Chabot in the News

Sadly, Dr. William J. Moore, Chabot’s second president. Bill, as he liked to be called, passed away December 13th in Montana. Leaving behind his wife of 60 years, Peggy, he is also survived by three children and five grandchildren.

Bill served as Chabot’s second president starting July 1st, 1981 after the retirement of our founding president Dr. Reed Buffington. Prior to his Chabot presidency, Bill had served as an administrator at San Bernardino Valley College and later as President at Crafton Hills College in Southern California. Arriving in the Bay Area in 1981, Bill and Peggy became active in the Hayward community and attended many local events together. During his tenure, he also served as a member of the Board of Trustees at the University of the Redlands as well as other governing boards and advisory groups in higher education.

Bill is remembered as a President who was approachable and had an open door policy, and enjoyed working with students. With a very kind, gentle, and friendly demeanor, Bill was a good friend to all. In fact, many of the friendships Bill made with his Chabot colleagues lasted until his passing. Bill and Peggy’s last visit to campus a few years ago, with members of his Presidential cabinet, included a tour of our new buildings and facilities.

Donations in Bill’s memory can be made to the University of Redlands, the Montana Wilderness Society, Montana Environmental Information Center, or any charity of your choice.

Chabot Theater - Particulate Matter, by Rachel LePell, has been selected as the top original play of its region (the Pacific Northwest, along with Northern California) and will be forwarded to Washington DC for the finals in the Mark David Cohen competition for excellence in playwriting across the United States. This award is part of the Kennedy Center’s American College Theater Festival. Congratulations to Rachel LePell and to Dr. Dennis Chowenhil.

Math - Round One of the national Student Mathematics League Contest has been completed, and the results are in. There are two rounds each year, one in Fall and one in Spring. Each round is an extremely difficult 20 question multiple-choice test in precalculus mathematics. The contest is just for two-year schools. Students with a four-year degree or higher from anywhere in the world are not eligible. Chabot sends in its top five scores as its team score for each round. For Round One, Fall 2012, Chabot is ranked 26th out of 175 schools (in the top 15%!). The top five students are (from #1 to #5): Jingwei You, Hu Qijun, Peixin Li, Yi Liu, & Jason Lu. We are proud of our students, and we congratulate them for their intellect and competitive spirit.

Social Science - Classified Staff Professional Christie Verarde had submitted articles which have been accepted in the California Association for the Education of Young Children.

Christie’s work on a recording of an observation will be published in January 2013.
Building 1200/PAC Plaza Nearing Completion - The Building 1200/PAC Plaza, shown to the left, project continues to proceed well and is nearing completion. The final exterior finishes are being applied. The renovated building will house music performance spaces, practice rooms and the Little Theater. The addition will house a new recording studio. The renovated plaza will contain an outdoor stage and seating areas. We are scheduled to occupy the building in January for Spring Semester. Below are photos of the new plaza under construction.

Building 3400, Automotive Technology has Finished Design - Construction drawings have been completed and are approved by DSA for Building 3400, which houses the BMW Automotive Technology program. The bidding process is currently underway. The photos above and to the right capture the new engine lab in the Automotive area.

P.E. Complex Renovation is Progressing - The renovation to the existing P.E. Complex is moving forward. Instructors have moved back into Building 2600. The renovation of Building 2800 is substantially complete and occupied. Work on the Gymnasium is substantially complete and classes are using the courts again.

Current construction efforts are concentrated on the new auxiliary gym. Construction is scheduled to finish this summer 2013.

Building 1800 – Finishes Touches- The finishing touches are proceeding as Building 1800 nears completion. Furniture is being installed and IT/AV is nearing completion. Building 1800 will house the new Math and Science classrooms and labs.

The site between buildings 1700 and 1800 has been designed in coordination with faculty to serve as an outdoor classroom with botanical specimens not located elsewhere on campus.

We are scheduled to occupy the building in January for the Spring Semester. Bids for Building 1700 are scheduled to be opened in February.

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