Good News! by Steve Kinsella

On March 8th the Board of Trustees granted tenure to thirteen faculty members. (see next page.) Please join me in congratulating each of these outstanding members of our faculty. You are the reason why students come to Gavilan.

Also on March 8th the Board of Trustees interviewed individuals who applied for appointment to the vacant San Benito County trustee position. After a lengthy and informative interview process, the Board appointed Kent Child to fill the vacant position and serve as an appointed trustee until November 2006. As most of you know, Kent has a very long history with Gavilan College and retired as the Dean of Liberal Arts and Sciences in 2002.

Other newsworthy events we have recently enjoyed include Bach to Blues and the Vagina Monologues. Bach to Blues set new records for attendance and created a buzz around town that people are still talking about. Vagina Monologues was also very successful. Over $4,500 was raised to help prevent violence against women. In April we look forward to our annual Career Day and GavFest. The 2nd Annual GavFest, on April 30, is our chance to welcome the community to campus for a day of fun and celebration. Please become involved to the extent that you can to help us showcase our services.

Earlier this month I had the opportunity to participate in an accreditation evaluation team visit of Cypress College. I now hope to be able to share some new ideas and insights into our current accreditation process.

I am extremely optimistic about Gavilan College's future. The results of our previous changes are starting to appear as enrollment slowly rises and the noncredit curriculum continues through the approval process. The State of California's economic condition is improving, although we have some adjustments to make to rebalance our budget as we head into the next fiscal year. Everywhere I look I see good things happening. It’s a great time to be at Gavilan.
Congratulations to new tenured faculty!

**Steve Smith**, Administration of Justice - “I’m flattered that Gavilan has faith in my teaching abilities...”

**Bob Beede**, Digital Media
“It’s been a pleasure working with everyone at Gavilan and finally I can relax a little bit. One component of stress is eliminated.”

**Xochiquetzal Candelaria**, English
“I’m pleased the institution is happy with my work and I see tenure as a vote of confidence and this inspires me to continue engaging in relevant curriculum for students.”

**Mary Ann Sanidad**, English as a Second Language - “I am delighted. I’ve been teaching for 20 some odd years and I feel like this is some kind of special point of arrival. I’m just very excited to be here and I hope to make some kind of impact in my program.”

**Denise Besson Silvia**, Communication
(We regret that we were unable to obtain a comment in time for publication)

**Vic Robinson**, Computer Science and Information Systems - “Older is better.”

**Kimberly Smith**, Journalism - "The truth is I’m very happy to be getting tenure at Gavilan because I’ve been at other places and think there is something special about the Gavilan community.”

We additionally regret that we were unable to obtain photos or comments from the following in time for publication:

**Kathleen Campbell**, English as a Second Language

**Elena Dachkova**, Math

**Marla Dresch**, Math

**Cheryl Brown**, Disabled Students Programs and Services

**Erin Crook**, English

**John Lango**, Athletics
**Facilities Repair**

At their March meeting, the Board of Trustees approved the much needed renovation and repair of campus tennis courts. This project will be funded by Measure E.

Another facility project soon to be underway is the repair of the chapel and nearby pier, which will be paid for out of capital construction funds. In the meanwhile, both the chapel and the pier have been closed as a safety precaution.

**Sabbatical Approved**

Art instructor Jane Edberg received Board approval this month for a sabbatical leave in Fall 2005. The primary focus of her project will be to organize and update her current art image collection into a dynamic, digital multimedia visual database for her art lecture courses. This will help to streamline lectures and more easily manage a large and complex collection of images, slides, and videos.

In the process of collecting and organizing images she will also be expanding her database of photographic images. She plans to research, develop, and create a new art lecture course focused on a multicultural and historical survey of photography. Over the semester, she will visit local college and university libraries, galleries, museums, and art and photography departments to collect imagery, and attend public art lectures on current art topics.

Recently, Edberg has made news with a project for the Morgan Hill Police Department in which she created a surround mural for the Children's Interview Room. The mural transforms the formerly harsh institutional space into a place of tranquility to set children at ease.

**Chancellor visits Gavilan**

Dr. Mark Drummond, Chancellor of the 109 California Community Colleges, visited Gavilan on Wednesday, March 23. It was the first time in recent memory that a Chancellor had visited the campus. While here, he toured the Health Occupations building and the Adaptive Physical Education building, taped an interview for GavTV, and held an open discussion forum with staff and students. During the forum he addressed topics ranging from Prop 98, to fee increases, to basic skills education. He discussed statewide proposals to change public employee retirement systems, and indicated his support for PERS and STRS.
Upcoming Events

April
04 First Mondays Playreading Series presents “Lion in Winter” by James Goldman, 6:30 p.m. in the Gavilan College Theater. Free. 408-846-4973
05 Men’s Baseball: Ohlone College, HOME, 2:00 p.m.
05 Woman’s Softball De Anza HOME, 3:00 p.m.
06 Resume Writing and Interviewing Skills Workshop, 2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. in BU 117
07 Small Business Development Center Open House. 10:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.. 8351 Church St. Bldg E. (408) 847-0373
09 Men’s Baseball: Hartnell College HOME, 12 p.m.
11 Men’s Golf CordeValle Tournament at Corde Valle GC 1:00 p.m.
12 Board of Trustees April meeting - 7:00 p.m., N/S Lounge,  408-848-4711
12 Men’s Baseball Canada College HOME 2:00 p.m.
12 Woman’s Softball: West Valley HOME
20 Career Day ! 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. in the Student Center.
21 Woman’s Softball: San Jose City HOME, 3:00 p.m.
22 The Rocky Horror Show, 8:00 p.m. in the Gavilan College Theater, 408-846-4973
23 The Rocky Horror Show, 8:00 p.m. in the Gavilan College theater, Audience participation night! 408-846-4973
23 Men’s Baseball: West Valley College HOME 12:00 p.m.
29 The Rocky Horror Show, 8:00 p.m. in the Gavilan College Theater, 408-846-4973
30 GavFEST: food, fun, all-campus expo, art, music, theater, boat races, hands-on activites, vendors, 408-848-4724
30 The Rocky Horror Show, 8:00 p.m. in the Gavilan College Theater. Audience participation night! 408-846-4973

May
02 First Mondays Playreading Series presents “The Women” by Clare Boothe. 6:30 p.m. in the Gavilan College Theater, free, 408-846-4973
05 Cinco De Mayo Celebration
10 Board of Trustees May meeting, 7:00 p.m., Hollister, 408-848-4711
12 Scholarship Awards Ceremony.
12-13 Gavilan College Educational Foundation Dinner/Auction, at CordeValle, 408-846-4936
19 EOPS/CalWorks Awards BBQ, 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. in the Student Center
20 Gavilan College Staff Recognition and Retirement Celebration, at Eagle Ridge, 408-848-4711
21-27 Final Exams
27 Graduation
30 Holiday (Memorial Day)

Save the Date!!!
Saturday April 30
GavFEST 2005