

# THE Bulletin

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## President's Lunch Focus: NCA Visit on Dec. 3 and 4



The President inspired a hearty discussion at his second Lunch and Conversation on Wednesday, Nov. 14. The topic, "Anticipating the NCA (North Central Accreditation) Focus Visit for Red Mountain," prompted good questions and thoughtful responses. Top photo, left to right: **Eliza Gonzalez** (Foreign Language), **Rita Kasapis** (Counseling) and **Harold Cranswick** (chair, Social Science). Bottom photo: **Roy Cohen** (Psychology).

## Updating the Plan . . . What's Best for MCC?



On Dean Etter's desk is a stack of spiral-bound proposals from architectural, engineering and planning firms. Each firm wants to be selected to update Mesa Community College's Facilities Master Plan. Since **Ron Etter** is the dean of Administrative Services and the liaison for any construction that takes place at MCC, he has the enviable task of selecting the best consultant for the job.

There's a lot to consider when choosing a firm to update such an important document. "I look at who has the best experience at master planning," Ron said, "based upon the team they put together as well as the firm's approach. What type of engineers do they have? Do they have specialists in parking and transportation?

Do they have a landscape designer? Can their workload accommodate our project and do they have sufficient staff to complete it within our timeframe?"

It will be the consultant's job to evaluate MCC's existing buildings and to help determine the college's facilities needs for the next several years. The update of MCC's master plan includes both campuses. MCC at Red Mountain (RM) opened in the fall of 2001, so its facilities plan is relatively new, but the plan for Southern and Dobson (S&D) was set in place in 1989-90, preceding the 1994 bond election. "It's been 11 or 12 years since the last plan was completed," Ron said. "We need to see if we have changed any of our planning assumptions since then." Ron noted that another bond election is tentatively scheduled for 2004.

The most important question to ask in updating MCC's master plan is "What's best for MCC?" Ron explained that the consultant will make recommendations, but the college will establish the priorities. He identified possible priorities for both campuses: "One critical issue at S&D," he said, "is the age of some of our existing buildings, like the Physical Science building (PS8)—we're using it to death." Ron also mentioned the portable buildings, some of which have been on the S&D campus since it first opened. The consultant might target them for replacement with permanent structures. At the RM campus, growth may become the biggest issue, which could hasten the construction of Phases II and III.



### **MCC Hosts Distinguished Visitors**

**Dr. Christiansen**, administrative assistant **Jared Langkilde**, and senior managers from **Chengdu, China**, enjoyed a Presidential Reception and dinner at the Val Vista Lakes Clubhouse. The Chinese visitors spent four months studying American culture and took both credit and noncredit classes, such as management, finance and leadership. They also attended lectures, completed internships, and even found time to enjoy a little local color—a trip to the Grand Canyon and tubing down the river. A graduation ceremony on Thursday, Nov. 15, marked their completion of the program.



### **You're Never Too Red to Read**

Service-Learning Director **Duane Oakes** and **Clifford**, the big red dog, entertained children with stories at the Scholastic Book Fair, celebrating National Children's Book Week, Nov. 13 through 16.

## Cross Country Runners Go to Nationals



Two exceptional runners from MCC's Cross Country teams went to the National Junior College Athletic Association's (NJCAA) nationwide competition in Lansing, Michigan, on Nov. 10. Congratulations to **Anthony Santa Cruz** who placed 68th overall, and to **Penny Tinker** who finished 19th overall! Congratulations also to Head Coach **Spencer Peterson** and Associate Head Coach **Clyde Resendez**.

## MCC Partners with Mobile Consulate

On October 27, MCC partnered with the Consulate of Mexico to offer a valuable community service. Mesa Community College opened its Country Club and Brown facility to the "Mobile Consulate," which provides needed services for Mexican Nationals.



*Elva Marin*

Due to work schedules, those who need the services cannot always get to the Consulate office in Phoenix. So the Mobile Consulate makes its rounds to many locations throughout Arizona, taking its services directly to the communities it serves. Consulate staff members provide information and services regarding passports/visas, immigration and other legal issues.

Sharing MCC's facility not only provided an accessible location for the Mobile Consulate but also offered a way to introduce nearly 400 people to the excellent educational opportunities that Mesa Community College provides.

**Elva Marin, Jack Hannon, Racquel Leyva** and **Jaime Herrera**—all Mesa Community College employees—were major contributors to the success of this partnership event. "We handed out fliers, giving information on courses, testing and classes in English as a second language," Elva said. "We want to serve everyone who is interested in education for themselves and their families."

### **Sports & Entertainment**

Go to <http://www.mc.maricopa.edu/academic/theatre/perform/> to check the dates for upcoming Theater, Music and Dance performances. Click on <http://www.mc.maricopa.edu/stuserv/athletics/> for game times in Men's and Women's Sports at Mesa Community College.

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Ron listed other considerations in determining priorities:

- Energy efficiency (hence, cost effectiveness) of new HVAC equipment
- New technologies that require greater electrical capability
- Parking needs
- Teaching methods that differ from those of a decade ago
- Programmatic changes (are we teaching different subjects?)
- Needs for general classroom space, faculty offices and additional science labs

Ron explained that master plan updates are being completed districtwide because construction projects funded by the 1994 bond election are nearing completion. The Maricopa Community College District received \$386 million from the '94 bond; of this total, MCC received \$46 million (\$20 million to construct the new RM campus and \$26 million for facilities improvements and new construction on the S&D campus).

"We will be trying to wrap up the 1994 bond projects during the next 18 months," Ron said. Copy Center employees move into their newly renovated space this month.

The Language Lab will be completed by January and ready to open for the spring semester. A few security projects remain to be finalized.

\$25,000

**United Way Report** The final numbers aren't in yet, but Dr. Christiansen reports that for the first time ever, we attained our United Way campaign goal of \$25,000 and may have surpassed it by as much as \$1,000! A big thank-you to all MCC employees who supported the campaign this year with pledges and contributions.

## Sa-a-a-lute!

### October's Employee of the Month, Margie Ferguson

Following is the letter from **Deborah Spadafore**, nominating Margie:

I would like to nominate **Margie Ferguson** from the Technology Department for Employee of the Month. Margie has been our department secretary and office coordinator for several years, and she always goes out of her way to help others.



You can find Margie working late many nights, as she works diligently to make sure all of our paperwork is correct and in on time. She is also very friendly to the office staff and to students needing help selecting classes or finding professors. Many times she will call and go that extra mile to ensure that we will get our paychecks on time.

In summary, I nominate Margie. She is friendly, helpful to staff, instructors and students, and goes out of the way to find the answers and make sure we are paid on time.

### Catch of the Month, Erika Wren

Below is the letter from **Duane Oakes**, nominating Erika:

I would like to nominate **Erika Wren**, my office coordinator, for the Catch of the Month.

On Saturday, October 13, Phi Theta Kappa held its annual Fall Induction Ceremony for new members at the Red Mountain campus. As the planning was being done, it became apparent that the cost of the reception for the induction was going to be too expensive if we catered this event. Erika stepped up and offered to organize it. On her day off, she spent the day decorating, buying the food, serving the food and cleaning up the area.



Erika provided one of the nicest catering events I have had. She truly stepped up to serve the students, the families and the MCC community with her skills, talents and time.

Other nominees for the October Employee of the Month were **Jon Valpey**, nominated by **Lyn Dutson**; **Alma Pace**, nominated by **Christa Adams**; **Sonny Turner**, nominated by **Emily**; and **Juan Marquez**, nominated by **Yolanda Penley**.

Other nominees for the October Catch of the Month were **Shawn Woods**, nominated by **Jack Clevenger**; **Ken Costello**, nominated by **Bob Baron**; and **Wade Harris** and **Jonathan Baney**, both nominated by **Peggy Johnson**.

Last month we announced the September Catch, **Lanae Jackson**, and Employee, **Rick Effland**, but we neglected to mention the stiff competition they were up against. Other nominees in September were **Deb DeVore**, nominated by **Lynn Keeling**; **Johnna Switzer**, nominated by **Myrna Eshelman**; **Beth Hunt Larson**, nominated by **Andrea Greene**; and **Alan Patton**, nominated by **Emily Dimson**.



**PSA President Anita Dusek watches as shoppers select their treasures.**



**Karen Wolf informs Ann Stine about the many uses of Tupperware.**



**Debbie Smith and Carolyn O'Connor pitch Avon.**

## C A L E N D A R

### Tuesday, Nov. 27

#### African Edventure

**Presentation by Dr. Dennis Wilson, Biology Dept.**  
7:30 p.m., Community Room, Mesquite Bldg.,  
RM campus

Dr. Wilson led an extraordinary expedition, driving 24,000 miles through 23 countries from South Africa to the UK in a Web-wired Land Rover. More than an expedition, it was an educational project aimed at K-12 schools and documented on the Internet ([www.african-edventure.org](http://www.african-edventure.org)). Using a laptop, satellite phone and digital photo equipment, he sent biweekly diary postings with pictures and streamed video clips to a Web site hosted by ASU. He used the fun and excitement of an African expedition to illustrate many scientific, social and cultural concepts. The project has been immensely popular, reaching many schools (the Web site has received more than 100,000 visits).

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**Governing Board, Regular Meeting**  
Contact: Gloria Smith, 731-8889

### Wednesday, Nov. 28

#### Psychology Evening Lecture Series

**Music: Its Power and Influence in Our Lives**

6:30-9 p.m., Navajo Room, Kirk Center, S&D campus

Sponsored by the Psychology Dept. and Psi Beta

Presenter: Dr. Ron D. Kingsley

This presentation explores the therapeutic impact of music and lyrics, with a special emphasis on children, ages 6-16. Dr. Kingsley features a repertoire of original songs and offers a discussion of the origins of music and its pervasive influence on society.

Contact: Psychology Dept., 461-7032

### Saturday, Dec. 1

#### Spanish Speakers Orientation

8-11 a.m., Navajo Room, Kirk Center, S&D campus

The event will offer information about becoming a college student. Workshops will help prospective students learn about how to register, the cost of tuition and financial aid eligibility.

### Thursday through Sunday, Nov. 29-Dec. 2

#### Of Mice and Men, a drama by John Steinbeck

Thursday through Saturday, Nov. 29 & 30 and Dec. 1 at 8 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 2 at 2 p.m.

Call 461-7170 for tickets and information.

Two drifters, George and his friend Lennie, have delusions of living off the "fat of the land" and owning their own place. Lennie is a man-child, a little boy in the body of a dangerously powerful man. Lennie's obsession with things soft and cuddly has made George very cautious. The sudden death of the ranch boss' promiscuous wife places George in a moral dilemma.

### Sunday, Dec. 2

#### Holiday Concert

4:30 p.m., First Presbyterian Church

For more information, contact Glenn Bennett, 461-7582.

### Monday, Dec. 3

#### Applications due for Adopt-A-Family Winter Holiday program

Contact: Nora, 461-7277

### Tuesday, Dec. 4

#### Last day to drop off brand new socks at Student Activities

Kirk Center

MCC is helping the Shoebox Ministry, a nonprofit service organization, to reach their goal of collecting 50,000 pairs of socks for distribution to the Valley's homeless for the holiday season.

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