

MCC Communication students explore career opportunities

The Speech and Communication Department will be hosting the Careers in Communication Day on April 30. MCC students will have the opportunity to learn from industry professionals, explore various communication careers, and learn requirements and preparation needed for specific employment opportunities and how to best apply their degrees in the workforce.

"This day is a great service to students as they begin to define their professional goals and seek specific career paths," said Carolyn Fay, Speech Communication Professor and event committee member. "We want them to understand that planning early will be the catalyst to secure jobs after graduation."

More than 100 communication majors will spend two hours attending a forum, talking to presenters, obtaining occupation-specific materials and information, and receiving valuable interview and career start training. They

will be able to explore careers in business, media, public relations, marketing, education, and more. Guest lecturers will include Cyndi Greening and Jule Dicken of MCC; Rachel Williams, Arizona Diamondbacks; Eric Kelly, America West Airlines; Wendy Kerr, Mayor of Queen Creek; and Mike Greenwood, manager of public affairs at Spectrum Astro, Inc. These individuals were chosen because they have become leaders in their fields through the application of various communication degrees and have a wide variety of experiences to share with MCC students.

The Careers in Communication event will be held on the MCC at Southern and Dobson campus in the Kirk Student Center, Kiva Room from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. on April 30. Questions specific to the event should be directed to Carolyn Fay at 461-7259.

Faculty and staff are encouraged to inform students of this opportunity.

Safety newsletter coming soon...



A safety newsletter is being created to inform employees about occupational health and safety issues. The focus of the newsletter is to share safety information, safety policies, and training opportunities and educate employees regarding the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970.

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration's (OSHA) sole purpose is to protect the American worker by creating standards and guidelines for all employers to follow. "All employees have the 'right' to a safe work environment per OSHA and Arizona Division of Occupational Safety and Health (ADOSH) guidelines," stated Shirley Henderson, Health and Safety Coordinator. A critical factor to success with safety compliance is the support of the first line supervisor and overall management.

Shirley hopes to have the first newsletter out by end of the Spring semester. Initially, the newsletter will be published twice a year. For additional information regarding safety questions and/or concerns you can email Health.and.Safety@mcmail.maricopa.edu.

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ROC applies Assessment Week findings



The SOC meets the 2nd Thursday of each month.

Looking for ways to apply the results obtained from MCC's Assessment Week? Contact a member of the Results Outreach Committee (ROC). ROC was created to address the need to transfer data collected through MCC's assessment program into actual program change. "The Student Outcomes Committee (SOC) had begun to notice patterns in our assessment results that repeated annually," stated Chris Osgood, Chair of the SOC. "The biggest accomplishment this year was the creation of the ROC."

Members of the ROC introduced new faculty members to MCC's assessment program as part of the CTL's New Faculty Experience. New faculty members used a matrix to consider their course's objectives in relation to the General Education and Workplace Skills Outcomes. "The matrix

provides a convenient tool for helping faculty members analyze how their objectives align with the assessment program," stated Chris. Many faculty find that their courses have objectives that meet diverse areas of the assessment program and begin to see opportunities to incorporate new projects into their courses to meet additional assessment criteria. Such is the case with Interior Design faculty member, Janice Jennings.

Janice discovered that her custom design course could be enriched through the inclusion of more diversity-related activities to support the general education diversity outcomes. Students were challenged to create custom rug designs that expressed a cultural background. Assessment was in

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Chris Osgood, Chair of the Student Outcomes Committee, circulates as students complete an assessment.

the form of an articulation sheet in which students discussed the cultural orientation of the design and their source of inspiration and how it translated into the design. "The first project was a huge success with an explosion of custom rug designs loaded in cultural points of reference," according to Janice. A full description of the project was published in the January 2003 issue of Teaching for Success, available online at http://www.ircc.cc.fl.us/classrooms/trainrescs/tls/Jan03_IndianRiverCCXS.pdf.

Results from MCC's Spring 2003 Assessment Week will be available in a

formal report to be published in Fall 2003. Members of the ROC explore avenues for facilitating the use of assessment results by departments and faculty members. The purpose of the ROC is to promote the use of outcomes data in relation to faculty development, pedagogy, and academic climate; to encourage and stimulate faculty and departments to come forth with specific outcomes-based initiatives and endeavors; and to provide the mechanisms and/or resources for these outcomes-based activities. Individuals interested in learning more about the SOC or the ROC can contact Chris Osgood at 461-7938.

MCC hosts Science Day, Year 2

Last year's Science Day at MCC was a phenomenal success, and this year's event promises to be even better! Fourth and fifth-grade students from all over the East Valley will enjoy Science Day in two parts:

- Preliminary activities in the Community Gardens area, for which Ron Dinchak and MCC students have created a workbook, and



- Six stations in the open grass area at the center of MCC's Southern and Dobson campus.

In addition to activities in geology, chemistry, astronomy, physics, engineering, and biology, Science Day coordinator Donna Benson and colleagues will also offer students a chance to explore anthropology and geography. "This community outreach event is so interdisciplinary," Donna said. She is planning for 400 students. More than 150 MCC student volunteers, including service-learning participants and geology club members, will be on hand to explain scientific mysteries and enjoy lunch with their young visitors.

At each station, MCC students and faculty provide hands-on activities that are designed to delight and excite the children about science. Kids from many different backgrounds and experiences participate side by side in the act of discovery. For most of the children, this will be their first opportunity to visit a college.

"Every child gets to do every single activity," Donna said. Rocket-powered race cars, pudding volcanoes, plaster and clay fossils, slime and silly putty, giant bubbles, and even rattlesnakes



and caterpillars provide tangible lessons in science.

Donna commends members of her energetic Science Day team, especially Todd Luther, Mike Sims, Ron Dinchak, and Carol Achs, who doggedly searches for money to produce this annual event.

Science Day is Tuesday, April 15, from 9:00 a.m. to noon. For more information, contact Donna Benson, 461-7247.

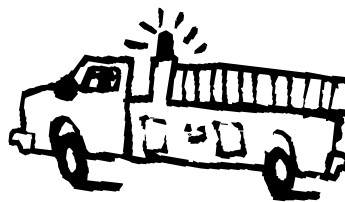
Bits & Snippets

What two colleges were born from MCC?

Answer to last issue's trivia question: The land that MCC at Southern and Dobson occupies was used for cotton growing and sheep ranching.

Submit ideas for "Bits & Snippets" to Marcy Snitzer at marcy.snitzer@mccmail.maricopa.edu.

13th Annual Vehicle Day



Explore fire engines, garbage trucks, police cruisers, and a variety of other vehicles at MCC's 13th Annual Vehicle Day. Children are fascinated by large vehicles; the event gives them an opportunity to see and explore some of their favorites up close. The event is free and open to the public. Vehicle Day is hosted by MCC's Evelyn H. Warren Child Development Lab, the MCC Children's Center, and the Valley of the Sun Association for the Education of Young Children (VSAEYC) as part of the national celebration of the Week of the Young Child. Light refreshments will be served. Please RSVP to Rochelle Ramirez-Clark at 461-7148 or r RamirezClark@mail.mc.maricopa.edu.

Friday, April 11, 2003

9:00–10:30 a.m.

MCC at Southern and Dobson, Southeast Field

Week of the Young Child lecture

Tuesday, April 10, 2003

7:00–8:30 p.m.

MCC at Southern and Dobson Technology building, Room 311

Jill Stamm of the New Directions Institute on Infant Brain Development will present a training class on brain development. The event is free to parents and childhood educators and offers 1.5 hours of training credit. Please RSVP to Rochelle Ramirez Clark at 461-7148 or r RamirezClark@mail.mc.maricopa.edu.

Students visit the Middle East



22–24. This event has grown in magnitude and has the strong support of His Highness, Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan, who is the president of the UAE.

“E-ducation Without Borders” promotes skills of the Information Age: networking, accomplishing tasks

through collaborative teams working across national and linguistic borders, and using the latest technologies to enhance learning. Students, both men and women, from colleges and universities worldwide, are

Just 50 years ago, the capital city of the Emirate of Abu Dhabi consisted of 200 palm huts, a few buildings, and a fort. Today Abu Dhabi’s capital (also named Abu Dhabi) is a modern city with abundant wealth, primarily from huge oil reserves discovered offshore in the late 1950s. One of seven United Arab Emirates (UAE), Abu Dhabi is a major supplier of oil to world markets.

Three Mesa Community College students—Bethany Lindsay, Alyssa Yingling, and Janice Carlson—visited the UAE to participate in an international conference, “E-ducation Without Borders.” Abu Dhabi Men’s College, Higher Colleges of Technology (HCT), hosted nearly 400 students from countries all over the world at its second biennial conference, February



invited to organize and present at this conference. This year, each participant submitted a paper, from which 16 papers were selected for presentation. Alyssa was one of the 16 presenters, and Bethany served as a member of the World Student Organizing Committee, a group of 22 students who spent several months planning the event via e-mail and teleconferences.

High-profile speakers broadened delegates’ perspectives on numerous issues of international interest and importance. English provided the basis for communication at the conference, Bethany said, and noted that some of the best



understand other cultures, and prevent wars.

“The most beautiful thing about this conference,” Bethany continued, “is that people dropped every preconceived notion of political situations and cultural barriers and got to know each other.”

Janice, Bethany, and Alyssa will present their experiences on Wednesday, April 16, 3:00–4:30 p.m., in the Kiva Room of the Kirk Student Center.

discussions took place at breaks during the conference’s 10-hour days.

“The idea is to eliminate barriers,” said Donella Eberle, chair of MCC’s English Dept., who also attended the conference. “Abu Dhabi’s leaders are exceptional in their wisdom and foresight—in their belief that we can achieve a global community.” Bethany agrees. “UAE leaders want to leave a mark on the international community,” she said. “They believe that the influence of students working together can create a preventative diplomacy among nations to avoid conflict,

To learn more about “E-ducation Without Borders,” visit this website:

<http://e-ducation.hct.ac.ae/>



“The UAE leadership has shown such an example of generosity, basing their entire country on principles,” Bethany said. “Sheikh Zayed wants his people to be a prosperous nation.” The government provides its citizens with opportunity, education, and health care. An income of \$390 million per day from oil allows the government to be generous to its citizens, including a gift of 50,000 dirhams (\$10,000) toward a modest home when they marry. “It’s a very new country,” Bethany added. “The feeling you get here is that their leaders are similar to the forefathers in America.”