State leaves school district empty handed

AARON DURST
Copy Editor

The California legislature failed to pass a budget by the June 15 deadline delaying funding to North San Diego County school districts. Staff salaries and student workers who receive supplemental income funded by the state may have to wait until the budget is approved and signed before their pay rate is decided upon.

New programs and services feel the squeeze of tentative budget plans when estimating costs for materials and labor. Special education programs that rely heavily on state funds for their operation are pressured to provide the same assistance during the beginning of the school year.

Schools in North San Diego County may put off decisions, resulting in programs being scaled back or suspended until a budget is passed and signed. Program planners rely on the district’s cash reserves to maintain programs without a state approved budget. Recent demonstrations in Sacramento included Local 1000 groups faxing and e-mailing the legislature urging them to finalize a budget. Flyers displaying “Vacation Denied” were distributed within the offices of the representatives.

“The late budget has no effect for MiraCosta College,” said Jim Austin, vice president of Business Administration and Services. “Senate Bill 361 contains a formula that determines how much apportionment funds a district receives.” Funding for MCC comes from local property taxes, and apportionment funds from state General Fund revenues.

MCC’s financial support from property taxes and student fees is high enough that, “MCC doesn’t receive apportionment funds,” said Jim Austin. “Categorical funds for Extended Opportunity Programs and Services (EOPS) and Disabled Student Programs and Services (DSPS) were held up, but the district prudently carries a contingency balance.” The district would lend funding to these programs until the budget cleared the governor’s desk.

The MiraCosta College District Board of Trustees will not be cooperating with the San Diego District Attorney’s Office regarding an investigation into the legality of the buy-out deal arranged with former president Victoria Munoz Richart.

The details surrounding the buy-out have been called into question by Leon Page, a resident of the college district, who has a pending suit seeking to nullify the deal, citing violations of the Brown Act.

Page’s lawsuit alleges that the Board of Trustees violated the Brown Act, a state law governing the conduct of public meetings. The text of the Act stipulates: “No action or discussion shall be undertaken on any item not appearing on the posted agenda, except that members of a legislative body or its staff may briefly respond to statements made or questions posed by persons exercising their public testimony rights.” However, according to Page’s suit, the Board of Trustees discussed matters that were not listed on the posted agenda.

A letter sent by Deputy District Attorney Mike Still requested that the Board of Trustees cooperate with an investigation into the allegations of Page’s lawsuit, and to waive attorney-client privilege regarding the meeting held June 19-20 that resulted in the buy-out deal. Further details of the request and the nature of the investigation are not known at this time.

The investigation by the District Attorney’s Office comes just as fall classes are beginning and amid a recall campaign against Board President Charles Adams and Trustee Gregory Post.

Attempts to reach the Deputy District Attorney seeking comment were unsuccessful.
**The liberty of the press is a blessing when we are inclined to write against others, and a calamity when we find ourselves overborne by the multitude of our assailants.**

-Samuel Johnson

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**Horticulture building open for business**

**CRYSTAL HARRIS**

Managing Editor

On August 18, community members, faculty, and students enjoyed tours of the new $8.7 million dollar Horticulture Building that showcased student work, classroom equipment, and other amenities available to students on the horticulture property. Appetizers, floral design displays and a wine tasting demonstration by a former MiraCosta College student were also part of the ceremony. “We had a terrific celebration for a worthwhile program that is housed in one of the most beautiful and functional buildings in Southern California. The big turnout showed how much support and community interest there is for MiraCosta College and the Horticultural Department,” said Interim President John Hendrickson.

Student enrollment has increased since the building opened in spring 2007. The Horticulture Building sits on 10 acres and offers full lab equipment for classes such as plant study and floral design. A vineyard is also available for wine technology and appreciation classes. Liz Woodward is in her first semester studying landscape and design. “It’s a dream,” Woodward said, referring to the landscape and design class. The class offers 21 drafting tables and workstations along with a plotter that can print out full 24”x36” sheets for the students’ designs.

MCC’s President’s Circle hosted the dedication. Larry Hatter, President of MiraCosta College Foundation board of directors, commented on how former students are giving back to the college to make a difference in student’s lives.”We are proud that we can print out full 24”x36” sheets for the students’ designs,” said Hatter.

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**Sprint to school this spring**

**KEVIN MANLEY**

Staff Writer

The Sprinter, North County Transit District’s newest addition to the public transportation fleet, will be completed by the end of December, just in time for the spring 2008 semester. Designed to directly correlate with the Coaster and the Breeze, the Sprinter will serve the students of Cal, State San Marcos, Palomar College, MiraCosta College, as well as local residents.

The route of the trains is 22-miles long with 15 stations in Escondido, San Marcos, Vista, and Oceanside. There are two stations slated to serve MCC. “The Sprinter is the newest addition to the public transportation fleet,” said Sarah Benson, Marketing Representative for NCTD. The NCTD has arranged a new bus route, the 519, to meet students at the Sprinter station and go directly to the MCC bus stop on campus. The prices for the Sprinter will be the same as for the Breeze. Day passes are $5. However, the NCTD will make the passes for the Breeze and Sprinter interchangeable, allowing students to purchase a Sprinter pass and get on the bus without having to buy another ticket. Monthly passes will also be available for $35, which will work for the Sprinter once it is open, and may be purchased in MCC’s Student Accounts Office.

The deadline for monthly passes purchases in the 25th of every month for the following months’ service. The light rail trains can reach speeds up to 55 mph and carry more than 400 passengers, and may help reduce the number of commuter vehicles on the road and congestion along Highway 78.

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**MCC’s gotta**

**BILLY BUSTER**

Staff Writer

Cheryl Kyle, Marketing and Media Relations Coordinator for MiraCosta College, has organized a student blogging network for the college. Found on the Public Information Office page on the MCC website (miracosta.edu/blog), the site offers space to any student who would like to share something about his or her life with other MCC students. “We encourage our bloggers to say their likes and dislikes about MiraCosta and the blogs can follow the students’ journey required to write at least two entries a month,” Kyle said. Student bloggers are required to write at least two entries a month. This will then move into a period of open conversation where students can ask questions about their personal difficulties.

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**Health Services invites your space to become OURSPACE**

**SHEENA GIBBS**

Staff Writer

MiraCosta College Health Services department is partnering with the San Elijo Campus Student Services to provide peer group discussions on topics presented by professional counselors. The meetings will cover weekly topics including stress, relationships, addictions, money, eating disorders, and any other issues students may need help with.

The meetings will open with a presentation of addressing specific interpersonal conflicts and addictions, while offering advice on how to overcome such powerful obstacles. The sessions will then move into a period of open conversation where students can ask questions about their personal difficulties.

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**This week at MCC**

**Monday, August 27**

Student Senate, 12:30 p.m., Club Room

**Tuesday, August 28**

“Changing the Way You See Your Life,” with Patty Kolb, noon, Room 2511

Workforce Initiatives Team (WIT), 3 p.m., Room 4708, Wednesday, August 29

MIS Web Conference, 10 a.m., Room 464

Inter-Club Council (ICC) Due Process Task Force, 1 p.m., Room 3118

Counseling Dept. meeting, 1:30 p.m., Aztlan A

**Wednesday, August 29**

“Changing the Way You See Your Life,” with Patty Kolb, noon, Room 2511

**Thursday, August 30**

**Friday, August 31**

Academic Senate Council Breakfast, 8 a.m., Aztlan A

Academic Senate Council, 9 a.m., Room 3610

Student Ambassadors, noon, Tremont

Academic Policies & Procedures (APAP), 1 p.m., Room 1202
Academic Senate: all present or accounted for

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Students gear up with Ginness at Legoland

How would you like to go to school at Legoland? How would you like to chop, slice, and simmer during class instead of calculate, listen to interminable lectures and take notes? Chef and Culinary Arts professor Jane Albo, will offer a late start class, REST 160, at Legoland, in Carlsbad. During the course, students will have the opportunity to work in a professional kitchen with real time laboratory activity. Participants will have the opportunity to learn culinary fundamentals as well as how to safely and effectively use kitchen equipment.

Chef Albo has enjoyed 17 years experience of teaching culinary arts. Additionally, she has spent a considerable amount of time traveling all over the world studying her craft. “I have worked in Colorado, Hawaii, Germany, Canada and California. I have worked in the back of the house doing prep work, line cooking, and sous chef, while in the front of the house working as director and as a consultant,” said Albo. Her vast and varied experience led her to adhere to three strict rules for success: Attendance, security, and sanitation.

The joint venture between Miracosta College and Legoland was the dreamchild of Paul Greasland, head chef at Legoland and Karen Smith, MCC Culinary Arts instructor.

Requirements for the course include closed toed shoes and professional appearance as well as a $65 material fee. Hair must be groomed and at an acceptable length, and chefs robes are preferred, but not mandatory.

The class meets Wednesdays from 10:00 a.m. to 2:25 p.m. The class is a two credit course. At $20 per unit, the total registration for the course is $40. No experience required.
MiraCosta College has ushered in a brand new women’s basketball program to complement the men’s team. These lady Spartans and their coaches seem to have plenty to look forward to in the coming months.

Hired last December, head coach Dan Mulville leads the program, along with assistant coaches Roger Moses and John Saric.

The lady Spartans will play a 28 game season, including 14 games with fellow Pacific Coast Conference contenders. Though this is the team’s inaugural season, coach Mulville sees this high character group of ladies in contention for a conference title. “In my opinion, our potential is to possibly win the league. We’re pretty good,” stated Mulville.

While the coaches certainly have high expectations, the ladies seem glad just to be playing. “I’m looking forward to just being in a conference and getting into shape again,” says guard Lisa McRoberts-Height.

The women’s team will work mildly in conjunction with the men’s team. Head coaches Mulville of the women’s team and Pat Conahan, coach of the men’s team, consistently work together in sharing ideas and basketball philosophy. In addition, players from the men’s practice team will assist in the women’s practices.

Though they’ve only been playing together a short time, the ladies are having no problem meshing as a unit. The practices flow very smoothly under instruction of the coaches. From the baseline of the gym, the coaches ease the players into new drills with great care and precision. Mulville and company place a heavy emphasis on the small details of the game, preaching that mastery of these details will elevate them into the upper echelon of the league.

Fundamentals aside, this team will have to take care of themselves in order to maintain their status in the conference. The main obstacle facing the coaches in recruiting was drawing from such a small pool of players in which basketball ability, academics, and living location coincided. Consequently, the team will only be running with eight players on the roster, four short of a typical basketball team. “Obviously with such a small group, we can’t afford a lot of injuries,” said Mulville. Injury prevention is stressed heavily. Drills are designed to better prepare the ladies bodies to endure a grueling regular season in which they are sure to see more floor time than any other team in the conference.

While their relationships as teammates and coaches are still budding, this squad has developed a good rapport. “This is a very interesting group of young women that are going to do very interesting things with their lives,” said Mulville.

Certainly the coaches and players alike have prosperous times ahead of them. See it with your own eyes, and you will understand why their coaches tout these girls so highly. These girls can ball.
The MiraCosta College Chariot

**Employment Opportunities for College Students**

The Palomar College GEAR UP Partnership is continuously accepting applications for the following positions:

- **Tutor/Mentor (Academic Year)**
  Assist middle and high school students in subject areas (math and language arts) in-class and after school.

- **Tutor/Mentor (Summer Program)**
  Provide academic assistance to students participating in the GEAR UP summer program.

**Qualifications**
- A minimum of 6 credit units for Spring/Fall semesters
- A minimum of 3 credit units for the summer program
- A GPA of 2.5, or better
- Compensation and other incentives
  - $9.00 per hour, starting salary
  - Great work experience for your resume
- Start work right away ($ for spring/summer/fall breaks)
- Work in San marcos or Vista middle/high schools
- Give back to your community and younger students
- Participate in fun activities, events, and field trips
- Excellent direct experience for future teachers/educators

**To find out how you can apply**

Joe L. Vasquez  
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**Women’s soccer needs you!**

The new women’s soccer team needs players now! Enroll in the intercollegiate Women’s Soccer Class (Physical Education – PHSE 188 – Class No. 1621).

Join the Team. For questions contact Nick Skvarna – Head Women’s Soccer Coach. Email: nskvarna@miracosta.edu. Practice starts at 3:00 p.m. – 4:50 p.m.

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“Empire of the dollar” author to speak at MCC

Dr. Chalmers Johnson, noted author and former analyst for the CIA, will give a presentation at Miracosta College September 7, 7 p.m. in the Little Theater. Dr. Johnson has recently published a new book, “Nemesis: The Last Days of the American Republic,” and will be available for a book signing after his presentation.

Dr. Johnson has a distinguished career, with more than 20 books published and is Professor Emeritus at the University of California, San Diego and Berkeley. He is also a theorist on American hegemony and the impact increased US militarism since the collapse of the Soviet Union has had on the American people.

Admission for the seminar is $5 for the public and $3 for students.

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**College Hour Rocks**

The first College Hour was held on the Oceanside campus to welcome students back with free food and live music performed by Inside. Student Services and clubs were on hand to help students adjust after the summer break.
Planning to transfer? MCC Transfer Center has the answers to your questions

Question: I have an AA degree; does that mean I have done all my general education courses for admission to CSUSM? Answer: No, an AA degree is not designed to be used to transfer to a 4-year university. You may have to take a different math and another English course, etc. Please see a counselor for information on CSU GE certification and prep for major. Also, if you enroll at CSUSM, there are upper division general education requirements you’ll have to meet.

Question: How much will it cost to transfer to a CSU or UC campus? Answer: The costs vary depending on which campus and the type of services you will need. The current cost for tuition only at CSU campuses is approximately $5,144 per year. The total cost for an entire semester at CSU campuses which includes housing, books, and other fees is about $17,318 per year (living off campus). For UC campuses, tuition is about $6,694 per academic year and the total estimated cost is about $21,018 per academic year (living off campus). Please visit the MiraCosta Financial Aid office for further assistance.

Question: I’ve heard fellow students mention using ASSIST? What is it? Answer: ASSIST is an online student-transfer information system that shows how course credits earned at one public California college or university can be applied when transferred to another. ASSIST is the official repository of articulation for California’s public colleges and universities and provides the most accurate and up-to-date information about student transfer in California. Go to www.assist.org to check it out!

Question: How often should I be seeing/consulting a transfer center counselor if I plan on applying to a 4-year college? Answer: You should make an initial appointment as a freshman with a University Transfer Center counselor to make an educational plan. Then check in once a year to make sure there are no changes in transfer requirements. Please call the University Transfer Center at 760-795-6880 to make an appointment.

Did you know???
• The average GPA for SDSU Fall’06 admitted transfers is 3.12.
• 93% of transfer students return to UCSD following their first year.
• All majors at Cal Poly SLO are impacted.

Intramural Sports Calendar

Dodgeball
Date: Oct. 3
Time: 4 p.m.
Location: Gymnasium
Captain’s Meeting: 1:30 p.m.
Oct. 2 (Gym)
Ultimate Frisbee (Open Play)
Date: Oct. 19
Time: TBA
Location: Lower Soccer Fields
Captain’s Meeting: 1:30 p.m.
Oct. 18 (Gym)

Basketball
Date: Oct. 3
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My dad said I have to get a job

Job Opportunities
File/Cop Clerk
Law offices of David B. Houlagel, Encinitas
PT, $15-$20/hr, 30 hrs/wk. File and Copy. Light typing and data entry. Computer literate. Avail: Now. Contact Vista Unified School District, Vista, CA 92084. 3 days/ wk. Tues., Thurs., Fri. 7:30-10:30 am
Madison Middle School. Must be enrolled in at least 12 units.
Accounting Assistant
The Apartment Company, Carlsbad
PT, $10-$12/hour, flexible between 8am - 6pm. Must be able to type approximately 40 wpm, functional in Excel and Word, bilingual a plus. Quick books experience a plus, no prior experience required. Assist Accounting Dept. with filing, copying, mail room duties, researching accounts payable & receivable, entering accounts payable & receivable, Excel spreadsheets.

Internship Opportunities
Horticultural Intern
Barett & Branches Nursery, Encinitas
Flexible hours on base student loading. This position will encompass a wide range of responsibilities including performing gardening and landscape horticultural tasks, nursery operations, and helping customers. Intern’s duties can be tailored to his/her emphasis on horticulture, landscape design, or nursery management.
Communications/Marketing Intern
Army & Navy Academy, Carlsbad
15-20 hrs per week, flexible schedule. Assist in writing and editing newsletters, website, and daily/weekly alerts for parents and employees regarding on-campus activities
To be eligible, students must have completed 6 units at MiraCosta and be currently enrolled in 3.

Scholarships
Need money to attend school? Apply for a spring 2008 MiraCosta College scholarship, available to continuing full-time students and part-time students, transfer students, and high school students enrolling for the spring 2008 semester. Applications are available in the Scholarship, DSPS, EOPS, and Financial Aid offices located in building 2000 on the Oceanside campus and in the administration building on the San Elijo campus. For more information, call (760)795-6751, www.miracosta.edu/StudentService/ScholarshipProgram.

Contact Career Studies and Services
(760) 796-6772

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Health Services Calendar

October:
Oct. 2, Flu shots will be available.
Oct. 11, Depression screening on campus with our MFT counseling interns.
Oct 18, we will host a Blood Drive.

November:
Health Services will continue to have information on helping to stop the spread of cold and flu and also host The Great American Smokeout on Nov 15.

If you would like more information, please contact Judy Foster at Health Services (760) 757-2121 ext. 6675.
Girl: Having an open sex relationship with someone you really care about is a bad idea. Jealousy issues are sure to arise. I highly doubt your guy would have a problem with the fact that you want him to sleep with other women, but he may not be so keen on the idea of you sleeping with other guys. You may not think it now, but after hearing about your guy with another woman, you may be feeling the jealousy bug also.

Being in a relationship that is turning towards marriage has a lot of emotional ties involved. The sex you share between each other can create even more of a connection. By having sex with other partners, it can turn your perfect loving relationship into an episode of “The Jerry Springer Show.” There is also the fact that either one of you could turn your perfect loving relationship into an STD. A wandering eye or the desire to share that experience with another person cheapens the relationship, and will ultimately end any meaningful relationships you may have.

As for having an open relationship being OK, that’s up to you two. If you like knowing about your (potential) husband looking books with the local bar, talent, or if you don’t mind walking in on him getting dirty in your bedroom on your bed (which could very well happen), then I’d say it’s OK. Seriously, if you think that for one minute that it would work, you’re living in a land of make-believe, and the idea of being married to this guy is but a pipe dream.

Question: I am in love with my boyfriend. We have a loving relationship and plan to marry. I want to have an open sex relationship where he and I have sex with different people, but still maintain the relationship we already have. Do I not want to sleep around like a hussy, but to gain experience and enjoy different techniques and to stop outside the box by doing something that’s not talked about openly or. Is having an open sex relationship ok?

Boy: If you’re looking to have sex with more than one person, dump your boyfriend. The idea of an open relationship is a clever way around cheating. You can’t have multiple sexual partners and expect any loyalty from him. A sexual relationship is the most intense relationship people enter into and requires a great deal of trust. A wandering eye or the desire to share that experience with another person cheapens the relationship, and will ultimately end any meaningful relationships you may have.

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