

Blooms shade pathway to bus stop



A new addition to MCC's Rose Garden has been completed. The new 10-foot by 20-foot pergola now provides a direct pathway through the Rose Garden to the College Bus Station (located on Southern Avenue). Soon the pergola will be covered with climbing rose bushes that will provide a beautiful aroma and calming environment for individuals waiting for the bus.

Karen Hardin receives YWCA Tribute to Women award

Karen Hardin is one of 10 recipients of the YWCA Tribute to Women 2005 Awards. Karen is the chair of the counseling department at MCC and was selected for the educator category. The annual awards recognize women in Maricopa County whose lives and accomplishments reflect the YWCA's mission to empower women and their families, and work to eliminate racism.

Karen has been in the education field for 35 years. She has devoted herself to improving educational opportunities for students ranging from the elementary level through high school and college. She assesses the educational and social needs of at-risk high school youths to determine the most effective development and curriculum plans for them. Karen directs a summer enrichment program for at-risk youth to help them improve their academic skills.

Her educational outreach also is evident in the Project MASS (Math and Science Success for At-Risk Students) program which was implemented in South Phoenix to assist disadvantaged youth in that area. She was instrumental in co-creating the Non-Traditional



Career Institute for Girls, a community service program targeting at-risk female students. The purpose of the institute is to encourage and motivate young girls to pursue occupations in the math, science, engineering, and health career fields.

Karen will be recognized at the 12th annual YWCA Tribute to Women 2005 luncheon on Wednesday, March 2, 2005 at The Arizona Biltmore in Phoenix. Congratulations Karen!

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Women of Courage and ASU student movie review



The Women of Courage program is sponsoring a monthly movie review and discussion group that explores social issues. Pictured from left are Oralia Gracia-Alinea, Susan Taffer, and Ronna Caldwell.

The Women of Courage (WOC) program is sponsoring a new and stimulating activity on campus this semester. Oralia Gracia-Alinea and

Ronna Caldwell, two WOC alumnae, will host a monthly movie review and discussion group to talk about current issues in society. The movies will address topics such as gender identity, addictions, disabilities, oppression, A.I.D.S., alcoholism, Schizophrenia, and Alzheimer's.

Oralia and Ronna are both social work students now attending Arizona State University (ASU). Oralia states, the movie project "is not part of our coursework at ASU...we thought it would be a fun way to watch movies with social issues and learn by discussing them with our peers."

Oralia and Ronna decided to bring this project to MCC because of their connection with Susan Taffer and the WOC program. While they attended MCC they participated in the program and wanted to give something back. Susan believes the movie review project and

discussion groups will add to the enrichment of the program.

All movie reviews and discussions are open to the public. For more information please contact Susan Taffer at 461-7394.

Movie review and discussion dates

March 30 – 1:30–4:00 PM in LB145, proposed movie "Tough Guise"

April 20 – 1:30–4:00 PM in LB145, proposed movie "Dance Me Outside"

May 18 – 1:30–4:00 PM in LB 145, proposed movie "The Notebook"

Celebrating 40 Years

February 1964 marks the month Mesa Community College selects HoKams as the school mascot. The name originated from the ancient Indian tribe that lived in the Salt River Valley.

UNESCO chair addresses sustainability

On February 9, Mesa Community College was the first community college in the United States to host Dr. Charles Hopkins, Chair of the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), as he reaches out to educational institutions in 38 countries to discuss "Reorienting Teacher Education toward Sustainability." Both MCC campuses were privileged to host differing sessions.

Interested in enhancing the coordination of existing MCC programs that promote global sustainability, faculty invited Dr. Hopkins to come to MCC after seeing him speak on the topic of infusing globalism in the community colleges in Salzburg, Austria last summer. Important dialogue was sparked by his visit pertaining to programs such as The Center for Global Tolerance, the new Certificate in Global Citizenship, environmental emphasis at the Red Mountain campus, International Education, Service Learning, and the Model UN program.

Hailing from York University in Toronto, Dr. Hopkins is engaging teachers around the world to begin considering issues about our ecological footprint and how it relates to future sustainable

development. The United Nations Division for Sustainable Development defines sustainability as "Development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs." Dr. Hopkins is globally challenging teachers and students to ask themselves the important question "How do you take data and turn it in to knowledge and then turn it in to wisdom?" For more information on this initiative please visit www.unesco.org.



Dr. Charles Hopkins speaks about "Reorienting Teacher Education toward Sustainability."