

THE Bulletin

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A Focus On Languages Around The World



Top left, Aimee Guerin, one of the coordinators for World Language Awareness Day; top right, performers Trio Los Principes; bottom left, Salsa Group from Arizona State University; and bottom left, students enjoying scheduled activities in the Library corridor.

World Language Awareness Day is a very big deal. It celebrates the cultures, languages, traditions and people from places all over the globe. On Feb. 27, at MCC's Southern and Dobson campus, participants in this yearly event shared in the music, dance and festivities of worldwide cultures. In addition to the outstanding performances, attendees enjoyed tours of the new Foreign Language lab, language activity booths, cultural videos and distance-delivery course demos.

Scores of volunteers (staff, students and artists) and numerous departments contribute to the success of World Language Awareness Day: Foreign Language Dept., Office of International Education, Center for Teaching and Learning, Media Services,

Office of Institutional Advancement, ESL Program, Student Services and Activities, Office of Library Science, Business Department, Theatre Arts Dept., Grounds and Maintenance, Learning Enhancement Center and Arizona Commission for Hard of Hearing and Deaf.

The Foreign Language Dept., chaired by **Eliza Gonzalez**, has consistently been the stimulus for World Language Awareness Day. **Aimee Guerin**, **Jorge Eagar** and **Jorge Garzón-Forero** coordinated this year's event. The Foreign Language Dept. has full-time faculty for Spanish, Japanese, French and American Sign Language. Part-time faculty members teach seven additional languages at Mesa Community College, many of which are offered in night classes.

Noon Walkers Take One Giant Step



Pictured here are a few members of the MCC Walking Club (left to right): Gerry Payne, Gail Herndon, Sally Jacobs, Brooke Estabrook and Susan Miller.

MCC coworkers have taken a giant step toward fitness by introducing some healthy huffing and puffing into their lifestyles. Twice a week the MCC Walking Club meets at noon on the stadium track for a brisk walk in the sunshine. Faculty member and Health and Wellness Director **Gail Herndon** encourages participants with incentives and prizes: gift certificates for “Light and Healthy” menu selections at Top Shelf and a much-coveted book on nutrition.

Gail invites MCC employees to get a pair of good, supportive walking shoes and join the Club every Monday and Wednesday at high noon. The good news is that everyone sets his or her own pace. As Gail says, “Some days you walk slower, some days you walk faster ... it’s just like life.”

HAPPY BIRTHDAY DR. SEUSS!

Dr. Seuss’s birthday is cause enough to celebrate with cake and, of course, the purchase of a new children’s book for someone special. The Spring Scholastic Book Fair was set up in the lobby of the Kirk Center, Southern and Dobson campus, from Feb. 25 through March 1. Hosted by MCC’s Center for Service Learning, the MCC America Reads Program and Phi Theta Kappa, the annual book fair promotes literacy and reading among students and their families and raises funds for the Center’s program. More than 150 publishers, with books for readers of all ages, displayed their selections.



Jaime Herrera (English), Judy Christensen (Philosophy) and Richard Wall (music program tutor) celebrate Dr. Seuss’s birthday.

On the last day of the event, everyone on campus was invited to celebrate Dr. Seuss’s birthday with a Green Eggs and Ham breakfast, storytelling, arts and crafts activities and birthday cake.

JOB SEEKERS NETWORK THROUGH MCC’S CAREER SERVICES

To help meet the community need for assistance with the large number of laid-off workers, MCC’s Career Services Office is hosting a spring semester series of networking programs on Monday mornings at 8:30.

According to **Julie Kuhn**, director of Career Services, this is an opportunity for people to network, look for jobs, discuss options, learn about opportunities and interface with human resources representatives and guest speakers. The public is invited.

The Employment Networking Group will meet every Monday at alternate locations of the Southern and Dobson campus and the Red Mountain Campus at Power & McKellips roads.

- March 11, RM Campus Community Room
- March 18, S&D, Campus Career Center
- March 25, RM Campus Community Room
- April 1, S&D, Campus Career Center
- April 8, RM Campus Community Room
- April 15, S&D, Campus Career Center
- April 22, RM Campus Community Room
- April 29, S&D, Campus Career Center
- May 6, RM Campus Community Room

For more information, call Career/ Re-Entry Services at 480-461-7592.

**ALL-ARIZONA
CELEBRATES
ACADEMIC
ACHIEVEMENT**

On Feb. 14, Mesa Community College once again hosted the 2002 All-Arizona Academic Team Recognition Luncheon. Under the capable coordination of MCC's Marie Allen, this special annual event honors high-achieving students and their community colleges from all over the state. This year 61 community college students participated, taking home scholarships, tuition waivers, and a sense of pride for being an All-Arizona Team representative. The All-Arizona Academic Team competition qualifies students for placement on the national All-USA Academic Team. The national competition was sponsored by Phi Theta Kappa, an international honor society for two-year colleges, *USA Today* and the American Association of Community Colleges.



From left to right are MCCCDD Governing Board Member Linda Rosenthal, MCC Dean of Instruction Gail Mee and one of MCC's All-Arizona Team honorees, Fernando Graff.

MCC's Very Own Legend ... Billie Harris



Pictured above, on the set of *Fool's Paradise*, is the Theatre Outback's Set Design/Build Team: left to right, Jon Valpey, Billie Harris and John Lucius.

Everybody knows **Billie Harris**. She was the first African-American player on Arizona's first all-women's softball team during the racially tumultuous 50s and 60s. She is recognized in several Halls of Fame: Arizona in 1979, National Softball in 1982 and Tucson Softball in 1993. She not only *coached* women's softball at MCC but also *played* with the Lady T-Birds once when she was 54 years old and again after she turned 60.

Now that Billie has passed her 69th birthday, she is into a new career. She helps to build the sets at MCC's Theatre Outback for the college's many spectacular plays and performances. Billie has had her eye on this job for many years. She said she had "warned" **Jon Valpey** that she would come looking for a job in the Theatre after she retired from MCC. "Jon does the set designing," Billie said, "and the crew does a lot of the building. I like working here a lot, and I think Jon and Lyn (Dutson, Theatre Director) are the most wonderful people in the world."

Even though Billie has committed two days a week to set building at MCC, she hasn't hung up her cleats just yet. She's on the roster of the Silver Saints, a women's slow-pitch team that plays at Papago Park. Her claim to softball fame is on the pitcher's mound, but she will probably play other positions as well when the team gets into the season. Does she miss coaching at MCC? "A few days ago I saw the girls out there practicing," Billie said, "and I did get a hankerin' to go over, but I didn't."

Billie continues to be recognized as a leader in the community. On March 21, she will be honored as a Sports Leader at the YWCA Tribute to Women 2002, which takes place at the Biltmore Pavilion on March 21 from noon to 1:30 p.m.

CLICK AND LEARN!

March is Women's History Month

To learn more, check out the Internet, starting with this web site: www.womenshistory.about.com/

Click on www.mc.maricopa.edu/stuserv/athletics/ for game times in **Men's and Women's Sports** at Mesa Community College.

Visit **MCC Techconnect** at www2.mc.maricopa.edu/other/techconnect/index.html to find answers to your questions about technology on the MCC campuses.

Students See Government Up Close



Pictured above (left to right) are Nora Aguilar, Johnice Wilkins, Antaeus Brunstorff, Elina Kapeliela, Stacie Jackson, Ryan McMahon and Donna Butler on their trip to the Capitol.

In mid-February, approximately 20 students and six advisors from the Maricopa Community College District attended the National Legislative Seminar. Five of the students were from Mesa Community College, accompanied by Director of Student Services **Johnice Wilkins**. Other attendees included Chancellor **Fred Gaskin**; MCCCCD Governing Board members **Linda Rosenthal** and **Ed Contreras**; and **Jack Lunsford**, from the district's Government Relations Dept.

Students met with senators and congressmen to discuss Maricopa-related issues such as grants, the Work-Study program, educational partnerships, loan

programs and government acts relating to education. These students will attend the next Governing Board meeting to present a report on their experience in Washington, DC.

While the seminar is conducted every spring, this is the first time students have participated as part of the Student Public Policy Forum, a pilot program established by directors of the Student Leadership Executive Council and cosponsored by MCCCCD Government Relations and the Center for Civic Participation. This program is designed to prepare students for civic participation through workshops, conferences, and hands-on interaction with policymakers.



Students take time to pose with Arizona Representative Jeffrey Flake during their visit to Washington, DC, to attend the National Legislative Seminar.

CALENDAR

Thursday & Friday, March 7 & 8 Spring Dance Concert

7:30 p.m., Theatre Outback

Friday, March 8 Chair Massage Event

Start your spring break with a rejuvenating massage. Appointments from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. (every 20 minutes), PE1W
Cost: \$10 for 15 minutes; \$20 for 30 minutes.
Contact: Gail Herndon, 480-461-7578
MCC Health and Wellness

Monday, March 11 through Sunday, March 17 Spring Break

Monday, March 18 MCC Innovative Project Applications Due to CTL by 5 p.m.

Tuesday, March 19 Governing Board, Regular Meeting

Contact: Gloria Smith, 480-731-8889

Thursday, March 21 Psychology Evening Lecture Series

7-9 p.m., Navajo Room,
Kirk Center, S&D campus
Presentation by Dr. Paul Beljan
"Contrasting Attention Deficit
Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) and
Alcohol Drug Related
Neurodevelopmental Deficit (A/DRND)"

In Celebration of Black History Month:

Thursday, March 21 Discussion of Women's Health Issues

6:30-9 p.m.
Paul A. Elsner Library, Rm LB 145
Local health professionals will discuss breast care and cancer, women's health and sexuality and the complexity of eating disorders in women.

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