

THE Bulletin

September 19, 2001



On Tuesday, Sept. 11, MCC students witnessed something they had only read about in history books. Students watched in the Kirk Center as television reporters relayed the story of an Attack on America, believed to be planned and executed by terrorists. They watched the twin towers of the World Trade Center crumble to ruin and viewed the charred Pentagon through the lens of a journalist's camera. This date will be etched forever in their memories.

MCC students gathered at 2 p.m. beneath the Clock Tower at the Southern and Dobson campus for a few moments of silence on Wednesday, Sept. 12. **Stacie Jackson**, president of the Associated Students of MCC, made a brief presentation in memory of those who had lost their lives in the tragic events of the previous day. Another Memorial Gathering took place on Tuesday, Sept. 18, at the same location. **Dr. Glenn Bennett** and MCC's **Combined Choirs** led a melody of songs for this ceremony.



Student Leadership Director **Johnice Wilkins** has organized a blood drive at the S&D campus on Thursday, Sept. 27, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. She said students at the Red Mountain campus will also be participating in a blood drive to aid victims, but the date is not yet available.



Safety and Emergency Procedure Savvy is Everyone's Responsibility

It is time that all employees dig out and review the Safety and Emergency Procedures Manual that was first distributed in the fall of 2000. This booklet provides quick-action answers for most campus emergency situations. Among other things, it gives crime-prevention tips, specific information for evacuation in case of gas leaks, and suggestions for what to do if a weapon is observed on campus.

Vince Moran, acting director of Public Safety, said that a revised safety and emergency plan was put into place two years ago and he feels that it is currently adequate. "We are as prepared as we can be for most emergencies," Moran said.

A Direct Emergency Contact phone system was installed during June and July in every Mesa Community College classroom. Moran said this system makes it possible for an instructor to dial 911 and have direct emergency contact immediately. With the new computer system installed in the Public Safety offices, a 911 call will alert personnel, precisely at the moment the call is placed, to where the help is needed. A campus officer on a bicycle can be at the location within 10 seconds. Simultaneously, the 911 operator will send appropriate emergency personnel and equipment to the exact location shown on the linked computer screen.

Sometimes an emergency requires evacuation. New fire alarm boxes are equipped with horns that will signal people to exit and move away from the buildings. Moran said it should be every employee's responsibility to note the proximity of alarm boxes to classrooms and office space.

The Safety and Emergency booklets are being updated and reprinted, but Public Safety will provide the 2000 edition to any employee who requests one.



President Hosts Community Breakfast

Mesa Community College president **Larry K. Christiansen** hosted a breakfast on Friday, Sept. 14, honoring 10 students and a number of community agencies that have formed partnerships with the college.

The 10 students have each earned a President's Student Service Scholarship award of \$500, which will be matched by MCC's Center for Service Learning from funds donated by the Boren Family Foundation. Each of these incoming freshmen has donated at least 100 hours of service to his or her community.

MCC has formed partner relationships with approximately 80 agencies, plus school districts throughout Maricopa County. These agencies provide sites where students enrolled in service-learning projects can study and serve. The service-learning program offers both academic and community service involvement.

Several faculty members have encouraged their students to take the in-class service-learning option, where students make the class they are taking part of their service to the community. For example, in an English 101 class, a student might work with an elementary school to help children with their reading skills. The student then produces essays about the experiences to fulfill the English 101 requirement.

MCC at Red Mountain Earns Environmental Honors



The Valley Forward Association, in partnership with Honeywell, has selected MCC at Red Mountain as a finalist in the Association's Environmental Excellence Awards program. All finalists will receive an Award of Merit or a first-place Crescordia at the awards banquet on Friday, Sept. 21, at the Phoenician Resort.

Operating for 32 years, Valley Forward is a non-profit organization that brings business and civic leaders together to improve the environment and quality of life in Valley communities. Its members recognize that economic, social, cultural

and aesthetic values are determined, to a large extent, by the form and character of what we build. Valley Forward's focus is to sustain our natural desert landscape through well-planned and thoughtful development of our built environment. MCC at Red Mountain is proud to be recognized by Valley Forward and Honeywell as a contributor to this effort.

It Depends on You!

Each year, MCC employees help to raise money for the United Way, and for the past few years our goal has been \$25,000. This year we intend not only to meet our goal but also to increase the number of employees who are participating in this annual fund-raising effort. A payroll deduction plan is available for those who wish to donate on a regular basis, but annual contributions are also welcome (of course, we expect once-a-year donations to be bigger). MCC's kickoff for the United Way Campaign is October 1; more information will be coming your way soon.

Celebrate With Us...

Red Mountain Campus **GRAND OPENING**

IT IS TIME TO Celebrate

Mesa Community College is growing with the East Valley. You are cordially invited to join us in a celebration for the grand opening of the new Mesa Community College at Red Mountain campus.

7110 E. McKellips Road, Mesa AZ

Wednesday, October 3rd, 2001

Celebration and Ribbon Cutting begins at 2:00PM

Entertainment, Refreshments, Displays and Guided Tours at 2:30-3:30 PM

Interactive Literature Festival Planned at MCC

Literature does not stand alone but is linked to all facets of life. That's the premise of a unique literature festival planned at MCC on Thursday and Friday, Oct. 19 and 20.

"The Living Web: Literature and the Arts" is innovative in that all events will invite audience participation through discussions, on-the-spot writing, or "whatever activities the writers have dreamed up," according to **James Cervantes**, professor of English and one of the festival organizers.

"Literature is a living tradition with ties to other arts such as music, theater, and storytelling," Cervantes said. "The idea for the festival is to show that, like the World Wide Web, literature is an active and living part of our culture that is linked to all facets of life."

The festival's featured speakers will utilize a multi-art concept in their presentations. For example, **Ken Waldman**, a poet from Anchorage, Alaska, is also an accomplished old-time fiddler. Waldman has published more than 350 of his poems in national magazines and journals and is also the author of *Nome of Poems*, a full-length collection of poetry on rural Alaska. Waldman has also issued two CDs of music.

Other writers featured at the festival include poet **Halvard Johnson**; **Lynda Schor**, who writes on relationships and has won the praise of feminists such as Gloria Steinem; and **Robert Sward**, author of 16 books including poetry, chapbooks and a novel.

MCC presenters include **Beverly Silva**, **edi web**, and **Jim Cervantes**, all from the English Dept. Also featured are **Jewell Parker Rhodes**, professor of creative writing at ASU and author of two novels, and **Jed Allen**, director of the creative writing program at Phoenix College.

MCC's annual faculty art exhibit will be open throughout the festival in the Navajo Room on the Southern and Dobson campus.

The literature festival runs from 1 to 9 p.m. each day, Oct. 19 and 20. All events take place in the Kirk Student Center; they are free and open to the public.

More information about the festival is available by calling 480-461-7636 or by visiting the Web site at www.poetserv.com/livweb/livweb.html.



ARIZONA
**DIAMOND
BACKS**

VS.

Milwaukee Brewers

Maricopa Community Colleges'
Day at Bank One Ballpark

Date: Wednesday, September 26

Game Time: 6:35 p.m.

Price: 1/2 Off all tickets (\$3.00-\$6.50)

Contact: carol.diego@domail.maricopa.edu

Phone: 480-731-8718

Game times subject to change
www.azdiamondbacks.com

News and Entertainment - Check It Out

- ▶ Time magazine highlighted Mesa Community College in its Sept. 10 edition as a notable College of the Year. For the complete story, check the following Web site: www.time.com/time/2001/coy/notable.html
- ▶ Call the **US 60 Construction Information Hotline at 1-877-700-US60** for daily updates on the freeway-widening project near MCC's Southern and Dobson campus.
- ▶ Go to www.mc.maricopa.edu/academic/theatre/perform/ to check the dates for upcoming Theater, Music and Dance performances.
- ▶ For game times in Men's and Women's Sports at Mesa Community College click on: www.mc.maricopa.edu/stuserv/athletics/index.html

In Honor & Remembrance

Let us acknowledge the gifts of the American way of life and reflect on our sorrow in the wake of this national tragedy.

September 11, 2001

Visit the following Web site for links to disaster relief information:
www.mc.maricopa.edu/events/disaster_relief.html

C A L E N D A R

Tuesday, Sept. 25th

Governing Board, regular meeting

Maricopa Community Colleges District Office

2411 W. 14th St., Tempe

6:30 p.m., second floor, Governing Board Room

For more information,

contact Gloria Smith, 480-731-8889

Thursday, Sept. 27th

Blood Drive, S&D Campus

Clock Tower, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 3rd

MCC at Red Mountain Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting

2 p.m. – Program and Ribbon Cutting, RM Campus

Entertainment, Refreshments, Displays

2:30 to 3:30 p.m. – Guided Tours

Tuesday, Oct. 9th

Teaching, Learning and Technology Roundtable (TLTR) Meeting

3 p.m. at the Center for Teaching and Learning

See Web site for more information:

www.mc.maricopa.edu/academic/tltr/index.html

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