

MCC

Spring 2007

Snapshot

Where's Simon when we need him?



MCC students lined up for a chance to impress Fox 10's Cory McCloskey during a mock American Idol contest.



"SPUDDING" SMILES



Smokey Joe's Cafe



MCC gives the gift of life



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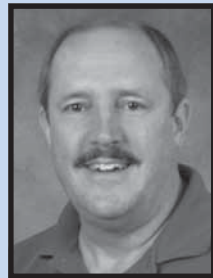
ADJUNCT FACULTY AWARD

Scott Gustafson, Economics Instructor

Nominated by Harold Cranswick and Greg Pratt

Scott always receives excellent student evaluations and has an unusually high retention rate for this subject. He provides insightful and meaningful tutoring assistance for economics students at the Learning Enhancement Center. Scott has been a regular participant in the annual Arizona Society of Economics Teachers Conference and has used his background from the Colorado School of Mines to develop a new online environmental economics class which has attracted a number of students from across the United States.

Scott acts as a role model to both his students and fellow faculty by his commitment to both lifelong learning and service to the community. Scott is constantly evolving and studying and shares his professional growth with those of us in the department. Scott is active in many college and district professional growth opportunities and committees, participating in the Distance Education Committee and various MCLI events. He attends any meetings dealing with the future of MCC such as the Conversation with the Chancellor where he provides comments and insight that are uniquely different from the full-time faculty.



SERVICE EXCELLENCE AWARD

Dayton Harbo, IT Systems Administrator

Nominated by Bill Dehaan

Dayton's role as Systems Administrator in IT keeps him very busy, however, he always finds the time and energy to volunteer for IT projects critical to MCC. Last year he was the sole IT person assigned to work with the visiting accreditation team. He made sure that all their technology needs were met, both at school, as well as at their off campus location.

For the last two years Dayton has also been the key IT contact for the very successful Avnet Tech Games. His dedication to set up all of the games, both hardware and software, is a key reason the games were as successful as they were. Months of meetings and planning culminated in a very successful day for a lot of students thanks to Dayton's outstanding effort.

Dayton's role in IT primarily supports the student services side of our organization, but the work that he does, specifically in support of our DRS and Records area, ultimately supports all teaching and learning efforts.



FOCUS ON EXCELLENCE

PSA EXCELLENCE AWARD

Mike Thomas, Science Lab Technician

Nominated by James Giles and Dennis Wilson

Michael consistently goes the extra mile in his responsibilities in support of science at the Red Mountain campus. He has volunteered to participate in a variety of extra duties, including plans to start a Science Day at Red Mountain. Michael, who holds a PhD, has also offered to fill in as an adjunct to teach science courses at the last minute.

Michael has completed the 24 hour Laboratory Safety Short Course, the Heart Saver AED course, and Edward de Bono's Six Thinking Hats course. He also regularly participates in MCC's annual lab safety workshop.

Michael has helped organize several chemistry labs and helped create a lab manual for a new Chemistry 138 course. He was also involved in compiling ed specs for prep room space in the new building at Red Mountain, working over Christmas break and spring break to compile last moment requests.

Michael schedules lab space and spends time in lab classes, helping students with experimental setups and has, on occasion, even tutored several students who were struggling. He is a remarkable employee and the college is the beneficiary of his willingness to participate in so many activities.



M&O EXCELLENCE AWARD

Steve Maez, Maintenance Assistant

Nominated by Red Mountain Administrative Support Offices

Steve is very deserving of recognition for the outstanding way in which he performs his regular job duties and goes above and beyond through his proactive approach and great attitude. The entire Red Mountain campus depends on Steve because of his reliability and availability. He is always on campus and always answers calls. If there is a problem with a setup or facility he is the first one people call because he is willing to help solve problems and take care of issues immediately. He also has a great attitude about helping out around campus whether it is cleaning a facility, taking care of vehicles, or changing the setup in a room for the tenth time that day.

He will often check back on activities and events to make sure everything is going smoothly. This is especially valuable as limited space at Red Mountain keeps the rooms constantly turning over from classroom space to event space to performance space.

Steve is very appreciated by the faculty and staff out at Red Mountain because his efforts make their jobs easier and the entire campus run smoother.

MAT EXCELLENCE AWARD

The Server Guys: Jonathan Trottier, Chris Silvertooth and Wade Harris

Nominated by Bill Dehaan

This team provides students and employees with access to well over 50 servers and countless databases. This kind of support is highly technical, and very stressful, and yet, they pull it off.

The team has implemented a cutting edge technology called server "virtualization," using a product called VMware. This leadership prompted the District to site license VMware, thus saving MCC hundreds of thousands of dollars in future hardware and software costs. This team has also engaged Internet giant GOOGLE and is currently in the final stages to bring a whole new email/calendar/chat infrastructure to our student population, again, saving hundreds of thousands of dollars in future capital expenses.

This team was also primarily responsible for the IT DataCenter redesign and rebuild, as well as the district-wide upgrade to the VAX replacement system, called CHARON VAX, a project led by Jonathan Trottier and installed at all Maricopa colleges.

Members of this team are constantly reinventing themselves as technology changes and every day their work benefits the academic community. From MYMCC to WEBCT, to the current and future SIS systems, this team works very hard to make sure our students and faculty have access to cutting-edge resources.



A warm welcome

MCC's Marcy Snitzer braved the chilly morning air to welcome students with a warm smile during welcome week.



FACULTY EXCELLENCE

Brad Kincaid, Center for Teaching and Learning Interim Chair

Nominated by Kaatje Kraft and Dennis Wilson

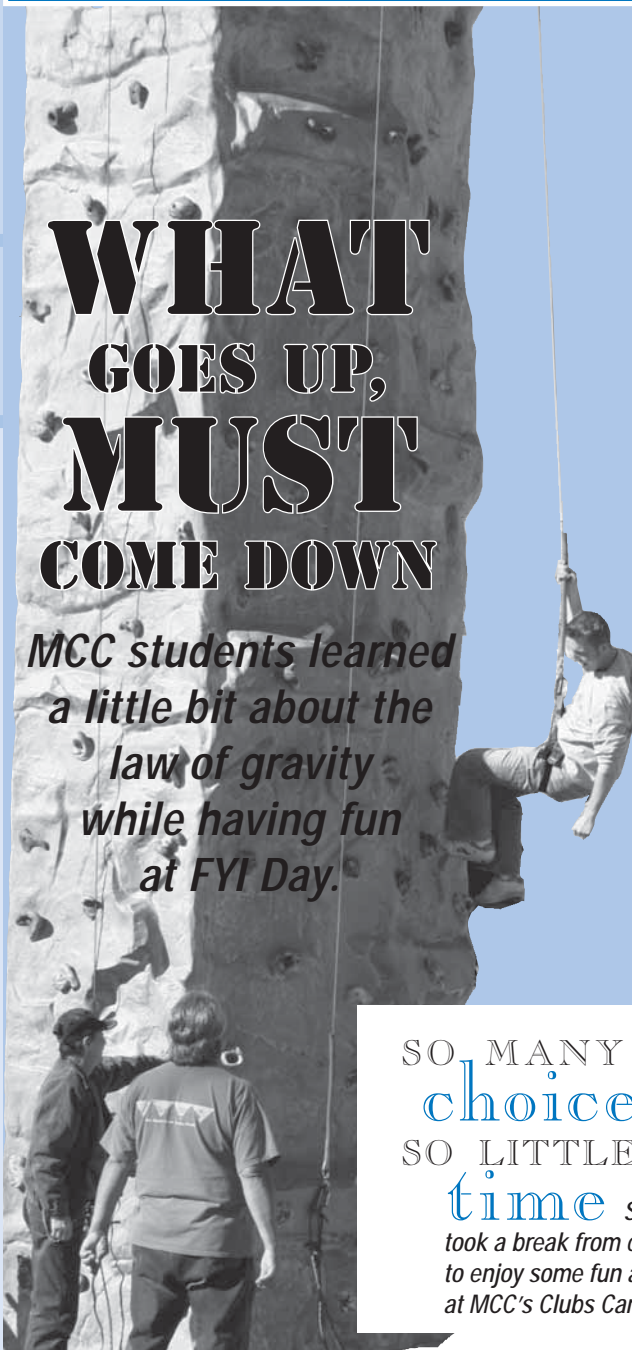
Brad Kincaid has been the driving source behind making the Faculty & Professional Learning Community (FPLC) the successful program that it has become, winning the MCC Innovation of the Year Award. More importantly, he has worked hard to create a change in the culture at MCC from one that works in silos and isolation within departments, to celebrating true interdisciplinary collegiality and collaboration.

Brad has also been a key visionary in how the documentation of projects done through the CTL and other scholarly activities on campus should occur. As a result, the CTL website is now gaining incredible resources for faculty to easily access and use. He is even gaining attention from faculty outside the district from resources that Brad has documented online with regards to the FPLC, creating a model for other districts to follow.

Brad has worked tirelessly and has brought new vision and direction into the college that has impacted many faculty—a remarkable feat given the administrative turmoil in the college this year. The scale and magnitude of the impact Brad has had on the MCC academic community is astounding—he has impacted and touched many faculty and, as a result, many students.

WHAT GOES UP, MUST COME DOWN

MCC students learned a little bit about the law of gravity while having fun at FYI Day.



MCC GIVES BACK TO COMMUNITY

MCC STUDENT KELLY MOSHER DONATES BLOOD DURING ONE OF MCC'S BLOOD DRIVES TO HELP REPLENISH THE LOW SUPPLY IN THE VALLEY.

SO MANY choices, SO LITTLE time

Students took a break from classes to enjoy some fun and sun at MCC's Clubs Carnival.





Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead

Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are the college chums of Hamlet and their story is what happened behind the scenes in Shakespeare's play. They are not only anti-agents, but also anti-sympathy, anti-identification, and in fact anti-persons, which is uniquely demonstrated by their having such a hard time recollecting which of them goes by what name.



LIVING THE DREAM

Local elementary students visit MCC in celebration of Black History Month.

I'd rather be shopping

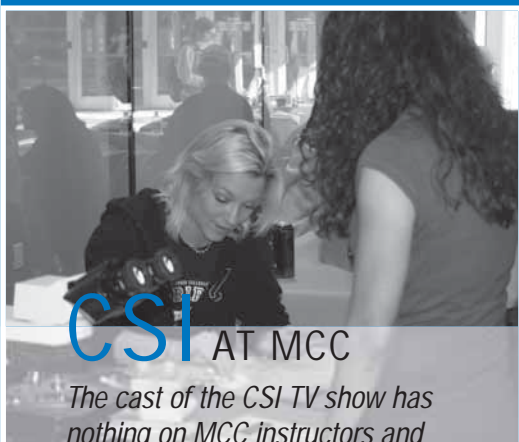
for shoes, but....

Mary Jordan finds the next best thing to shoe shopping is browsing through the unique pottery items at MCC's Orphan Pot Sale. The proceeds benefited the Ceramic Visiting Artists Fund.



I FOUND THE FOOD COURT!

Student Life and Leadership Director Greg Reents scouts out food for staff and students as they take a break during the Student Leadership Retreat. Greg won the Outstanding Staff/Faculty Leader award at this year's AZ Collegiate Leadership Conference



CSI AT MCC

The cast of the CSI TV show has nothing on MCC instructors and students as they share their passion for crime scene investigation on Forensic Day at MCC.

THUMBS UP TO VENDOR DAY



MCC students enjoyed visiting the booths of local vendors who gave away coupons, free gifts, snacks and information at Vendor Day.

GUITARISTS GAIN GLORY AT THE 2ND ANNUAL FENDER GUITAR FESTIVAL



This resounding festival offers local junior high and high school guitar ensembles an opportunity to perform and receive instruction from top guitar instructors and Fender representatives. Pictured are students from Fees Middle School in Tempe.

MCC Alumni and New Frontiers for Lifelong Learning toured Edgewater, the luxury condominium project at Hayden Ferry Lakeside, and learned about the explosive growth plans for Tempe.

ADULT SUPERVISION, BARRIERS, CLASSES



More than 1,200 first grade students converged on the Southern and Dobson campus to practice the ABCs of Water Safety.

Curb Your Curiosity



WHAT? YOU RAN OUT OF RESUMES?

WITH MORE THAN 150 EMPLOYERS AT THE MCC JOB/CAREER EXPO, STUDENTS SEEKING EXTRA BUCKS SHOOK LOTS OF HANDS AND PASSED OUT PILES OF RESUMES.



Lassie would be proud

MCC students found out there's more than one way to be a hero at MCC's Community Involvement Expo. Banner Desert Medical Center volunteers showed students how trained pets visit patients to brighten their day.

*I can read with my left eye.
I can read with my right.
I can read Mississippi with my eyes shut tight!*

(Dr. Seuss)

Visiting youngsters from local elementary schools kept their eyes wide open as they spotted their favorite book characters at MCC's annual Dr. Seuss Birthday Celebration.





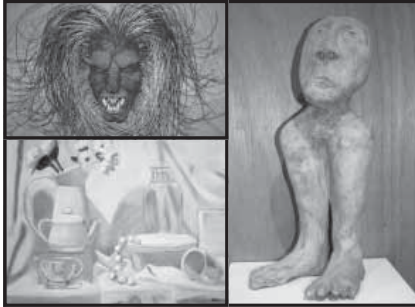
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THINK INSIDE THE BOX

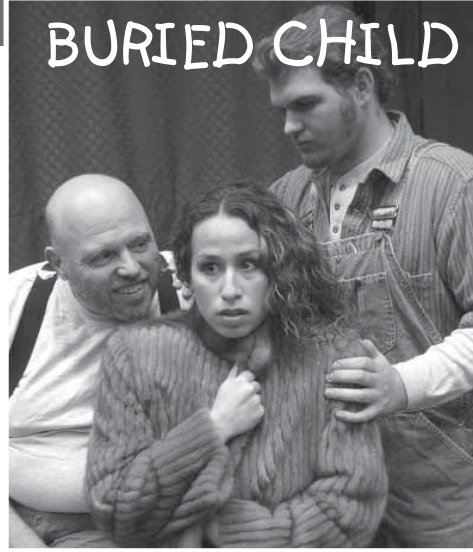
A CHANNEL SURFING ADVENTURE IN DANCE PRESENTED BY THE MCC DANCE COMPANY FEATURING ON TAP AND PROPEL.

BUDDING ARTISTS SHINE

Students portray a myriad of mediums at the annual Student Art Show.

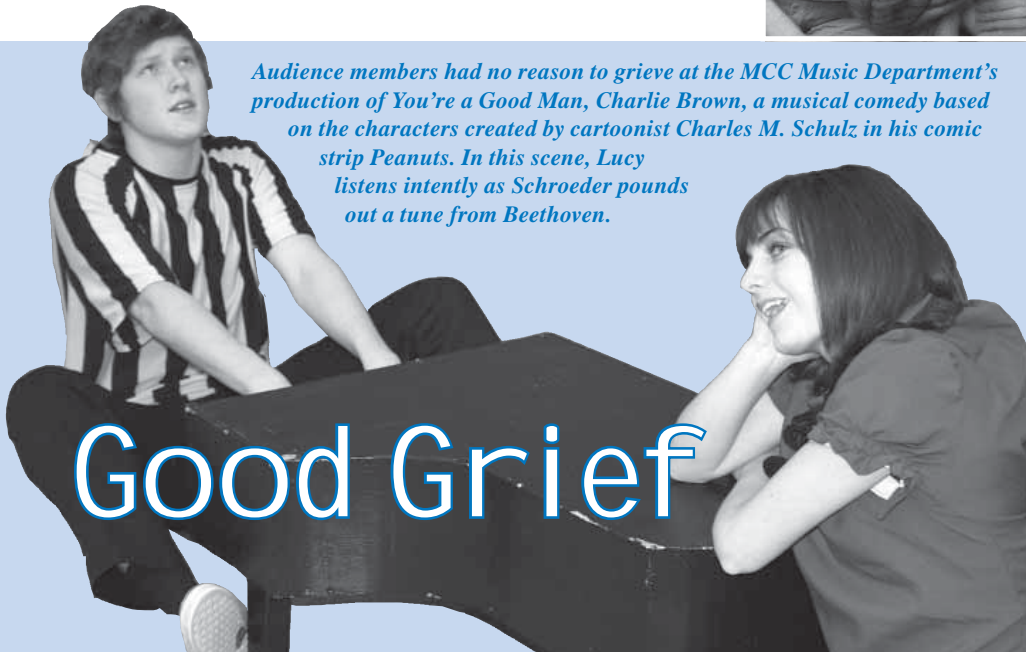


BURIED CHILD



A BIZARRE FAMILY REUNION TAKES PLACE UNEXPECTEDLY WHEN A GRANDSON RETURNS TO HIS ESTRANGED FAMILY. THE ILLINOIS FARM OF THE FAMILY HOLDS A DEEPLY SUPPRESSED SECRET AND SHATTERED RELATIONSHIPS.

Audience members had no reason to grieve at the MCC Music Department's production of You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown, a musical comedy based on the characters created by cartoonist Charles M. Schulz in his comic strip Peanuts. In this scene, Lucy listens intently as Schroeder pounds out a tune from Beethoven.



Good Grief

PICASSO AT THE LAPIN AGILE

The scene is a Paris café in 1904, the patrons include two giants of the early 20th century – Pablo Picasso and Albert Einstein age 25 just before they emerge onto the world stage. These titans of the intellectual world were once young men yearning like all young men for attention, connection, admiration, and fame.



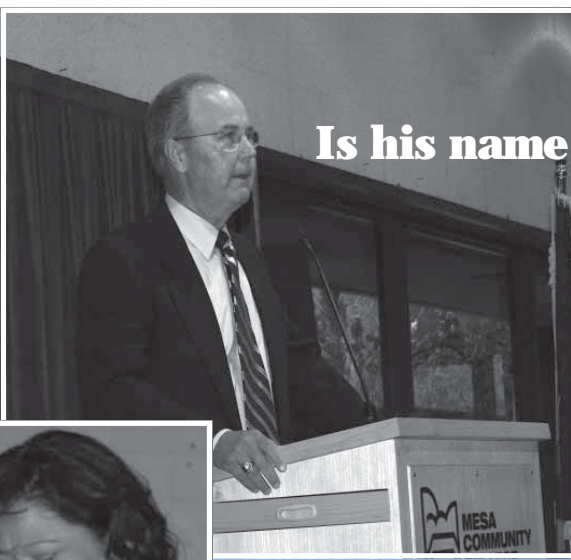
Yakety Yak, Don't Talk Back

Smokey Joe's Cafe treated audiences to a musical revue showcasing 39 pop standards. Their timeless songs, including Yakety Yak, provide the basis for this electrifying entertainment.



AAHHH... RELAXATION

Chair massages and health screenings were among the highlights of MCC's Wellness Fair.



Is his name pronounced **Giles or Jiles?**

Dr. Wayne Giles, (phonetically pronounced Jiles) began service as MCC's Interim President on March 1, 2007. He met with employees prior to March 1 to answer questions.



Colors of Diversity

The colorful display of 54 flags representing some of the countries from which MCC's international populations hail served as the backdrop for a strategic conversation on MCC's global and international initiatives.



Meet you at the bar...

The baked potato bar that MCC employees were greeted with gleeful grins and glistening goblets of fixins' as they returned for the spring semester.

YEARS OF SERVICE

20
ANN T. EWING
RODGER W. SCHMUCK

15
JULIO B. ROMERO

10
LINDA D. COLLINS
RITA L. COVERT
ERIC J. FERNANDEZ
KENNETH KUHN
PATRICIA M. MCLAUGHLIN

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JOHN W. BEIL

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JUDITH F. TAUSSIG

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EDWARD L. WELSH

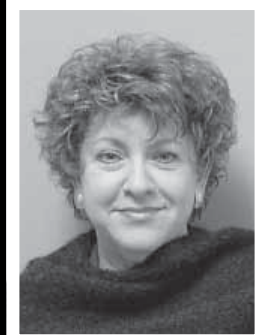
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RETIREEES



SILVIA BENNETT



RODNEY CHRISTIAN



DONELLA EBERLE



GENE FAZIO



GLEN KENNEDY



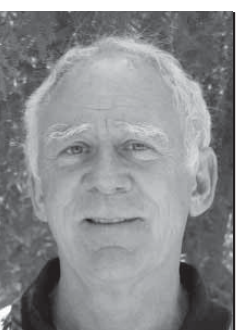
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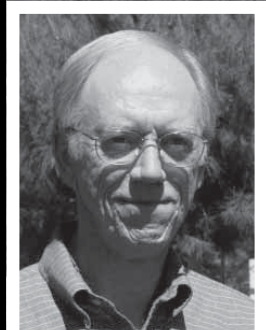
CAROL SACCOCCIA



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BARBARA THELANDER



LARRY WIGGS