

## Out with the old, in with the new

When KJZZ left Mesa Community College two years ago to relocate to Rio Salado College, a vacancy was left at the Southern and Dobson campus. Now "Studio 28" occupies the empty space, and the building has been remodeled to suit its new tenants.

With the departure of the radio station, Jon Valpey of the Theatre Dept. and employees in the Music Dept. thought the building would satisfy their need for more space with a minimum of modifications. Through a collaborative effort between the departments, they wrote a proposal for using the building to expand programs within their respective departments. Both departments needed additional space for specific programs, Jon said.

The proposal was given to the administration for review and was approved in August 2003 by the Capital Development Executive Council

and the MCCCCD Governing Board. Surplus bond funds and auxiliary funds were used to complete the project. When the Theatre

Dept. found out that the proposal had been approved, they were very excited about the opportunity to expand and create more "breathing room."

This semester the Music Dept. has moved in and is offering classes in audio production technology. They needed a larger area for their computerized sound programs and a live mixing studio, while the Theatre Dept. needed a drafting studio for theatrical CAD and space for a lecture class, among other things. Studio 28 features a live sound room, small control room, digital audio workstation, and a live recording studio.



*Music students attend a lecture in Studio 28. Studio 28 (formerly the KJZZ radio station) was recently remodeled.*

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## College Garden Station - MCC's bustling bus depot

MCC's long-awaited bus shelter sits among the roses near the main entrance to the campus on Southern Avenue. It's a welcome respite from the heat for students and people who work in the area. "I usually catch the bus at the next bus stop," said bus rider Kim Crowley, "but since they built this one, I walk down here to sit in the shade."

The college's newest point of pride was designed by metal artist Joe Tyler, owner and operator of Metal Art. Other Tyler creations include the stop in front of the Bank of America building at Alma School and Southern and one at Tempe High School on Mill and Broadway. Tyler's design at MCC is a Victorian Garden House with mesh wire walls that block 80 percent of the sun's rays. A metal butterfly dangles in the wind, and breezes drift upward through a cupola, topped with a weather vane. The shelter boasts a perfect replica of the MCC logo on its custom-designed trash can. Eventually, a 10-foot by 20-foot pergola, graced with climbing roses, will stretch through the rose garden to provide students a direct path to the bus stop. A dedication ceremony is planned, but the date has not yet been announced.



Unique to the College Garden Station is a cooled drinking fountain. When completed, MCC's bus stop will be the only one in Mesa – and perhaps the only one in the Valley – with this feature. In addition, both the shelter and the pergola will have night lighting.

Typical of many projects at MCC, several community partners contributed to the bus stop: City of Mesa, MCC's New Frontiers, the Arizona Federation of Garden Clubs, Mesa Community College, Desert Designers (a garden club in Tempe), and others.

## Meet your 2004-2005 employee group representatives

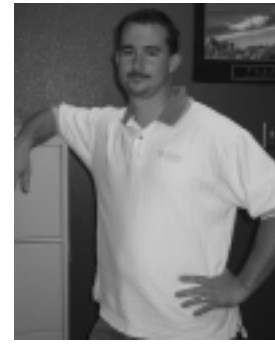


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## New rules for employees who travel

The Maricopa Community Colleges Governing Board approved changes to the District's travel regulations on July 27, 2004. A brief summary of the changes follows, with District policy manual references noted:

1. Authorized travelers must now sign the Annual Travel Acknowledgement Form (section 1.15.3), which confirms their understanding of and agreement to the rules for business travel.
2. For any travel expense greater than \$25, a receipt is required (section 1.15.2h). New wording explains that local transportation expenses up to \$25 may be claimed without receipts but that local transportation costs for personal activities, such as sightseeing, are not reimbursable (section 1.15.5g).
3. Cash advances are approved in limited circumstances, such as academic group or team travel (student clubs and organizations, athletic teams, etc.). Any amounts paid to travelers that have not been substantiated with expense claims or receipts within 60 days after the trip will be deducted from the travelers' wages (section 1.15.4).
4. New language was added to identify the Chancellor as the authority to approve travel outside the country (section 1.15.3).
5. Language was changed to establish deadlines for travel and mileage reimbursement requests (section 1.15.4). These requests must be submitted within 30 calendar days after the completion of the trip or by June 30 of the current fiscal year, whichever comes first (language was changed throughout the regulation).

To view details of these changes, see the Maricopa Governance Online Policy Manual: [www.dist.maricopa.edu/gvpolicy/adminregs/fiscal/1\\_15.htm](http://www.dist.maricopa.edu/gvpolicy/adminregs/fiscal/1_15.htm). Here travelers may access the new Travel Acknowledgement Form,

complete most of it online, then print, sign, and date the form before sending it to the fiscal office. For handy reference, travelers can copy or print the travel regulations in two versions – PDF and Microsoft Word.

Throughout the site are many helpful links relating to travel: the District's rental car agreement, rates for per diem allowances, off-premises property loan regulations, information on conversion rates for foreign travel, regulations on motor vehicle usage, and more.

On Sept. 28 and 29, MCC's Center for Teaching and Learning is offering a workshop called Travel 101. The workshop is designed to provide an overview of travel procedures and a better understanding of the MCCCDC travel policies. Go to [www.mc.maricopa.edu/other/ctl/main.html](http://www.mc.maricopa.edu/other/ctl/main.html) and click REGISTER to see details.

## More about Prop 401

### Prop 401 information now on the Web



Information about the MCCCDC bond is now on the college's website. Simply go to the MCC homepage. You'll see how the bond monies would directly impact MCC and the homeowners of our community. There is also a link to the District website.

MCC is in the midst of an extensive and important outreach effort to inform employees, alumni, and the citizens of our community about Prop 401. If you would like to participate in this effort, please call Janet Felton at 461-7500 or e-mail her at [jfelton333@yahoo.com](mailto:jfelton333@yahoo.com).

### Frequently Asked Question about Prop 401

- Q. I understand my property taxes will increase if Prop 401 passes. Would there be an increase in property taxes on rental property and business property?
- A. Yes, there would be. Private homes are assessed, by law, at 10 percent of actual value. Rental property is also assessed at 10 percent of actual value. Business and industry, commercial properties, are assessed at 25 percent of actual value.

### Vote by Mail

Vote by Mail ballots are still available in the Office of Institutional Advancement (IA) on the Southern and Dobson campus. To pick up a Vote by Mail ballot at the Red Mountain Campus, call Yvonne Schmidt at 654-7703. At either campus, ballots must be picked up before October 11 and must be mailed by October 22, 2004.

## Newsbytes

- A special MCC insert will be printed on October 5 in the *East Valley Tribune*, *Arizona Republic*, and the *East Mesa Independent*. The eight-page full-color insert in tabloid format will run stories, photos, and factual information about MCC. Employees will receive a copy in their MCC mailboxes on Monday, Oct. 4.
- Plan to have lunch on October 6 at the Empty Bowls event (11 AM to 2 PM) in the Kirk Student Center. Purchase a bowl created by local artisans and fill it with soup. Proceeds go to Paz de Cristo.