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*Updates on the evolving San Jose City College campus*

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### **THE DOMINO EFFECT**

It has been several years since any new buildings have appeared on the SJCC campus, but all that is about to change. Approximately a year and a half ago the Fine Art Department moved from their old building into the 300 wing in a space that previously had been occupied by Reprographics. The 300 building, erected in 1953 as part of the San Jose Technical High School campus, housed plumbing and sheet metal classes in the area where Fine Arts is temporarily located. The Fine Arts complex, now being torn down, was constructed in 1961.

After this first domino falls several changes will be immediately noticed. The staff parking lot on Moorpark Ave. will be eliminated and work will commence on preparing the site for construction later this summer.



The fenced off area where formerly the W Office Building Complex and Cosmetology were located will be combined with the area where the present Fine Arts building is being demolished to make way for a stunning new building that will house both Fine Arts and Mathematics.

**PLEASE BE CAREFUL WHEN WALKING AROUND THIS CONSTRUCTION AREA!**

This building is scheduled for completion in time for the 2013 academic year.

### **BASEBALL A STRIKE-OUT?**

The old English proverb "There's many a slip betwixt the cup and the lip" is an apt one to explain why the baseball program has followed the disappearance of the field from the SJCC campus. In 1998 the first project in the implementation of the Measure G bond money was the removal of the baseball field, then located at the corner of Bascom and Leigh Avenues, to make room for the parking structure. The plan was to have the baseball program function using rented baseball facilities for five years, at which time it had been

anticipated that the 1-2-300 wings would be demolished and a new playing field constructed in the middle of the campus. However the design and construction of the Cesar Chavez Library, Student Center, remodeling of the B Building, remodeling of the football field and track, softball diamond, Technology Building, Science Complex, remodeling of the old Student Union to house Cosmetology and Reprographics and the new CT Building took far longer than anticipated. Compounding the problem was the change of college Presidents before the CT Building was constructed, and subsequent decision by an interim President to retain the 1-2-300 buildings meant that a new location had to be found. The practice field on Leigh Ave. was selected and construction work begun. Unfortunately lapses in EIR paperwork compounded by strong concerns voiced by a neighborhood group halted the project, which has been converted into a multi-purpose field. Unlike the previous field the new facility is only accessible directly from the college campus.

The District Board of Directors, at their meeting in January of 2011, declared their intention to restore the baseball program to the SJCC campus. As planning and construction funded by our current bond issue progresses the demolition of the 1-2-300 wings will allow the rebirth of the baseball program.

## SAVING THE STATUE

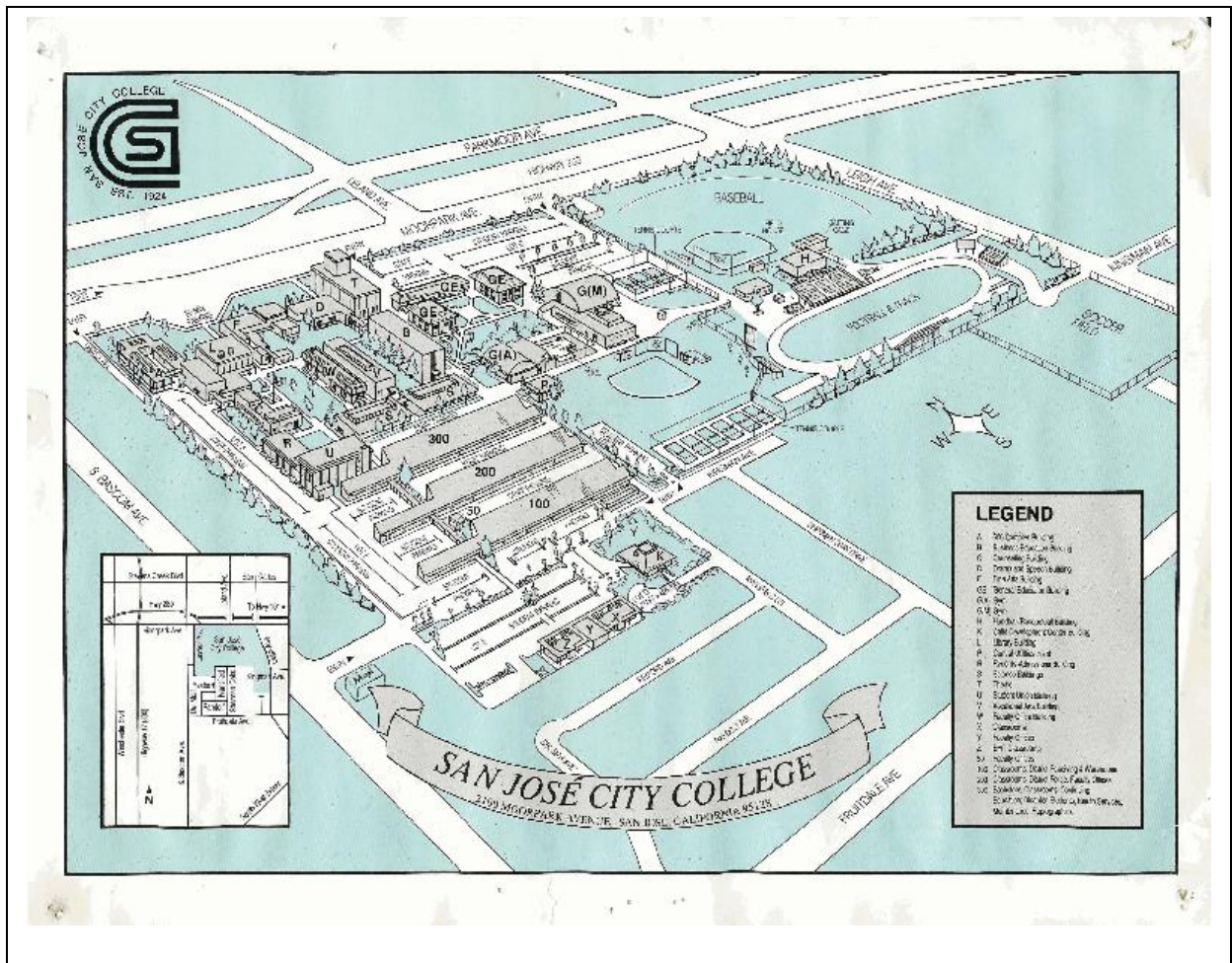
A statue that previously had been located in the courtyard of the Fine Arts complex that is currently undergoing demolition will be saved thanks to the careful work by our college's building and grounds crew. In 1996, to celebrate the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the college, artist Hector Mendoza was commissioned to create a twelve-foot tall ceramic work entitled "Reaching for the Stars". This pyramid shaped sculpture has an abstract nude of a woman on one side and man on the opposite. The other two sides are textured and have icons of a hand, eye, and heart.



## A VIEW OVER TIME

The Roman god Janus, after whom the month January is named, is depicted with two faces, one on the front of the skull and the other the back. This permitted him to look back at the old year while also looking ahead to the new. Many in our college community have not had the opportunity to look at City College as it appeared for many years, and few are aware of what is being planned for the future. Below is the campus as it appeared in 1998.

It is remarkable to see the changes which have taken place in just 13 years. In addition to the baseball field being gone ten buildings on this map have disappeared: Buildings A, L, C, W, V, S<sup>1</sup>, S<sup>2</sup>, X, Y, Z, and the west wings of the 1-2-300 buildings. We have added a parking structure, Library, Student Center, Science Complex, Technology Center, and remodeled the B Building and R & U Building. A curved walkway runs more than halfway across the campus. But there's more to come!



# A LOOK AT THE FUTURE

Although the actual planning and design of the remaining projects to complete our new campus has yet to be accomplished the campus plan below is an indication of the wonderful transformation that will be happening within the next few years. The Fine Arts/Math building, shown in magenta, will be completed within the next two years. Next will be the athletics complex, funded by the last remaining money from the 2004 bond issue. This will necessitate the demolition of the existing gymnasiums and swimming pool, which will allow the walkway across campus to be completed.

