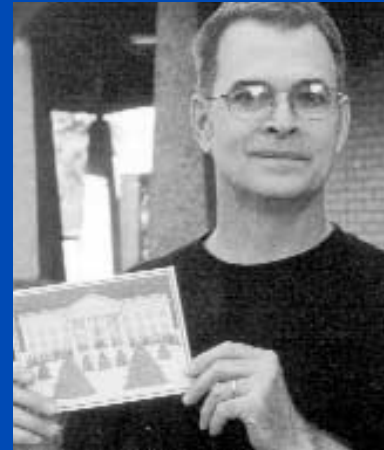


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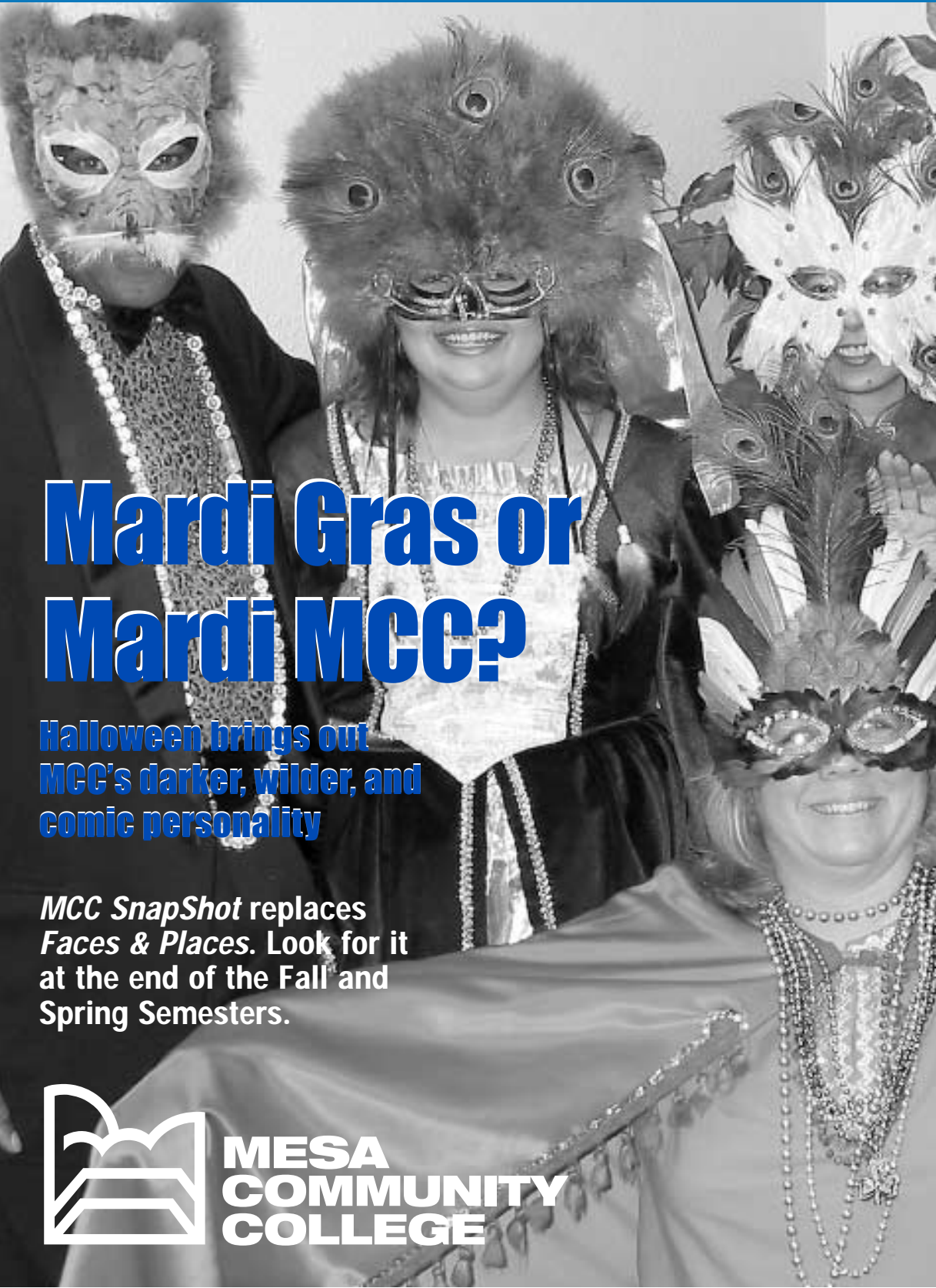
**Ron Bimrose's
love of art and
fine feathered
friends takes him
to the White
House**



**Sparky ignites
community
involvement**



**International
Week—
celebrating
diversity**



Mardi Gras or Mardi MCC?

**Halloween brings out
MCC's darker, wilder, and
comic personality**

MCC SnapShot replaces
Faces & Places. Look for it
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Spring Semesters.



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PSA • Anita Dusek, Exercise Science
Anita willingly performs services for faculty and students beyond her job description. Anita has been the best thing that ever happened to this department, and her efforts to support all our staff are unparalleled. She accepts tasks and follows through until completion. Anita assists students and works relentlessly to make this department better. She strives to expand her own background by taking classes and is constantly working to improve herself professionally. It is without reservation that I recommend Anita Dusek for recognition of her efforts. *Nominated by Ann Stine.*

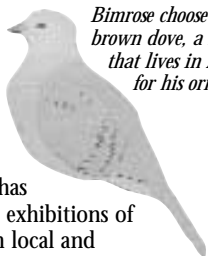


charging labor. Thanks to Joe Rauscher for his dedication to helping students. *Nominated by Jennifer LaForge.*

M & O • James Cardenas, Groundskeeper
James goes above and beyond his everyday duties as a groundskeeper by initiating repairs, whether small or large on all our equipment. James is a very knowledgeable mechanic, and his work has saved us a lot of time and money. He takes great pride in his work and is always helpful to the staff and his fellow employees. He has a great attitude and is a pleasure to work with. *Nominated by Betty Shiel.*

Focus on excellence

Outstanding Adjunct Faculty • Ron Bimrose, Art Department
Ron was selected to make an ornament for the White House Christmas tree and represented Mesa Community College at a reception with Laura Bush on December 4. Ron has also had numerous exhibitions of his artwork in both local and national galleries.



Bimrose choose a ruddy brown dove, a rare species that lives in Arizona, for his ornament.

Ron is a very sought-after and generous instructor. His classes fill up quickly and students are anxious to continue their studies with him, often keeping in touch with him to ask for critiques and advice on their artwork. Ron goes above and beyond the call of duty as an adjunct faculty member, taking a leadership role in turning the Navajo Room into a gallery for the faculty and student art shows each year. *Nominated by Sarah Capawana.*



MAT • John Moll, Fiscal Office
Since coming to MCC (Business and Industry Institute), John has been a big support to me. No matter what my dilemma I can always call him. If he doesn't know the answer, he will either get back to me or direct me to the person who does know the answer.

He is very knowledgeable about his own area as well as the general functionality of other areas. He is always cheerful and patient and goes the extra mile to create an atmosphere that promotes teamwork. John is a well-rounded, good-natured man of incredible intelligence but, most of all, he's just a nice guy dedicated to doing a good job! *Nominated by Jacqui Dunlap.*

Faculty Excellence Award • Susan "Skip" Pollock, Psychology Department

Skip took on two new course preparations this semester. Skip had designed a course on Domestic Violence, then stepped up to teach Psychology and Culture when the previously scheduled teacher transferred to another college. Her dedication to and enthusiasm for teaching is evident, with one student stating in a letter of appreciation "You are absolutely amazing and inspiring!"



Service • Joe Rauscher, Automotive Department
Recently an MCC student's car broke down, and she knew it would cost a lot of money to fix. Someone recommended that she go to the Automotive Department to see if they could diagnose the problem. They not only found the problem, they offered to fix the car. Joe found the parts on the Internet, knowing it would be less expensive than purchasing the parts from a dealer or regular vendor, and purchased them without requiring advance funds from the student. Even though the class was gearing up for other end of the semester projects, they found the time to fix the student's car – all without



Skip provides exemplary service outside the classroom. She is MCC's representative to the District Curriculum Committee and serves as the Instructional Council representative for the Psychology Department. Skip was a major contributor to MCC's Domestic Violence Workshop and presented a session titled "Emotional Violence: The Death of Self." Skip also presented a widely applauded session for the Maricopa County Adult Probation Western Field Division. *Nominated by Ann Ewing.*



Retirement...the uncharted territory

MCC's most recent retirees (pictured from left) are Johnice Wilkins, Director of Student Leadership; Jo Wilson, Director of Extended Campus; Jessica Stewart, Custodian I; and Rose Ann Haw, Mathematics faculty.



New faculty chat it up before getting down to hard work. The annual Faculty Tea, part of the new faculty experience, brings existing and new faculty together to meet and share ideas.[s](#)



Dr. Gaskin lends a listening ear

MCCCD Chancellor Fred Gaskin visited MCC on October 3, 2002 to discuss "The State of the Maricopa District".[s](#)



Holiday shopping made easier

Jewelry, crocheted animals, homemade pies, ornaments, toys, candles, and gifts aplenty! PSA brings this unique shopping experience to MCC every year.[s](#)

Artistic talent...



on display

Faculty artists shared their masterpieces at the annual Art Faculty Show. Above is Nobu Nishigawara and his creation, titled *Nobuism*. At left is *Spirit Bird*, by Jane Kelsey-Mapel.[s](#)



Caped crusaders putting it all together

Capes of appreciation capped off the 2002 Student Services Retreat held at the Red Mountain campus. Dr. Christiansen guided attendees through the DISC personality profile. The DISC helps to build self-knowledge to improve interaction with others.[s](#)



Ghosts, goblins, ghouls galore

Halloween spirit abounds at MCC. We found a mad scientist, people clowning around, and jaws dropping left and right at the sight of one monstrous fiend. Pictured (clockwise from top left) are Nikki Stroughter, Tim Martin, and James Giles.[s](#)



...with a cherry on top

Twice a year, new employees and lovers of "cold and creamy" treats meet and greet at MCC's Ice Cream Socials. Both campuses enjoy heaping mounds of strawberry, chocolate, and vanilla ice cream topped with plenty of cherries.[s](#)



Rumor has it was a success

Rumors' all-star cast spun an incredible web of deception that left audiences clutching their sides with laughter. Proceeds from the play went to MCC's America Reads/America Counts program.[s](#)



Breaking ground

MCC joined with community members to celebrate and honor Veterans through the dedication of five new rose gardens that represent the different branches of the armed forces: Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force, and Reserves. All roses planted in the Veterans Rose Garden will have patriotic names.

The Mesa Fire Department Pipe Band added a special touch to the occasion.[s](#)



Bus Stop

Three sets of snowbound passengers conducted tender romances in this 1950s comedy directed by Sandy Elias. The play, set in a wayside diner near Kansas City, explored a gentler time when people had a chance to get in touch with basic truths about respecting others.[s](#)



Holiday charity ride

The Mesa Fire Department, Target, and MCC's Phi Theta Kappa Omicron Chapter hosted a Holiday Charity Ride where a toy, food, or monetary donation bought a ride on a vintage 1941 fire truck. All donations went to the Mesa Fire Department Adopt-a-Family program.[s](#)



Empty hearts not allowed

Satisfying portions of community spirit are ladled for the annual Empty Bowls event at MCC. Profits from the sale of bowls created by volunteer artisans help to stock Paz de Cristo's community cupboards.[s](#)



Youth take center stage

Community youth joined MCC's Choral Department for the Magic of Musical Theatre Workshops. The two-week sessions taught proper techniques in singing, acting, and dancing and provided an opportunity to showcase the children's newfound skills.[s](#)



Water Children

Audience and cast members alike were moved by Sarah Hayes' performance as Megan, a young woman dealing with the complexities and aftermath of an abortion. This was the first performance of *The Water Children* in the Phoenix area.[s](#)





All beauty queens need pampering

Talent blooms at the largest rose show in Arizona. More than 500 entries were received for the 46th Annual Rose Show & Fall Festival on November 16.

Rosarians use Q-Tips® to expedite the blooming process and enhance the overall presentation.[s](#)



Winning a 'Zoni is no baloney!

MCC's Theatre Department received 11 nominations and won four Ari-Zoni awards for their work on *The Miser* and *Of Mice and Men*. Lyn Dutson, Jon Valpey, and Laura Johnson celebrate their wins in Costuming, Set Design, and Sound. Lisbeth Damore, Tania Escalier, Sean Kirsch, Jeff Phillips, and Haley McDowell won for Makeup.[s](#)



The many faces of Zarco

Visiting artist and performer Zarco Guerrero raised money for MCC Theatre scholarships. Zarco's mask creations allow him to become many diverse characters in his monologues.[s](#)



Jazzy innovations

Fred Forney is rocking the local music scene with the creation of *Playground*, an MCC produced CD sold to benefit the Jazz Scholarship Fund for emerging jazz artists. It was made possible through an Innovative Projects grant.[s](#)

Down & dirty

Community, faculty, staff, and students got their hands dirty as they worked together to expand MCC at Southern and Dobson's community garden. The Xeriscape Garden on the west side of campus showcases native plants.[s](#)



Merry ol' England revisited

Guests are transported to 16th century England by Madrigal singers, jugglers, dancers, and a traditional holiday banquet during the annual Madrigal Feaste. Students and choral faculty prepare all semester to create this memorable celebration.[s](#)



Ruth—LIVE!

Paul's sister Ruth McCartney took the spotlight this time as she visited MCC to share her unique experiences and business advice with the Women's Leadership Group.[s](#)

Photo contributed by McCartney Multimedia, Inc.



A day remembered

Students and employees gathered side by side near the clocktower at the moment the first plane crashed into the north tower of the World Trade Center one year ago. In quiet reflection, with somber, tearful expressions, they grasped hands as they remembered the events of September 11.^s



Enough to go around

MCC students experienced the disparity in food allocation among economic classes at the 2nd Annual Hunger Banquet. Participants were randomly divided into one of three groups to receive a lavish banquet, rice and beans, or rice only.^s



Tired of hitting the books

Students vented frustrations at the 2002 Fall Bash. Sumo wrestling, jousting, a trampoline jump, as well as contests, music, and games, gave students a break from stress and studies.^s

Thunderbird spirit

Alumni, students, faculty, cheerleaders, and our own Thunderbird mascot joined together to celebrate MCC spirit and tradition at Homecoming.^s



Sale, sale, sale

Vendors have the chance to hawk their wares to the masses at the MCC Vendor Day.^s



Where *do* the years go?

Proud heritage

"Harvesting Our Culture," sponsored by the Inter-Tribal Student Organization, featured traditional dancers, musicians, and a variety of speakers and presentations.[s](#)



Hola, Bonjour, Aloha

MCC celebrated diverse cultures during International Week. Many ethnic performers and musicians displayed the beauty and talents of their heritage.[s](#)



Heigh-ho! Heigh-ho! It's off to work we go...

Career Expo brought a variety of businesses to the Southern and Dobson campus. Students explored job opportunities, learned more about careers and professions, and had a chance to network with local employers.[s](#)

5 YEARS, Hired in 1997

Colleen Norris
Rosa E. Gonzalez
Roy Scott Olson
Mary R. Hefter
Mark A. Gooding
Loretta Kissell
Donna M. Benson
Maria Romo Chavira
Susan C. Glascoe
Glen Kennedy
Sam B. Martinez
Palmerino Mazzucco
Jonelle D. Moore
Paul A. Nunez
Susan K. Pollock
Erin K. Rawson
Nora A. Reyes
Derek N. Rushing
Scott D. Shaw
Thomas P. Shoemaker
Trisha J. Brazda
Andrew S. Kasian
Juanita Rose Mott
Brooke K.
Estabrook-Fishinghawk
Linda L. Gregg
Lora Lassitter
Judy A. MacQueen
Susan K. Pyles
Hans W. Silberschlag
Jefferson S. Akins
Susan L. Alatorre
Alma J. Howard
Marc G. McCool
Kenneth Poindexter
Mora L. Shahan
Timothy J. Sterk
Delia T. Vital
Elinora Aguilar
Lyseth Mitchell
Jill M. Zamorano
William Johnson Jr.

10 YEARS, Hired in 1992

Sonia Y. Moreno-Filan
Michelle F. Walker
Kenneth P. Costello
Anne H. Vandeventer
Tina P. Rangel

Heidi-Christa Adams
Debra J. Campbell
James V. Cervantes
Carolyn G. Fay
Marcella Fierro
Nancy A. Hellner
Shereen A. Lerner
Armand J. Lombard
David F. Nachman
Patricia J. Pullenza
Litsa P. St. Amand
Mary A. Stewart
Margaret L. Hunt
Rochelle L. Ramirez-Clark
Rose See
Ramon Vasquez
Sylvia H. Vasquez
Elden D. Killian
Modjeska (Jessica) E. Stewart
Lisa Fern Edwards

15 YEARS, Hired in 1987

Kathie S. May
Nancy Navarrete
Valerie K. Vigil
Ilona T. Crews
Maria Gardeta-Healey
David Salazar
Jacqueline Peterson
Rudy G. Mendez
Janice M. Rohloff
Lidia Segura-Mandarino

20 YEARS, Hired in 1982

Herlinda M. Canez
Larry K. Christiansen
Marjorie Y. Kyle
John V. Mainieri
Alan Sheffield
Karen L. Kinzer
Robert E. Galloway
Walter J. Dahlgren
Jose J. Montemayor

25 YEARS, Hired in 1977

Mary Jo Steig
Alma B. Pace
Joan Kristi Grover
David C. Gerlach
Johnice Wilkins

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Seems like only yesterday...

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30 YEARS, Hired in 1972

Top row, left to right:

Allen R. Benedict
Selmer O. Olson

Bottom row, left to right:

Roy Cohen
Guillermo Gonzales Jr.
Ronald A. Etter



35 YEARS, Hired in 1967

Rajinder K. Kalia
James B. Mancuso



***MCC SnapShot* Photo Gallery**

See More! A behind the scenes look at all the wonderful pictures we had to choose from.

Go to MCC's homepage at www.mc.maricopa.edu and find the *SnapShot* link.

Special thanks to Mike McCallister for lending his expertise in creating our gallery.