With the nation in the midst of an intensifying nursing shortage, College of the Canyons and Henry Mayo Newhall Memorial Hospital have joined forces to address the crisis on a local level.

The HMNMH/COC Clinical Education Center welcomed its first class of 36 students in August. The ceremonial ribbon-cutting took place Sept. 19. The educational/training partnership, housed in a 1,400-square-foot facility on the hospital cam-

Nursing Center Opens

prop 47 tackles school, classroom deficit

A nursing student trains in the new HMNMH/COC Clinical Education Center, which opened this fall.

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Connecting the library and the Media & Fine Arts Building – as well as our three core instructional buildings – is a well-traveled pedestrian bridge that provides a straight shot from our class-

Proposition 47 would authorize a $13.05 billion bond to put Californians back to
About 35 people representing a variety of non-profit and educational organizations participated in a special “Meet the Grant Makers” seminar at the college on Sept. 30.

Seminar leaders Fred Ali, president of the Weinberg Foundation, Ken Gregorio, senior program officer of the California Community Foundation, and Tony Newhall of the Henry Mayo Newhall Foundation helped participants learn the ins and outs of seeking additional funding through grants, as well as specifics about their organizations.

Prop 47

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work fixing old schools and building some of the 46,000 classrooms the Office of Public School Construction says are needed to relieve overcrowding in the next five years.

In the Santa Clarita Valley alone, the number of schools needed to serve one of California’s fastest-growing populations is running at a deficit of 14.

Setting Prop 47 apart from recent bond measures is the fact that it requires no additional property tax assessments. Instead, the Kindergarten-University Public Education Facilities Bond Act of 2002 would authorize California to issue $11.4 billion in statewide general-obligation bonds for construction and renovation of K-12 school facilities and $1.65 billion in bonds for higher-education projects. The bipartisan legislation that placed this proposition on the ballot also authorizes a second, $12.3 billion bond measure to be placed on the 2004 election ballot.

Prop 47 would immediately provide nearly $260 million to expedite numerous K-12 and college projects throughout the Santa Clarita Valley that have already been approved but are awaiting state funding. The measure also would potentially provide an estimated $153 million in additional funds for school and college projects that are still awaiting state approval.

In essence, Prop 47 would nearly double the value of voter-approved local bond funds, as well as the school-mitigation fees paid by new-home developers, by providing the matching construction dollars that public school and college districts require to move forward with planned renovation and expansion projects. Many of these school bond projects are ready to break ground but have been held up as they await the state’s matching construction funds.

“The current higher-education facilities project backlog is staggering,” said Dr. Dianne G. Van Hook, superintendent-president of College of the Canyons. “Community colleges have a $16-billion backlog.”

College of the Canyons, which benefited from the passage of the Measure C bond measure on last November’s ballot, would receive matching funds to build two much-needed classroom and laboratory facilities:

- $11 million for a classroom building/high-tech laboratory center
- $11 million for a science lab addition

The bulk of the local construction dollars would be immediately earmarked to numerous school projects — ranging from safety improvements to construction of new school projects — in the Castaic Union, Newhall Elementary, Saugus Union, Sulphur Springs Union Elementary and William S. Hart Union High school districts.

The K-12 funds would be disbursed as follows:

- Hart – $186.8 million
- Newhall – $17.2 million
- Sulphur Springs – $16.1 million
- Saugus – $9.9 million
- Castaic – $8 million

Another aspect of Prop 47 is its potential to boost the economy — both regionally and statewide. Economic studies show that this measure would create about 250,000 new jobs and reinvigorate local economies.

Prop 47 includes strict accountability, as well. Funds would be available only for school construction and renovation — not bureaucracies or wasteful.

Instructor Dan Glickman demonstrates during a Spanish Institute merengue dance workshop.

More than 200 people brushed up on their Spanish and participated in a variety of classes and workshops during the third Intensive Spanish Institute at College of the Canyons. The weeklong program was designed for teachers and medical professionals. The program has grown to include a host of vendors selling Latin food and clothing.

The next Spanish Institute will be held this winter.
University Center Grows Again

California Lutheran University (CLU) has joined University Center at College of the Canyons, bringing to nine the number of educational partners. CLU will offer a credential program in special education beginning in the fall of 2003. Also in the works is a degree program in computer science.

The idea behind University Center is to bring bachelor’s, master’s and doctoral degree programs from a wide range of universities to College of the Canyons, eliminating the need for local residents to commute to distant campuses.

A number of degree programs are already being offered in an interim University Center building, which was completed early this year to meet demand.

The University Center concept has grown quickly since its inception as the first such program in California, attracting partners such as Cal State Bakersfield, Cal State Fresno, Cal State Northridge, Chapman University, English Language Schools, Nova Southeastern University, University of La Verne and Woodbury University.

Taking Shape

The Technical Center expansion will add 3,500 square feet.

Tech Center Expansion Under Way

Expansion of the college’s Technical Center is under way to provide an additional 3,500 square feet to accommodate new manufacturing technology classes and nearly $200,000 worth of new equipment.

The project is being partly financed by a $250,000 state grant to expand manufacturing technology and welding programs at the college, as well as spark interest in the world of high-technology manufacturing.

The grant also provides equipment and curriculum-development dollars to establish a manufacturing exploration lab.
Van Hook

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rooms to the library’s volumes of advanced knowledge. When I see this bridge, I can’t help but think of the many ways it represents the role of College of the Canyons in our community.

Our college is very much like that bridge, providing a vital connecting span between those with a thirst for knowledge and those who would share, inspire and cultivate it.

Like the bridge, College of the Canyons offers the straightest shot for any individual’s quest for learning, unencumbered by unnecessary detours along the way.

As the most accessible, affordable and relevant institution of higher learning in the Santa Clarita Valley, College of the Canyons is an important bridge between knowledge-seekers and educators, skilled workers and private industry, and the many segments of our society who seek out and interact with each other.

This is the place where people come to literally fulfill their dreams; by setting foot on this incredible campus, one’s outlook is forever changed. Pessimists become optimists. Those who might be in a rut are recharged and reinvigorated.

Can-do attitudes are groomed and cultivated. The belief that anything is possible becomes more than a belief. It becomes a truism, a mantra for living one’s life to the fullest extent possible.

College of the Canyons truly is the Santa Clarita Valley’s bridge to everything that’s possible. Supporting this college is an investment that will help us build more bridges and expand the possibilities for everyone.

Dr. Dianne G. Van Hook is superintendent-president of College of the Canyons.
It's Official

College and hospital officials were on hand for the nursing center’s ceremonial ribbon-cutting on Sept. 19. From left: Stuart “Rick” Mork, HMNNMH board president; Paul Salomon, HMNNMH chief operating officer; Sue Albert, College of the Canyons assistant dean of allied health; Diane Lynch, HMNNMH chief nursing officer; and Dianne G. Van Hook, COC superintendent-president.

Nursing Center

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pus, is designed to attract more prospective nurses to the field.

It’s also a boon to both the college and the hospital. The college has effectively doubled its nursing student enrollment, and the hospital receives a built-in supply of trained nurses it can hire. Setting this program apart from those that preceded it is the fact that some nursing students will receive both training and employment in a real-world setting.

“This is a very exciting and positive development for the nursing program at College of the Canyons,” said Sue Albert, assistant dean of the Allied Health Department.

A key component of the program is the hospital’s employment of a select number of student nurses, who will be hired at 80-percent pay for 67-percent time – who will receive steady paychecks, time to study and incentive to succeed.

Indeed, a recent study focusing on California Community College associate degree nursing programs determined that situational factors among nursing students hamper educational pursuits and are a significant barrier to their success. “Lack of money and material resources is frequently a problem for many community college students and they must often work part- or full-time to support themselves or help support their families,” according to the study by The Center for Student Success. The report cited such situational factors as changing work schedules and responsibilities as common reasons for students dropping out of college.

The program is designed to allow nursing students to concentrate more fully on their chosen careers by learning and working in a real hospital environment in their own community, Albert said.

The opening of the center comes nearly a year after Albert testified before Congress about the college’s success in attracting nursing students and the very real challenges they face in trying to juggle educational pursuits with other commitments. “I’m not talking scholarships; I’m talking living expenses,” she told the House Committee on Education and the Workforce in September, explaining the federal government must offer financial assistance to colleges and students to build up the pool of qualified nurses. The situation is no longer just a shortage, she added. “It’s a crisis.”

The new Clinical Education Center is a 1,400-square-foot stand-alone training facility at Henry Mayo Newhall Memorial Hospital.
Kleemans Saluted for Philanthropy

Two longtime supporters of College of the Canyons were honored for their philanthropy by the Network of California Community College Foundations.

Frank and Charlotte Kleeman together received the organization’s Philanthropist of the Year Award during a luncheon ceremony in San Diego on Oct. 2.

“They certainly deserve it,” said Kathleen Maloney, director of the College of the Canyons Foundation. “They are philanthropists in the truest sense.”

The Kleemans have been involved with the college foundation since 1990, giving generously of their time and resources to support education at the college. They help organize and donate to the Silver Spur Celebration — the foundation’s biggest fund-raising event — and they are the driving force behind the college’s Library Associates, for which Frank serves as chairman.

They have helped develop other campus support groups such as Friends of the Fine Arts, Friends of the Performing Arts and the Child Development Circle of Friends. They are members of the President’s Circle and Legacy Society, as well as donors to the Library Endowment and scholarship funds.

Frank, a retired judge and this year's SCV Man of the Year, also is a member of the committee for the Scholarly Presentation, which allows faculty members to share their knowledge with the community.

Sibling Revelry

Five Guatemalan brothers — known as “Gotas de Amor” (Tears of Love) — perform in the Student Center on Sept. 23. Ranging in age from 4 to 7, the brothers dance, play guitar and sing in a variety of languages. They are currently touring the U.S.
Sofian Scores Two Film Awards

Animation Professor Sheila Sofian won two prestigious awards in the 2002 New Orleans Film Festival. Her film, “A Conversation with Haris,” won the grand prize and the best animated film award. “A Conversation with Haris” is a painting-on-glass animated film that describes an 11-year-old Bosnian boy’s personal experiences with war. Sofian’s film is one of some 500 that were submitted for the 14th-annual festival.

Sofian is no stranger to recognition. Both “A Conversation with Haris” and “Survivors,” an experimental animated documentary about domestic violence, have received past awards.

Sofian was recently awarded a Guggenheim Fellowship for “Truth Has Fallen,” an ongoing feature-length film project about James McCloskey and his crusade to free from incarceration people wrongly convicted of capital crimes.

Latin Soul

Singer Leslie Paula (above) and her Latin Soul Band held a free noontime concert Aug. 9, capping another successful Intensive Spanish Institute. The next institute will be held this winter. For info call 362-3530.

showcase

College of the Canyons has partnered with the Saugus Union School District to promote cultural and social awareness through dance as part of a grant entitled Art in Motion. Members of the college’s Fine Arts & Humanities and Dance departments are working with Saugus district teachers to develop arts lessons and activities that can be integrated into the classroom.

More than 100 employers have signed up to attend the Fall Job & Career Fair at College of the Canyons. The free event will once again be held in the centrally located Honor Grove. The event is scheduled 1 to 5 p.m. Parking will be free in any student lot the day of the event, which also is sponsored by the Santa Clarita Valley Chamber of Commerce, radio station Star 98.7 and A-1 Party.

The College of the Canyons Employee Training Institute has received funds for the fifth year in a row that will help local employers provide critical skills for their workers. California’s Employee Training Panel has awarded the college a grant of more than $436,000 that will help subsidize training for nearly 600 workers over the next two years. The training focuses on skills improvement, such as training on specific machinery, or on increasing the knowledge base of trainees through improved leadership skills, teaching employees about strategic business planning, and exposing workers to the concepts of Lean Manufacturing and Best Laboratory Practices. To find out if your company can participate in this program, call (661) 259-3874.
The Art Gallery will host a very special exhibition of artwork created by youngsters in the college’s Family Studies & Early Childhood Education Center. It opens at noon Nov. 12 and runs through Nov. 26. Info: (661) 362-3612.

Robin Lasser and Kathryn Sylva, creators of the exhibit “Eating Disorders in a Disordered Culture” (at right), will discuss the project and answer questions in the Library’s Room R-206 at noon Oct. 18. Info: (661) 362-3612.

The popular Student Art Show & Sale will return to the Art Gallery Dec. 5 to 14. Thirty percent of the proceeds from this second-annual event will be retained to support gallery projects.

The College of the Canyons Library partnered with the Valencia Library to present special events tied to the John Steinbeck centennial celebration. John Ford’s 1940 classic motion picture version of Steinbeck’s “The Grapes of Wrath” was screened at the college library on Oct. 5.

Lead music instructor Bernardo Feldman has been chosen as a 2002 ASCAP Award winner. The award was granted by an independent panel of the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers.

The Santa Clarita Symphony made its debut as part of the city’s Concerts in the Parks series, performing at Newhall Park on Sept. 1. The symphony is under the musical direction of Robert Lawson, a music faculty member at College of the Canyons.

Eating Disorders Explored

An unusual-yet-compelling exhibit entitled “Eating Disorders in a Disordered Culture” was exhibited in the Art Gallery Sept. 10 through Oct. 19. Presented by Robin Lasser and Kathryn Sylva, the exhibit explored the personal, cultural and historical dimensions of eating disorders. Lasser and Sylva hold teaching positions at California universities and have been touched by the suffering of those with eating disorders. They have seen many of their students struggle with eating problems and body image.

Lasser is an associate professor and coordinator of the photography department at San Jose State University. Her art is concerned with environmental, social and health issues.

Sylva is an assistant professor of design at the University of California, Davis. In her teaching of design and in her creative work, she emphasizes social and humanitarian issues.

College of the Canyons sponsored the exhibit to promote education and awareness of eating disorders on campus and in the community.
Water Polo
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the Canyons water polo team. She joined the squad after seeing a mention of the sport in the college catalog.

“I didn’t even know we had a team,” said Gilmore. “But I thought, ‘Hey, it might be fun.’”

Having never played a game of water polo before, Gilmore is now the second-ranked goalie in California with 103 saves. In just her second game, she set the school record for saves in a game with 17. She also leads the team in steals with 26.

She attributes much of her success in the net to years of synchronized swimming. Synchronized swimmers do some of their routines above the water, so one of the most important moves to learn is the “eggbeater,” a circular kicking motion that helps them rise out of the water. This motion is also used by water polo goalies, but Gilmore’s time on the national swim circuit has honed this skill to the point she stalks onlookers.

“She gets more height than anyone I’ve seen,” said assistant coach Brian Reed. “I didn’t know that kind of height was possible.”

The power that she generates has helped her collect save after save – and she continues to drive herself to become better.

“I was surprised and really happy when I found out I was second in saves, but then I said, ‘I’m only second?’” she said. “I’m really hard on myself. Every ball I miss, I tell myself, ‘I should have got that. I should have jumped a little higher.’ I don’t like to lose.”

Losses, however, have become common for the Lady Cougars, who have yet to win a game this season. Coming from the Riverside Aquettes, a swim club that was consistently ranked among the top-three in the nation, the adjustment has been tough for Gilmore.

Head Coach Diana Stanich hopes Gilmore’s efforts won’t go unnoticed.

“In just her second game, water polo goalie Gilmore set a college record of 17 saves. She also leads the team in steals.

“She could easily compete at the Division I level,” said Stanich. “This is a girl who just doesn’t quit.”

Gilmore, who is dual majoring in psychology and political science and wants to become a lawyer, would love to play at a four-year university – as long as they have an academic program that suits her needs.

“I’m really interested in Loyola, USC, Stanford, Hawaii and NYU, and I’d love to play for their teams, but I’m not going to sacrifice my academics just to play water polo. It’d be nice to have both, though.”

Gilmore said she hopes to eventually return to synchronized swimming, although not as a contender.

“I really want to get into coaching,” she said. “That and judging, working with the younger girls. That would be fun, and I think I would have a lot to offer.”

Softball
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145 strikeouts and a 14-9 record with a miniscule 1.14 ERA. Burch, also a 2nd Team All-City selection, was great down the stretch, throwing 74 strikeouts in 61 innings, and finishing with a 6-4 record and 1.26 ERA. Santa Clarita residents should well know the name of Jennifer Henderson, who helped Canyon to a third-place finish in the Hart Classic Softball Tournament. Cookson, a Daily News All-Star, is another workhorse who pitched 125 innings last season and finished with a 13-6 record and a 1.90 ERA.

Additionally, standout pitcher Christina Lupacchini (Chaminade) has also enrolled at Canyons. Lupachini was outstanding for a rebuilding team, throwing 123 strikeouts in just 91 innings. Lupachini finished the year with an 8-6 record and 1.28 ERA, but has fought chronic back pain throughout her career. Lupachinna is currently rehabbing at College of the Canyons, and it remains to be seen whether or not she will pitch for the Lady Cougars.

Either way, the Canyons softball team looks poised for a solid run to recapture the conference crown.

showcase

- Cougar quarterback Kyle Bauer (Valencia) was named a WSC Player of the Week.
- Although he played only half of the Sept. 28 game against L.A. Harbor (the Cougars won, 49-22), what a half it was! When the gun sounded at the end of the second quarter, Bauer had thrown for 286 yards on 16-of-30 passing for 5 TDs and had catapulted the Cougars to a 39-0 half-time lead. Bauer spread the offense well, hitting eight different receivers, five of them each catching a touchdown pass. Bauer has excelled in three games for Canyons, and is ranked first in the Western State Conference in touchdowns with 10, second in the conference in yardage with 788 and second in the conference in pass completion at 62.2 percent. Bauer is also the seventh-ranked quarterback in California with a passer rating of 183.2.
- Cougar football is currently the sixth-ranked team in Southern California, after falling to eighth last week. College of the Canyons is also ranked 16th in the state and 25th in the nation. The Cougar offense is currently ranked No. 1 in the conference, averaging 79 more yards per game than the second-ranked team. The Cougars have scored 133 points in three games, 45 more points than the second-highest scoring team in the conference, L.A. Harbor. The Cougar defense is no slouch, either.
- The passing defense is ranked second in the conference, allowing an average of only 124 yards per game. Running back J.J. Arrington (Nashville) is currently ranked ninth in the Western State Conference.
Sports is an important part of the overall experience at College of the Canyons. This page is designed to give you a taste of the broad range of athletic opportunities available at the college. For complete coverage of athletics, as well as schedules and player rosters, visit us on the Internet at http://www.canyons.edu and click the “News” button, then “Athletics News.”

Coming off dual state titles, men and women’s head golf coach Gary Peterson has seen a surge of interest from potential players. Already, Peterson has more than 40 duffers interested in trying out for the men’s team in 2003 – four of them have traveled from Sweden just to be a part of the program. Perhaps the most notable player is Oscar Modin, the Swedish Junior National Champion in 1999 and a member of the Swedish National Golf Team from 1998 to 2000. Modin and his partner took the runner-up trophy against Europe’s best golfers.

The women’s golf team is making strong strides toward repeating as conference – and perhaps state – champions. As of late September, the women had posted a win-loss record of 22-7 and were in first place. In fact, the Lady Cougars have the distinction of having the top-three golfers in the Western State Conference and five of the top-10. Dian Barber leads the conference with an 80 average, Desiree Banlowe (Moorpark) is second at 80.7, and Janet Richards (Santa Monica) is third at 81.5. Carla Loomis (Montebello) comes in at No. 6 with an 85 average, and Kim Gonzalez (Agoura) ranks at No. 9 with an 88.

Softball Team is Armed for Season

The Lady Cougar softball team rode on the back, and the good right arm, of freshman Jennifer McLarty (Saugus) all the way into the playoffs last season. McLarty, now a sophomore, looks to repeat a fantastic campaign that saw her finish with a 3.36 ERA and a 12-9 overall record.

More importantly, McLarty dominated conference opponents, finishing with a 10-3 record and 2.55 ERA in 96 innings of in-conference work. She was also tough at the plate, finishing with a .378 batting average against Western State Conference foes.

McLarty will have much of the pressure taken off her in 2003, though, as four outstanding high school softball pitchers have enrolled at College of the Canyons. Included in this fearsome foursome are Cassie Shires (Chatsworth), Danielle Burch (Verdugo Hills), Jennifer Henderson (Canyon) and Kristin Cookson (Kennedy).

Shires, a 2nd Team All-City selection, absolutely dominated the competition. Shires finished last season with 23 complete games out of 23 starts, 147 innings pitched.
SMILE! – Some of College of the Canyons’ newest employees gather for a group shot during the annual Opening Day Luncheon in the gymnasium on Aug. 16.