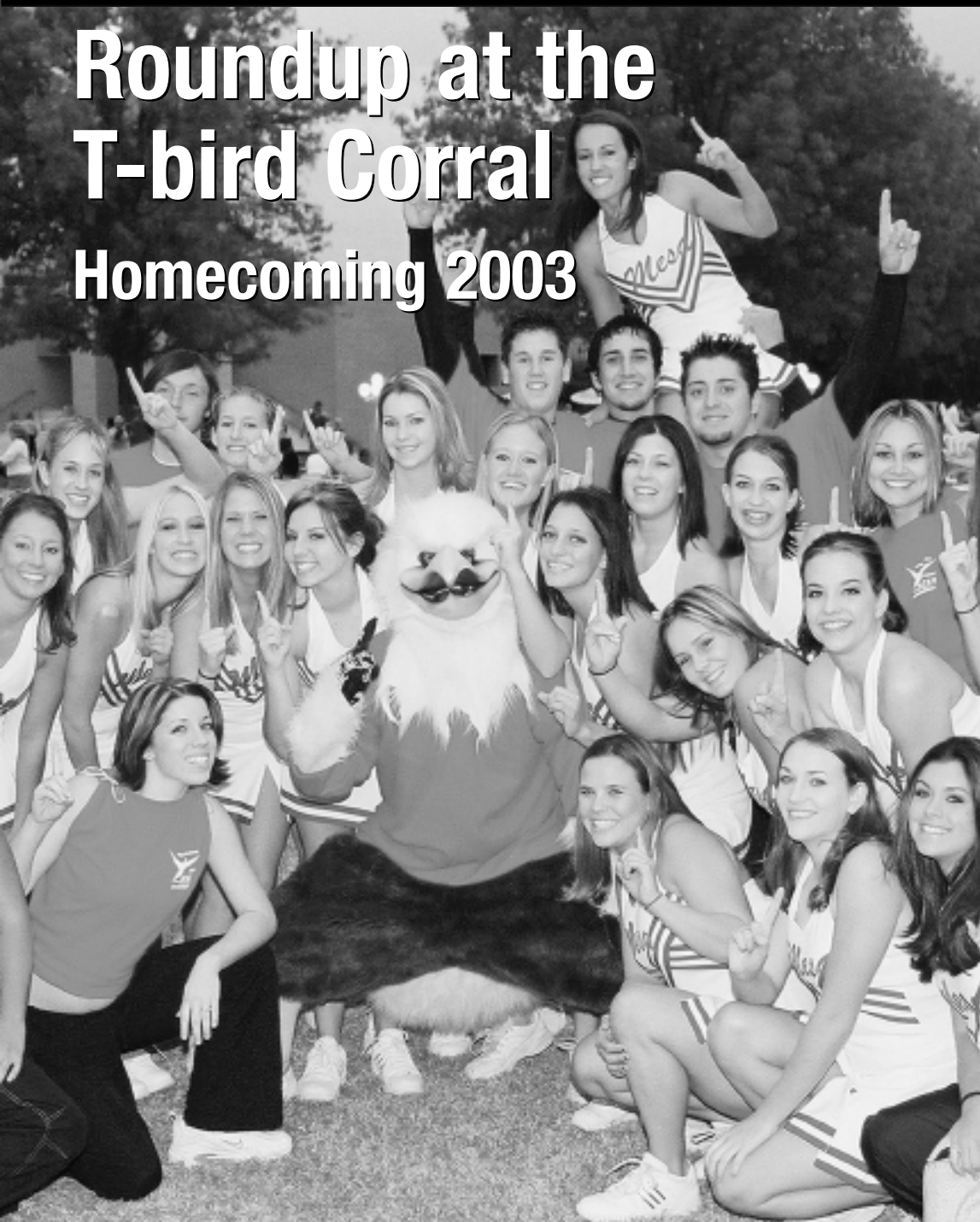


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Roundup at the T-bird Corral Homecoming 2003



Caricature and comedy at convocation

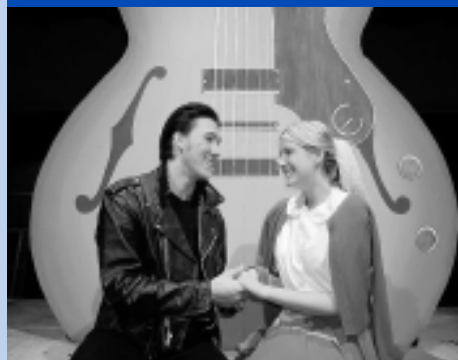


Howdy partner

Roped into fun at MCC's Fall Bash



Grease Lightening



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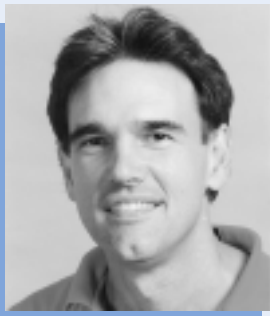
Faculty Excellence Award

Mike Sims

Dr. Mike Sims has established himself as an outstanding, highly motivated, and organized department chair. Mike uses his natural ability for logical thinking, reasoning, and visualization to help him in problem-solving situations. He listens to all sides of a discussion before making his decision, and his points of view are always thoughtful and expressed well.

As an instructor, Mike is innovative while remaining faithful to principles, standards, and quality, exhibiting the integrity and determination to do the right thing.

On any given day Mike's work is interrupted numerous times. He is always willing to take the time, however, to listen to questions, concerns, or comments, then do what is necessary to ensure issues are resolved. Though burdened with weighty responsibilities, Mike always seems to have a positive attitude and a good nature. He has a strong passion toward faculty, staff, and students, and displays exceptional leadership for our department.



PSA Excellence Award

Todd Luther

Todd Luther has taken the initiative to improve the laboratory support for the physics, astronomy, geology, and engineering programs. He has been instrumental in organizing the stockroom areas that store the laboratory equipment used in our programs, increasing ease of use and functionality. Todd also provides exceptional information technology

support for the department. Todd assisted with the construction and configuration of all the new computers that were approved for departmental purchase this fiscal year. As a result, Todd learned how to build a computer from scratch and he recently completed the construction of a media computer for the department, to assist faculty with their curriculum development efforts. Todd plays a fundamental role in the department's science outreach efforts to elementary schools and is a vital support person for our growing laboratory and field trip program in geology. Many of Todd's contributions are well beyond the job description of a lab technician; he is very deserving of college-wide recognition.



Focus on excellence

Outstanding Adjunct Faculty

Joe Finkel

Dr. Joe Finkel has been an adjunct chemistry instructor for the Physical Science department for over five years. He does an outstanding job teaching students and goes out of his way to assist students in our tutoring center. Students naturally gravitate to Joe for assistance because of his willingness and approachability.

Joe also has been willing to fill in for absent instructors on very short notice. Although Joe has a Ph.D. in Chemistry, he recently earned a Master's Degree in Education in order to become the best teacher he could be. This was above and beyond our expectations, and we appreciate all his efforts. In addition to all of his teaching and tutoring activities, Joe runs the Physical Science department stockroom at night. Joe has proven himself to be a very valuable asset to our campus.



Service Excellence Award

Lidia Segura and Tina Hill

Working in the Fiscal Services office requires a high degree of customer service. Tina and Lidia



fit this description perfectly. These two individuals serve the administration, faculty, staff, and students to make sure that their requests are done in a timely and efficient manner. They are there to assist people when the need arises. In addition to serving the college, they work with many departments at the District Office (for example, Purchasing, Accounts Payable, Legal Services, etc.) to make sure requests are completed. They accept tasks and follow through until completion, which sometimes goes above and beyond the call of duty. They take great pride in their work and continue to grow personally and professionally by taking classes and attending conferences/workshops. They are reliable and on top of all the many activities of the office. Tina and Lidia provide everyone with the utmost quality in customer service.

MAT Excellence Award

Sonia Filan

As the Director for Institutional Advancement, Sonia has focused heavily on building a team, no small task given the diversity of areas that fall under IA. We recently completed an afternoon workshop in which we learned more about each other's behavior styles and how to use that information to more effectively work together. Allotting time in everyone's busy schedules to complete team building activities is a challenge, but Sonia's insight into and belief in their value makes it possible. Sonia's focus on team has led to the development of a shared vision and a strategic plan, both of which have helped to increase the department's productivity.

Sonia regularly communicates her appreciation and respect for each of the people who report to her and genuinely values their contributions. Sonia is an accessible, visionary leader who sets high expectations of herself and her team. She is greatly appreciated and respected!



Maintenance and Operations Excellence Award

Sue Katzfey

Sue Katzfey is the lead custodian and manager for the night crew. The efforts of Sue and her crew often do not get formally recognized because they complete their work during the wee hours of the night and morning. Sue is responsible for making sure that all the



buildings are clean and ready for action when students and staff arrive each day. In addition, she coordinates the majority of setups for campus events. This is no small task, especially for some of our major events such as convocation and the All-Arizona Academic Awards luncheon. Sue manages this very large (and often dirty) campus during the hardest hours. She works behind the scenes to provide a very necessary and valuable service to our college community. The next time you arrive early in the morning to find clean buildings and your event set up, remember, it's not magic...it's thanks to Sue!

Ice Cream Socials with a new twist



“You’re kidding, right? We sing next?”



Make mine strawberry with whipped cream, nuts, and a little karaoke, please.



A Good Sport

Convocation focused on the light side as *Arizona Republic* cartoonist and MCC alum Steve Benson displayed his artistic talents for an appreciative college president.



Fond farewell

MCC’s loss is CGCC’s gain as Sandy McLaws (center) moves into her new position with a sister college. Sandy is flanked by well-wishers Ann Stine (left) and Anita Dusek.

Neighbors helping neighbors

It really IS more fun to give than to receive. Smiles from Lora Lassitter (left) and Dawn Russell at the Mesa United Way breakfast are proof positive.



Strategic conversations

As part of the college’s NCA accreditation process, employees take an introspective look at MCC.



Spooky guys and ghouls

Who was that pesky poltergeist haunting the halls at Red Mountain? Could it be Michael Keaton Thayer of Beetlejuice fame?

Transylvanians wintering in Arizona? No, it’s the Center for Service-Learning, Student Activities, and ASMCC



bunch. They won first prize for best-decorated department at Southern and Dobson.



Jazz up your cup of Joe

Jazzland Cyber Café opened its doors this semester, featuring coffee, smoothies, and pastries. MCC interior design students Bonnie Danielson, Monica Curiel, and LeeAnn



Walker selected the furniture, accessories, and paint hues to unify the cafe's ambiance.

Photo courtesy of
Michelle Frazier



This ain't no beanstalk Jack

The fall plant sale was lush with possibilities for seekers of succulents, herbs, and vegetable plants.



Remembered

9/11 continues to be a day for students and employees to take a few moments to remember the tragedy that shook our nation and continues to shape our future.



Nice right hook

Students were all smiles at Fall Bash despite receiving some good-natured jabs in the center ring.



Finding a good "home"

The "orphan" pot sale always brings out prospective "parents" eager to take these treasures home.



Subway coming our way

Vendor Day gave local businesses like Subway the opportunity to reach out to students and employees.



Telling it like it is

Peervention volunteers give straightforward information on alcohol and drug abuse prevention.

Mini skirts – media skirts



The fall fashion show featured wearable art with several pieces created from magazines and old records.

Rained in

The Environmental Action Club usually celebrates the rain, and even when it caused Clubs Carnival to be moved indoors, spirits couldn't be dampened.





The Hostage

Meg (Emily Smith) and Pat (Andrew Nunemacher), owners of a run down Irish pub, have a little "family" squabble in *The Hostage*.

This year's encore performance of *How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying* raised funds for MCC's literacy program. Last year's *Rumors*' play allowed MCC to organize the literacy program to help make a difference in the community.



How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying

Escape to New York

The fall dance concert features a princess who leaves her native country to find herself. She stows away on a navy ship where she goes to New York and meets people from all walks of life.



Life is a Dream

Melissa Borg, a former theatre student, directed the first play of the fall semester. Melissa proposed doing this play before she graduated and her dream finally came true. *Life is a Dream* is described as a poetic meditation on illusion, truth, and the brevity of life.



Kiss Me Kate

An ex-husband and wife team click on stage, but off-stage the production is rife with ex-lovers' quarrels and gangsters looking for kickbacks. Misunderstandings and mishaps lead to love in this musical classic based on Shakespeare's *Taming of the Shrew*.

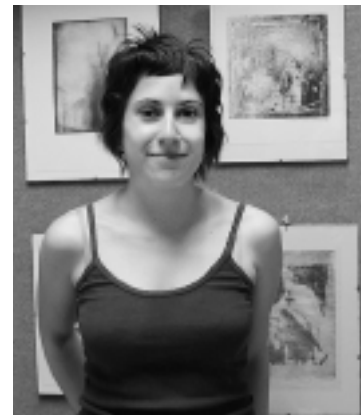


The *Grease* gang pleads with Danny to tell them more about his summer love, Sandy.

Tell me more, tell me more...

Still life

MCC art student and National Merit Scholarship winner Melissa Burgess is framed by her work featured at an exhibit at the Mesa Art Center.



Winds, brass, strings, and all that jazz...

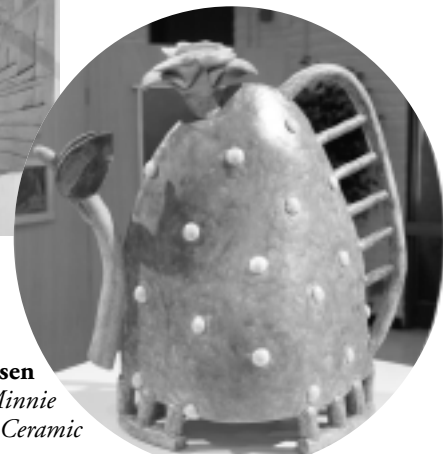
The Fred Forney Nonet performed a live jazz concert this semester. A nonet is a combination of nine instruments or voices and featured the musical talents of students and faculty from the Music Department.



Luo Xiaoping
Low Relief
Yixing clay

From mentor to master

Art faculty demonstrate the expertise they share with their students daily at the Art Faculty Show.



Sandra Luehrsen
For Minnie
Ceramic



'Tis the shopping season

Every fall semester PSA organizes a holiday boutique for staff and employees to conveniently shop on campus. The boutique features a smorgasbord of crafts and treasures to buy for a friend, a family member or better yet, yourself.



Leader lends listening ear

Dr. Rufus Gasper, candidate for the position of chancellor of the MCCC, responds to audience questions at a forum at MCC. Dr. Gasper became chancellor of the MCCC this fall.

All Aboard the Holiday Express!

Rides on the Mesa Fire Department's 1941 Seagraves Fire Engine were a high point of the Holiday Charity Ride, sponsored by the Omicron Beta Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the City of Mesa Fire Department, and Target. Cost: a non-perishable food item or new toy.



Throwing bowls for charity

Volunteer artists donated 2,000 bowls for the annual Empty Bowls event. Over \$18,000 was raised to benefit Paz de Cristo.



Caring for our community

Community agencies flocked to MCC this fall for the Community Involvement Expo. Students discovered opportunities to complete service learning and/or AmeriCorps volunteer hours.



Connecting cultures

Representatives from Dubai Women's College shared their perspectives on education and culture during a visit to MCC. Dubai is one of seven United Arab Emirates.

When I grow up, I want to be a...

Students peruse employment possibilities at Career Expo.

Domestic violence redressed

T-shirts designed by victims of abuse lined the hallway of the Kirk Student Center leading into MCC's Domestic Violence Workshop. The event addressed topics such as abuse, accountability, and activism in Arizona.



Homecoming 2003



We are the champions!

MCC's 1973 National Championship football team were special guests. In addition to winning the National Championship, the undefeated team won the Sunkist Bowl and Paul Widmer was the NJCAA Coach of the Year.



Roll out the chuck wagon

Volunteers helped drive home this year's western themed barbecue.



Coaching honors

MCC's head men's and women's soccer coach, Ken Parsons, was named ACCAC Coach of the Year for 2003. Congratulations!



Women's soccer team scores hat trick

The 2003 women's soccer team brought home three honors: Region 1 champions, District National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) champions, and the Arizona Community College Athletic Conference (ACCAC) champions.

Where do the years go?

20 Years, Hired in 1983

Silvia L. Bennett
Donald F. Castro
Carole L. Drachler
Juan J. Marquez

15 Years, Hired in 1988

Debra L. Bitter
Sue A. Blackwell
Catherine R. Della Penta
James M. Haggerty
Michael T. Hewett
Linda L. Hopf
Sandra L. McLaws
Kimberly M. Reely
Diane B. Svoboda
Paula Waybright

10 Years, Hired in 1993

Steven M. Bass
Timothy J. Florschuetz
Frederick W. Forney
Rita Kasapis
Sheila Merritt
Katalin Rozsa

5 Years, Hired in 1998

Basil Al-Hashimi
Steven T. Budge
Karen E. Coleman
Anita L. Dusek
Jorge A. Garzon-Forero
M. Eliza Gonzalez
Cynthia L. Greening
Melody F. Hancock
Barbara M. Jordan
Frances A. Lane
Michael McCallister
Laura L. McEuen
Jane A. Mente
Marsha A. Minniss
Jack E. Mullins
Leah W. Palmer
Alma V. Quiros
Raye Rush
Gloria J. Schoonover
Jane Q.C. Situ
Stacy A. Smith
Teresa Toscano
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William R. Wilder

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Flashback to the '70s...

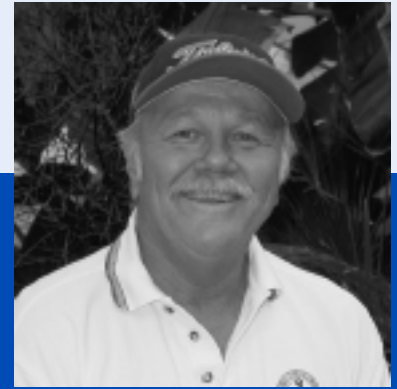
A brief glance at the world when these dedicated folks began their careers at MCC



John E. Weide 30 years
Service Date 08-17-73



Alex M. Castillo 25 years
Service Date 11-06-78



Mark R. Haar 25 years
Service Date 08-17-78

HISTORICAL FACTS — 1973

President	Richard Nixon
Life Expectancy	71.4 Years
Cost of a new home	\$55,500
Cost of a first class stamp	\$0.08
Cost of a regular gallon of gas	\$0.39
Cost of a dozen eggs	\$0.78
Cost of a gallon of milk	\$1.31
Personal Income	\$5,000

The Bahamas becomes an independent country and British Commonwealth member.
Watergate hearing begins for Senator Sam Ervin.
Spanish artist Pablo Picasso dies at age 91.

HISTORICAL FACTS — 1978

President	James Earl Carter
Life Expectancy	73.5 Years
Cost of a new home	\$80,500
Cost of a first class stamp	\$0.13
Cost of a regular gallon of gas	\$0.83
Cost of a dozen eggs	\$0.40
Cost of a gallon of milk	\$1.71
Personal Income	\$7,000

John Paul II becomes Pope
The first test-tube baby is born
Signing of the Panama Canal Treaty

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Farewell ...

Alma Pace is the lone but lucky lady retiring this semester. We wish you well in your future endeavors!