

CAMPUS SECURITY

A safe and secure environment for both students and staff is a high priority of MCC's Public Safety Department. State-of-the-art security equipment and a well-trained staff provide security at both the Southern and Dobson and the Red Mountain campuses. The college is also gearing up for the same level of service for MCC's new downtown campus.

Steve Corich, director of campus security and a retired Mesa police officer, said close collaboration with MCC's Information Technology Department has allowed the college to purchase, install and monitor campuses using the latest technology, yielding excellent results.

"Our closed circuit surveillance system has been used successfully about 20 times to solve or identify crimes," Corich said.

The surveillance system cameras monitor all buildings on campus as well as parking lots and large gathering areas. The cameras are specifically



High quality surveillance cameras enable Public Safety staff to see details such as license plates.

designed to handle low-light conditions and the exceptional quality of the video allows security staff to see details such as license plates. The system, which includes 40 cameras at the Southern and Dobson campus and 18 at the Red Mountain campus, will be expanded to cover the new buildings on both campuses.

An effective communication system is also critical to campus safety. MCC has a voice over IP telephony system and an Alertus Notification system. The phone system provides the ability to issue an alert to every classroom and office on campus. In areas with no phone service, such as outdoor courtyard areas,

the Alertus system uses outdoor and indoor speakers to issue announcements. MCC's crisis management team has developed a plan that uses both of these systems to allow for broadcasting announcements to the entire campus in the event of an emergency.

Corich said MCC's Public Safety Department will team up with the

City of Mesa Police Department for joint training exercises to help insure that responses to campus emergencies are well coordinated. And, as of January, sworn officers at MCC now carry handguns, following a new state law that requires sworn officers to carry guns.

Corich said all these precautions make for a secure learning environment at MCC.

"We're taking every step possible to ensure the safety of our students is at the highest possible level," Corich said.

Alumni & Friends

SPRING 2008

MCC Hosts Smithsonian Traveling Photography Exhibit Documenting China: Contemporary Photography and Social Change

Mesa Community College is pleased to host the Smithsonian Traveling Photography Exhibit "Documenting China: Contemporary Photography and Social Change." Separated from the West by thousands of miles and seemingly insurmountable cultural barriers, China has long been an unfamiliar, romanticized land—until recently. Focusing on the impacts of urbanization and industrialization in China, the exhibition of documentary photographers opens at MCC on March 1st. "Documenting China" will remain on view through April 27, before continuing on a national tour through 2009.

The exhibition presents the country from an insider's point of view through dramatic works of seven Chinese photographers. With raw black-and-white and color images, photographers Liu Xiaodi, Jiang Jian, Zhang Xinmin, Luo Yongjin, Zhou Hai, Lu Yuanmin and Zhou Min unveil truths about China's internal struggle—a battle between modern industrialism and the traditional, agrarian past that has sustained the country for thousands of years.



Zhang Qunzi and Her Two Daughters
Mengjin County, Henan, 1996
Jiang Jian

"Documenting China" was developed by Bates College Museum of Art in Lewiston, Maine, and organized for travel by the Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Service, (SITES). The exhibition has been made possible through the generous support of Crystal Cruises.

When: March 1- April 27, 2008
Tuesdays through Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Fridays through Sundays, Noon to 4 p.m.
Closed Mondays
Exhibit is closed March 10-15 for spring break and March 23 for Easter Sunday.

Location: MCC main library (LB145)

Admission: Free of charge

Volunteer: Volunteers are needed to help oversee the exhibit during busy hours and help collect & distribute short surveys about the exhibit. Contact Zoe Luter at (480) 461-7286.



Zhao Weidong, 16
Jiyvan County, Henan, 1999
Jiang Jian

This project was supported with funds granted by the Arizona State Library, Archives and Public Records Agency under the Library Services and Technology Act, which is administered by the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

SITES has been sharing the wealth of Smithsonian collections and research programs with millions of people outside Washington, D.C., for more than 50 years. It connects Americans to their shared cultural heritage through a wide range of exhibitions about art, science and history, which are shown wherever people live, work and play.

MCC College Calendar Information Spring 2008

March 1 - April 27

Smithsonian Exhibit
Documenting China: Contemporary Photography and Social Change
MCC at Southern and Dobson,
Paul A. Elsner Library

March 5

Psychology Evening Lecture Series
Leadership through Communication and Conflict Management
Presenter: Wynn W. Call, Ph.D.
Kirk Student Center, Navajo Room

March 5-8

Seussical the Musical
Act 1 Musical Theatre,
Theatre Outback

March 20-21

Spring Dance Concert
Theatre Outback

March 31-April 10

Student Art Show
Kirk Student Center, Navajo Room

April 15

Psychology Evening Lecture Series, Relationships
Are Everything: The Change-Talk Way
Presenter: Muriel S. McClellan, Ph.D.
Kirk Student Center, Navajo Room

April 17-27

The Children's Hour
Theatre Arts, Theatre Outback

May 2

Broadway Bound – Musical Review
Theatre Outback

For a complete listing of MCC events, visit www.mc.maricopa.edu and select the "Calendar" link at the top.

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MCC Alumni and Friends:

On March 10, I join Mesa Community College as its sixth president. I accept this privilege with much humility and a great sense of honor. During the selection process, I found in MCC a special character, an innovative spirit, and an inspiring mission. I am thrilled to be a part of the next chapter in MCC's evolution.

I had the pleasure of speaking to MCC faculty and staff in January. At that time, I shared my belief that we must remain true and steadfast to those core values and commitments that define MCC.

1) Student success—as a leading community college in America, we must at all times put students' needs and interests above all things, providing them with the best possible learning experiences. Student learning and success constitute the reason for MCC's existence and should be measured by the degree to which we change and improve students' lives.

2) Community success—MCC must honor its roots and recognize its symbiotic relations with the communities we serve. MCC has unique roles to play in the future of education and the economic development of our constituent communities. We must strengthen existing partnerships and forge new ones at multiple levels.

3) Employee success – we will create a satisfying and exciting environment where MCC employees can do their best work.

Our alumni community is uniquely positioned to support these values. I encourage you to become actively engaged by serving on an alumni advisory committee, offering to serve as a mentor to an MCC student, or just enjoying one of our music or theatre performances.

President John F. Kennedy summed up our charge most eloquently: "Hold fast to the best of the past and move fast to the best of the future." As I start my presidency, I look forward to getting to know many of you and listening to your advice on how we can shape MCC's future together. I ask you to join me in the task of building a premier community college.

Sincerely,
Dr. Shouan Pan
President

To learn more about Dr. Pan, visit the MCC website at www.mc.maricopa.edu/president.

MCC GOES GREEN

From dumpster dives to recyclable fashion garments, Mesa Community College is increasing efforts to make its campuses environmentally friendly. The college has rolled out additional recycling barrels, hired a campus recycling coordinator and established battery collection sites, with support from the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality and the City of Mesa. MCC was recently awarded \$46,020 as part of ADEQ's Waste Reduction Assistance grants program, which funds projects devoted to waste reduction, recycling and composting.

MCC geology professor Steve Bass, who heads up the college's environmental initiatives, said the most significant benefit of the expanded recycling program is the way it supports the mission of MCC to provide education and promote continuous learning.



A dress made of recycled candy wrappers was just one of the highlights of the Fall Fashion Show.

"By engaging students in recycling activities we reinforce our academic curriculum and serve as a role model within the community," Bass said.

In November, students and staff got their hands dirty during a campus "dumpster dive" to assess the amount of recyclable products in the college's trash collection. The purpose of the dive was to build awareness about the amount of recyclable material that is improperly disposed of in waste barrels.

In addition to these efforts, MCC student interns have helped Smith Group, the builders of the new physical science building at Southern and Dobson, register for certification in the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) program. MCC's other remodeling projects also keep green design and sustainability in mind.



Students donned masks and rubber gloves as they sorted through a day's worth of the college's trash collection to identify materials that could be recycled rather than thrown away.

MCC instructors in many fields are keeping up with eco-friendly techniques to teach students to produce places, products and services in a way that minimizes environmental impact.

"We're making great strides," Bass tells students. "But there is still a lot we can do to improve our campuses and environment."



MCC's 2007 football season ended with the team earning their first berth to the Valley of the Sun Bowl in 11 years. Nearly 24 straight hours of rain tore up the field at John D. Riggs Stadium during the bowl game, but the cold and wind did not dampen the spirit of the Thunderbirds as Mesa culminated the season with a 47-31 win over visiting Fort Scott Community College from Kansas.

SPORTS HIGHLIGHTS

The team's 9-2 season was capped with a bevy of awards. Head Coach Dan Dunn received Arizona Community College Athletic Conference (ACCAC) Coach of the Year honors and Co-Offensive Player of the Year honors went to quarterback Dax Crum. In addition, 12 members of the team were named to the first or second team of the All-Region all-star team.

On the academic side, the waiting list to enroll in the sports psychology class taught by sports psychology professor Tishin Donkersley continues to grow. Donkersley brings in former NFL coaches and others who help her emphasize empowerment and what it takes to be a person of excellence.

"It's been a life-changing class for some students," said Donkersley, who was named outstanding adjunct faculty in 2006. "Not everyone comes from the best circumstances and the coaches have seen positive results from those who take it."

Announcing the release of the 2008 MCC Alumni Directory

MCC's first-ever Alumni Directory was published in January. Thank you to the numerous alumni who updated their alumni profiles and purchased the directory! If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call customer service at 1-800-877-6554.

New construction and improvements continue at a rapid pace with money from the 2004 bond initiative. The impact of rising construction costs has created the need for new approaches in several areas and the college has met the challenges with creative problem-solving.

On MCC's Southern and Dobson campus, the new 62,000 square-foot physical science building with a 48-seat planetarium is scheduled to open in fall of 2008. When completed, plans for refurbishing the existing physical science building into a health and wellness building will be set in motion. Plans are also in the works to remodel the Kirk Student Center.



The Physical Science Building at MCC

On the southeast corner of the campus, negotiations are underway to purchase the Harkins Theatre and Fuddrucker's restaurant for use as a new performing and fine arts complex. Bond money will be used to purchase the 4.99 acre site and buildings, with additional bond funds earmarked to remodel the space. The acquisition would enable the college to move construction of the Performing and Fine Arts complex from fiscal year 2010 to 2008.



At the Red Mountain Campus, leaders have hired an architect and construction company to design a new building which will house four life science labs, a music/drama multi-use room, classrooms and office space. Groundbreaking is anticipated for the summer of 2008.

In downtown Mesa, MCC's new campus is already a reality, with exciting developments made possible through community partnerships and the use of \$10 million in bond money. The downtown campus integrates MCC health and fire safety courses and offers MCC students seeking bachelor's degrees access to a four-year program offered through Northern Arizona University.

Meet Zoe Luter
MCC's Community
Outreach Librarian



Bringing the Smithsonian Traveling Photo Exhibit to MCC has been an unforgettable experience for MCC's outreach librarian Zoe Luter. Zoe began searching for a photo exhibit for the library after the success of the 2005 photo exhibit of Depression-Era Arizona. When she came across the China exhibit, she knew it would be an excellent choice for MCC.

Zoe began to look into applying for a grant to qualify for Arizona State Library funds to finance the exhibit. Before she could apply for the grant, however, she had to prove to the Smithsonian that MCC could meet the requirements of the exhibit.

There were several specific requirements to preserve the original photos. First, Zoe had to provide documentation that the library room, LB145, where the photos would be displayed could stay at a temperature of between 68 and 72 degrees. That was not a problem. A little harder task, though, was maintaining 45-55 percent humidity, not an easy feat in our desert climate.

So Zoe asked the administration to turn down the temperature and borrowed humidifiers.

"We had people replenishing the humidifiers with water twice a day for two weeks," Zoe said. "Then I bought a device to record the minute-to-minute readings and printed it out and mailed it to the Smithsonian."

Zoe also rented a light meter to measure the intensity of light in the room. The requirement was 10-15 foot-candles of light, which was possible with the existing lighting. Zoe also had to provide a 35-page report on security, which included information on fire sprinklers, fire extinguishers and security cameras. During the exhibit, there must be a security guard present during exhibit hours and 24-hour surveillance cameras. Finally, knowing that MCC could meet the requirements, she applied for the grant.

"The Smithsonian has widespread recognition, so I knew it was a solid idea," Zoe said. "We received complete funding! As soon as we knew, we hit the ground running."

Since then, Zoe has been busy with preparations. She said the project is the ultimate outreach endeavor for the MCC library, bringing together community members, faculty and staff.

"I'm looking forward to seeing how the community responds to this exhibit," Zoe said. "It's a free event, and I'm hoping that it brings people that would normally never go to something like this. I hope they are curious and bring their families and that we see the community get involved."