current class schedule online at www.napavalley.edu for a complete list of fall physical education classes.



Photo by Richard Bruns

A place so near... can take you so far!

"A place so near... can take you so far"

When I see that phrase on the college sign, I know that it is true. Napa Valley College helped me so much. I especially appreciated the Student Support Services (SSS) program and getting scholarships. I just graduated from Chico State. Now I have been accepted to graduate school in speech pathology."



Marycarmen Rosales Torres
Napa Valley College graduate
2007 graduate of Chico State University
Honored as Chico State University 2007 Latino Graduation Celebration speaker

Traffic improvements being made

Campus roads are being improved and parking is being added this fall. Efforts are being made to minimize disruptions as fall semester starts. O.C. Jones, Inc., continues work on the \$4.4 million first phase of north campus development. This proj-

ect has started the long process of building out the north end of the main campus. The first project includes roadway improvements and building pad preparation for the new Instructional Center for the Performing Arts – see related story. Additionally,

utilities will be extended north for that building, the Field House, and future Technology Classroom Building.

Also included in this project is conversion of the exit road to two-way traffic, elimination of the hook entrance ramp and construc-

tion of a roundabout. James Diemer Drive and the exit road are also being moved to the east to increase parking. The additional parking will compensate for those spaces temporarily lost due to various construction projects and to accommodate growth.

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Library & Learning Resource Center

A 21st-century learning center will benefit the community

Forty-two years old, the Napa Valley College Library has aged as gracefully as possible.

Still, despite the cheerful paint job and artwork in the lobby, there's a distinct air of obsolescence to the room's well-worn wooden furniture and old-fashioned carrels. The small library has space for just a dozen computer workstations, their wiring hampered by concrete walls and floors built in pre-digital times.

Library director and UVC Dean Bonnie Thoreen is pleased better things are in store: a brand-new library, more than twice the size of the current facility, is expected to be open to the public by 2010 (architect's rendering at right). The building will be called the Library & Learning Resource Center (LLRC).

"The new one is going to be fabulous," said Thoreen, with more than 45,000 square feet of assignable space. A two-story main reading room, with plenty of skylights and windows for

natural light, will have long tables lined with workstations; the north-facing lobby will include a café with patio seating.

Conference rooms will give students and teachers a quiet place to collaborate; the Napa Valley community will have access to a public meeting room for readings and other events.

Aspiring librarians can hone their information-competency skills in a specially equipped "bibliographic instruction classroom," cantilevered above the main reading area, Thoreen said. Other facilities upstairs will include a distance education classroom with two-way audio and video and a teleconferencing room.

A variety of seating options will allow library patrons to lounge in comfortable chairs or sit at ergonomically correct workstations. West-facing windows will offer views.

The new library will also house the college's special collection on local



history, endowed with \$25,000 from a donor in the community.

Thanks to Proposition 1D, the Kindergarten-University Public Education Facilities Bond Act of 2006, NVC will receive approximately \$16 million to support construction of this new library; the balance will be funded from local Measure N. Total construction costs are estimated at \$32 million for the two-story facility.

Planned just south of the current

library, it is designed by TLCD Architecture of Santa Rosa, creators of the acclaimed Frank P. Doyle Library at Santa Rosa Junior College and buildings at other higher education facilities in Northern California.

"It should be a bit of a landmark," Thoreen said, balancing the new Instructional Center for the Performing Arts at the north end of the campus.

The old library will be renovated for use as administrative offices.

Vital to expansion of health occupations training



Architect's rendering of the new science building now under construction and targeted for completion by the spring 2008 semester.

New science building to open in 2008; existing building to be renovated

Outdated laboratories for science classes will be a thing of the past when Napa Valley College completes its new Life Sciences Building next spring. Construction is in progress, thanks to community support in the form of Measure N, passed in 2002.

"These will be state-of-the-art labs," said assistant campus planner Carollee Cattolica. "We're expanding primarily to support the nursing program and health occupations: anatomy, physiology, biology, microbiology – all the life sciences that are prerequisites for the nursing program."

Booming job growth in the health occupations field has spurred record demand for NVC's highly-regarded programs, which earned a five-year state grant aimed at doubling the number of nurses trained at the college. Facilities for these students have been limited; both life science and physical science classes have shared the same building since the 1960s, when the campus opened at its present location.

"Our existing buildings predated the computer," said Cattolica. "Any infrastructure was added later. It's not quite modern."

By contrast, the new building will be fully wired for all manner of modern data and power, and the new laboratories will offer students some cutting-edge technology.

"Instead of dissecting the frog, you'll have a three-dimensional, projected frog," Cattolica said.

The building will also take advantage of Napa's abundant sunshine, with a curved roof and a light well bringing natural daylight inside. Once the new structure is ready for students in the spring of 2008, the existing science building will be renovated, also with Measure N funding.

Students will have to do a bit more sharing for a time, as physical science classes move in with life sciences while the old building is gutted and retrofitted for 21st-century technology.

Once all the work is completed, the new building will adjoin a landscaped space called "the Green," where the college community can gather informally or for classes, performances, and perhaps graduation ceremonies.

From Napa Valley College to West Point



At the spring Scholarship Ceremony, Charles Meng of the college Board of Trustees congratulates Eric Anderson on his appointment to West Point. Meng, who also graduated from West Point, talked about the honor and responsibility of the appointment. Eric was home-schooled and earned degrees in Humanities and Fine Arts and Natural Science and Mathematics, as well as a degree and certificate in Machine Tool Technology, during Napa Valley College's 2007 Commencement Ceremony.



Season 2007: Fine & Performing Arts

Theater

Our Town

by Thornton Wilder

October 12, 13, 19, 20 at 8 p.m.
October 14 & 21 at 2 p.m.

Bambi: A Life in the Woods

Adapted by James Devita
Original story by Felix Salten

November 10, 11 at 2 p.m.
Additional School Matinees in November

Instrumental

North Bay Philharmonic Orchestra (NBPO)

October 28 at 7 p.m.

NVC Jazz Ensemble

December 14 at 8 p.m.
May 16 at 8 p.m.

North Bay Wind Ensemble (NBWE)

December 16 at 3 p.m.
May 18 at 3 p.m.

Vocal

Holiday Harmony

December 1 at 8 p.m.

December 2 at 3 p.m.

Men's, Women's & College Chorale

Voice Recitals

December 8 at 8 p.m.

Gallery Calendar

September 4 – September 26

Faculty Show

Opening Reception

Thursday, September 13, 5-7 p.m.

October 11 – December 12

Plastics Recycled

Sculpture by Mike Wittels

Opening Reception – Thursday, October 11, 5-7 p.m.

How can you support Napa Valley College?

Naming opportunities are available in the Instructional Center for the Performing Arts and in other spaces on campus. For information on how you can support the work of the Napa Valley College Foundation, please call (707) 253-3374.

New Instructional Center for the Performing Arts Slated for 2009 completion, state-of-the-art facility will give students room to excel

A passion for the arts has always been evident at Napa Valley College through the performing strength of its students and the energy of the drama and music faculty. The energetic passion and commitment by the college and faculty are uniting with construction designs to create a new Instructional Center for the Performing Arts specifically designed for the study of dramatic and musical arts.

Despite the current small facility, the college has an unusually good record of graduating performers who then win admission to competitive music and drama departments at San Francisco State University, Sonoma State and other four-year colleges. "Our students are the performers and teachers of the future," said Dr. Eve-Anne

Wilkes, chair of the college's Fine and Performing Arts Division.

One of the college's recent drama alumnus, Benjamin Stowe, went on to the Sonoma County Repertory Theater company before getting a professional acting contract with this summer's Lake Tahoe Shakespeare Festival. "The only training he has come from Napa Valley College," said drama instructor Jennifer King. "We are building a very powerful program."

Wilkes said faculty and students are thrilled over the new training center, which will include practice facilities, dressing rooms, increased performing spaces and state-of-the-art equipment, giving students the competitive edge needed for the entertainment industry. The construction of a new Instructional Center for



Above, the architect's rendering of the new Instructional Center for the Performing Arts soon to be under construction. Site work has already started.

the Performing Arts, funded with bond proceeds from voter-approved Measure N, will make a huge difference in our curriculum offerings for all Napa Valley College students, she said.

For the first time, music and drama classes will each have practice and performance spaces tailored to their needs, acoustically appropriate for each discipline. Large groups as well as individual students

will be properly served, giving each space and equipment to work on their craft. In the music wing of the new building there will be instrumental and vocal rehearsal halls, along with individual and group practice rooms and a computer-assisted music theory and voice lab.

On the south side of the new Instructional Center for the Performing Arts, drama students will be learning the

craft of theater in the actor's studio, costume and set design shops, along with a 100-seat fully flexible black box space for smaller scale and experimental productions.

In the middle of the building, a professional-quality theater will seat approximately 500 – roughly twice the capacity of the current facility.

Site work has started with the building scheduled to be completed by 2009.