

## Volunteers needed for the 2003 Innovations Conference



Mesa Community College is co-hosting the 2003 Innovations Conference this year. The conference is presented by the League for Innovation in the Community College, a national organization that

promotes innovation in the community college. MCC is looking for volunteers to help assist during the conference.

Volunteers will receive free registration if they volunteer for a minimum of 8 hours.

Supervisors have been encouraged to accommodate employee requests to volunteer. Please check with your supervisor prior to submitting your name to Debi Frew at

654-7766 or via email [debi.frew@mccmail.maricopa.edu](mailto:debi.frew@mccmail.maricopa.edu). MCC needs volunteers Sunday, March 16, through Wednesday, March 19.

Arrangements will be made between volunteers and their supervisors for working on Sunday.

## Bulk mail update

Departments that use bulk mail need to be aware of a change in the appearance of the indicia. In a previous issue of the Bulletin we told you that the indicia needed to look like the image below.

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PAID  
Permit No. 153

We have since learned that the city and state need to be added to the indicia. The indicia should now look like one of the two following images.

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PAID  
Permit No. 153  
Mesa, AZ

Or

Non-profit Org.  
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Additional information about bulk mail and indicia can be found at [www.usps.com](http://www.usps.com).

## Newsbytes

- The paycheck that is normally received on December 27 will be delivered one week early on December 20. The check will cover two weeks of pay. For more detailed information please visit [www.dist.maricopa.edu/hrweb/payroll/CalendarPage.html](http://www.dist.maricopa.edu/hrweb/payroll/CalendarPage.html).
- Address changes need to be turned in no later than December 18, 2002, in order to receive your W-2s on time. Address change forms can be obtained from MCC's Personnel Office.
- Winter InterSession dates—December 26, 2002–January 17, 2003.
- All employees except faculty return Thursday, January 2, 2003.
- First day of accountability for faculty is Monday, January 13, 2003.
- Convocation is Monday, January 13, 2003.
- Classes begin Saturday, January 18, 2003.

The *Bulletin* is published by the Office of Institutional Advancement every other Wednesday from October to April for employees of Mesa Community College. Please visit [www.mc.maricopa.edu/other/employees/ia](http://www.mc.maricopa.edu/other/employees/ia) for submission deadlines and publication dates.

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## Bits & Snippets

Did you know that 500 cars were parked on the grass the first day of school this semester?

Answer to last issue's trivia: The breed of animal that inhabited MCC in the early 1990s was rabbit.

Submit ideas for "Bits & Snippets" to Marcy Snitzer at [marcy.snitzer@mccmail.maricopa.edu](mailto:marcy.snitzer@mccmail.maricopa.edu).

## Innovation of the Year deadlines

MCCCD and the League for Innovation in the Community College cosponsor the Innovation of the Year award program, which recognizes employees who have designed and implemented a significant innovation that positively impacts the education of students.

Criteria for the award are tied to Maricopa Values. One innovation is selected from each college, skill center, and the District Office. A districtwide innovation is then selected to represent MCCCD at the national level. The district winner will be presented with the Paul M. Pair Innovation Award, which includes \$2,000 to further the winning innovation. Dr. Pair was a lifelong educator and innovator in the field of business and data processing. He was a longtime member and former president of the Maricopa Community Colleges Foundation Board.

### Timeline

Innovations must be submitted to Harold Cranswick, Chair of MCC's Employee Recognition Committee.

Feb. 21, 2003 College winner is due to the District Office

March 6, 2003 Oral presentations at District Office

April 23, 2003 Awards ceremony

To view eligibility criteria, District winners from 2001, and more information about the procedure for submitting, visit [www.dist.maricopa.edu/learn/programs/innovation.html](http://www.dist.maricopa.edu/learn/programs/innovation.html).

To view national winners for 2001–2002, go to [www.league.org/league/competitions/innovations\\_year\\_2002.html](http://www.league.org/league/competitions/innovations_year_2002.html).

For more information or questions call Sonia Filan (461-7446), MCC's 2002–2003 Innovation of the Year liaison to the District Office.

## It's time to get in shape



Worried about gaining weight or staying in shape with the impending holidays? Worry no more. You can sign up for MCC's Lifetime Fitness Center. The Lifetime Fitness Center is comprised of three different centers available for employees to use: the Group Activity Center, Fitness Center, and the Health Improvement Center (HIC).

The Group Activity Center offers a wide array of regularly scheduled classes such as: Kick'n Box, Body Sculpting, Yoga, Aerobics, Core Fitness, Cardio Combo, On the Ball, and Pilates. Enrollment in this group allows users to attend as many classes as they choose. Classes are offered Monday-Saturday at various times to fit everyone's schedules.

The Fitness Center offers total conditioning through the Universal Super Circuit System of

Aerobic Weight Training. This program is designed to tone the entire body and improve cardiovascular efficiency. Individualized, computerized exercise programs can be developed by a certified instructor.

The HIC offers strength training and body development through the use of Cybex exercise equipment and free weights.

Gail Herndon, support staff in the Exercise Science Department, states, "You need to make exercising a part of your daily routine, like brushing your teeth." You don't necessarily have to join a gym to exercise. You can walk 30 minutes every day, ride a bike, or complete the 30-minute Super Circuit program in the Fitness Center. A quick sprint to the gym during your lunch hour leaves 30 minutes to eat.

Full-time employees and part-time faculty who wish to take exercise science classes can register for a cost of only \$25 for the entire semester (you pay a \$5 registration fee and a \$20 user fee). Non-benefit eligible employees can register for a one- or two-credit class (tuition is now \$46 per credit hour) and pay the same fees as above. The classes can be taken for credit or pass/no credit.

For more information about the Lifetime Fitness Center, please call Gail Herndon at 461-7578 or Jim Haggerty at 461-7576.

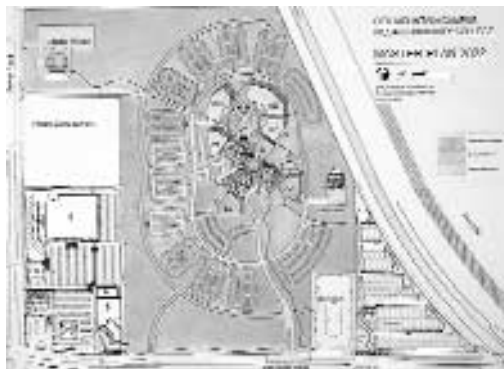
## Listening to our community

Beginning January 23, 2003, the Maricopa Community Colleges Governing Board will host a series of Community Listening Sessions. The 2-hour sessions are based on the theme "Listening to our community." Each session will begin with a brief presentation detailing the impact of the 1994 bond on the hosting college. The majority of the session will be allotted for the community to speak. Representatives from various community organizations will be invited to present and share comments with community members and the college.

Each college in the Maricopa Community College District will host a Community Listening Session during 2003. Mesa Community College will host the first session on January 23, 2003, in collaboration with Chandler-Gilbert Community College. The session will be held in MCC's Kirk Student Center, Navajo Room. Faculty, staff and students are encouraged to attend the sessions.

The schedule for the Community Listening Session is available through Lora Lassitter in the Office of Institutional Advancement, 461-7445.

## Envisioning MCC's future



The year is 2020. MCC's enrollment has reached a record 50,000 students. Academic clusters make it easy to find the area of campus for which you are looking and to collaborate across disciplines. There are aesthetically pleasing open spaces to meet and gather that are designed to respect and preserve the environment. Sound like a dream? Facilities master planning will help to make it a reality.

DWL Architects has been meeting with MCC employees to put together a 20-year master plan to present to the governing board. Below are a few of the highlights for MCC's Southern and Dobson and Red Mountain campuses. Architect Jeremy Jones reminds employees that a definitive plan is not the objective. "Master planning should create a flexible design that considers the myriad factors that will impact MCC and allow for growth."

Internal considerations that are guiding the plan include security, water usage in landscaping, parking, signage, creating focal points and usable outdoor spaces, and technology. External factors include the plans of surrounding businesses, the

city, and freeway construction. The plan will continue the academic and service cluster design that is currently being implemented. Programming needs will determine the priority for building and renovation.

Special considerations for the Southern and Dobson campus include the creation of new spaces that will allow for relocation of individuals during renovation of existing buildings and exploring the need for parking garages. Another priority is to strengthen the east/west and north/south malls to visually orient newcomers to campus and divide it into quadrants.

Planning for the Red Mountain campus is simplified by virtue of it being a new campus, and planning has been a part of the process since its opening. Growth is a major consideration, with a goal of accommodating 15,000 students.

A copy of the facilities master plan for the Southern and Dobson and Red Mountain campuses is inserted in this Bulletin. Comments can be forwarded to Ron Etter, Dean of Administrative Services, at [ronald.etter@mccmail.maricopa.edu](mailto:ronald.etter@mccmail.maricopa.edu).

## Jim Tipton relieves computer unease



Today's computer technology brings exciting possibilities for enhancing instructional programs and adding new dimensions to learning. But creating a 21st-century classroom requires time and a fair amount of technological skill.

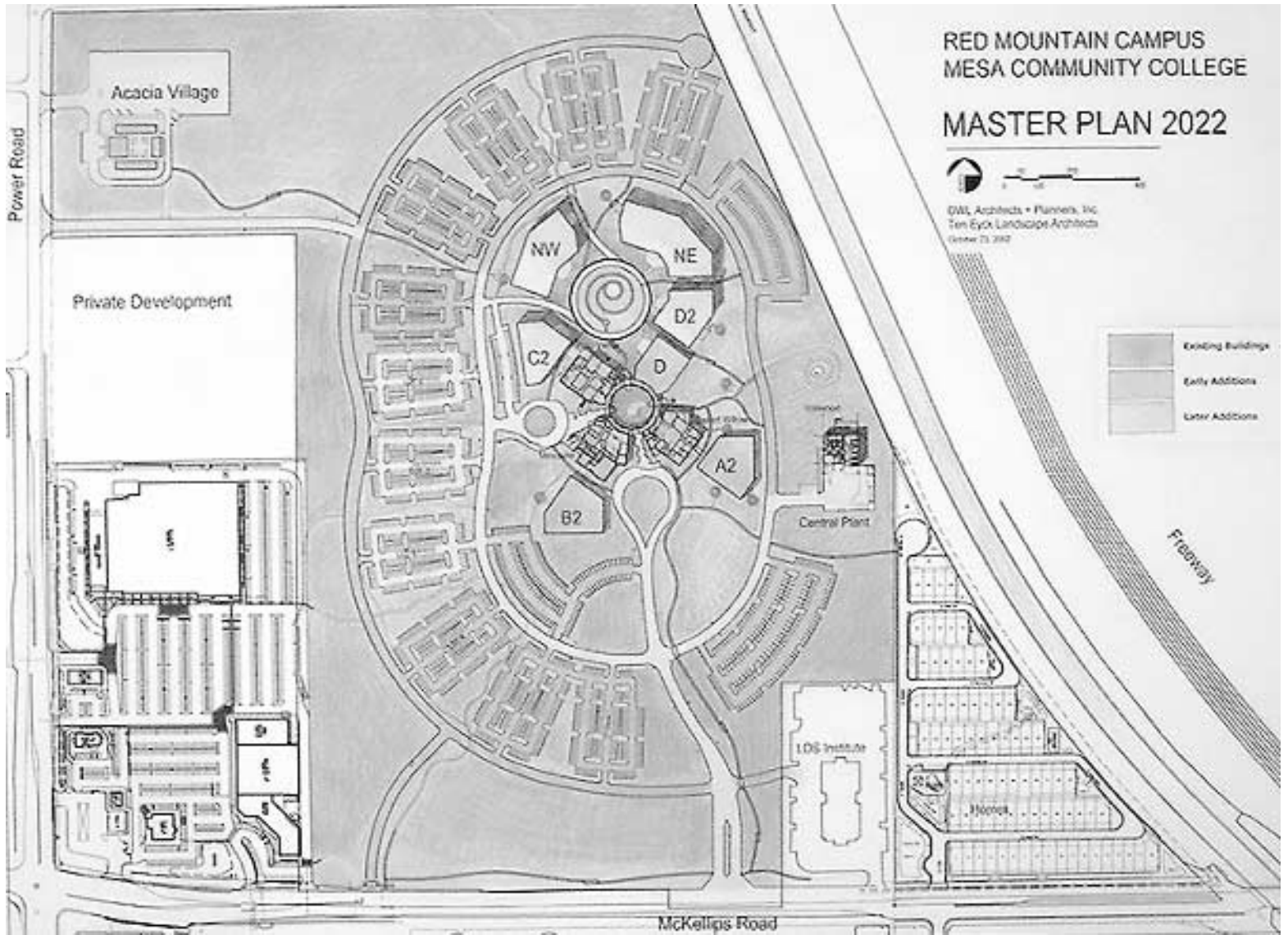
Ready to assist with high-tech teaching strategies is Jim Tipton, MCC's Instructional Technology Consultant. Jim offers his considerable expertise to staff and faculty who want to enhance their work or classroom instruction by using computers. "When people come in to see me, I help them with just anything—any problem they may have," Jim said. His style is personal, one-to-one or small groups. What he enjoys most is showing faculty all the neat things they can do with computers to enrich the learning environment.

But that's not all Jim does. From his desk in the Center for Teaching and Learning, he searches the Web for cool educational sites to share via e-mail. With just a click, employees can take a virtual voyage to Mars or explore the insect world. Jim also offers Internet tips, information on colleges and universities, and more. How does he choose the sites to share? "It's a matter of serendipity," Jim said. "If I think someone might be interested, I like to pass it along."

Jim began his career at MCC as a mathematics instructor in 1968, using computers as a teaching tool in his own classes. As Jim's technology skills expanded, he moved out of the classroom and into the CTL. He recognized that faculty need help in learning to use computers effectively in the classroom. "If I can interest a faculty member in something tekkie, that can't be anything but good," Jim said.

Jim Tipton can be reached at 461-7730.

# Red Mountain Master Plan



# Southern and Dobson Master Plan

