

## Water main and awning replacement

If you see long trenches dug up around the MCC Southern and Dobson campus this spring, rest assured that we do not have gophers. It's only a work crew replacing the main water lines!



Beginning in March and continuing through August/September, an 8-phase project will replace all the valves, main lines and several branch lines on the Southern and Dobson campus. The main line runs from the hospital drive to the Veteran's Rose Garden. This work is necessary due to two main water breaks last year. The new installation will have a number of shut-off valves which will enable workers to isolate problems when and where they occur.

In addition to the water main work, maintenance workers will be replacing the rotting wood canopies and installing new drain pipes on a number of buildings. 14 buildings at the Southern and Dobson campus need work, which will cost approximately \$3 million. At this time, MCC is working on repairing half of the buildings, with a budget of \$1.5 million.

Several repairs were made over winter break, which included the reroofing of the Receiving and AC buildings and repairs to the library's SW Reading Room. The TC building is also currently having some repair work done.



## Bond Update

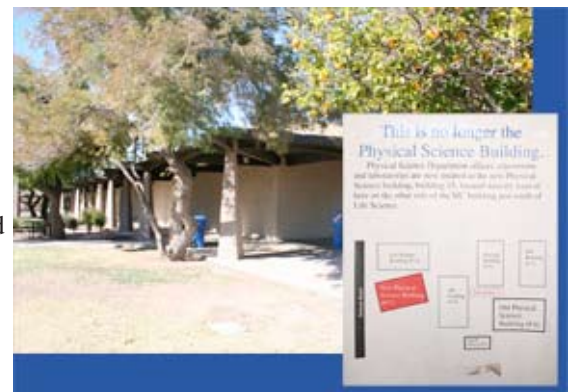
The major project at this time is the renovation of the old physical science building, with a budget of \$7.3 million from the 2004 bond election. The building will be a new facility for the Exercise Science and Nursing areas.

Work is also in progress to firm up the educational specifications for the LA, EF, and AC buildings. Existing buildings will be remodeled in lieu of a new Communications and Humanities building. Ed specs are also being developed for the Harkins/Fuddrucker site and discussions are underway for Harkins to move out in April 2009.

To receive better pricing options, the college had considered renovation to the buildings named above as a package deal. However, the District Office has recently placed a 6-month construction moratorium on all projects that are still in the planning phase (i.e. do not have completed ed-specs). Of the projects mentioned above, only the LA/EF and the old physical science building have completed ed-specs. Departments impacted by the moratorium are continuing to work on their ed specs. Construction can only proceed once the moratorium is lifted.

Finally, the \$1.25 million Kirk Student Center renovation is scheduled for 2010-11.

Timelines and plans are subject to change depending on state budget cuts.



## Security Update Spring 09:

MCC's Public Safety Director Steve Corich provides the following updates on the campus security plan:

### Safety Tools:

- \* Re-key and lockdown hardware installation: Four buildings have been completed. This project was placed on hold to address some minor faculty concerns, but is progressing. Each door will have a sign that directs people to lockdown location.
- \* Mass notification system: We are waiting on a Request for Proposal (RFP) from district to explore an SMS paging option. Voice Over IP (VOIP) has been tested and is working satisfactorily.
- \* Camera installation: All cameras have been installed and most are operational. The cameras can store 2 to 3 weeks of video and are monitored from 7 a.m. – 11 p.m. Car theft has been down from 20 to 3 per year and the decrease is attributed to the cameras.
- \* Alertus Systems: The Southern and Dobson Campus has 60 Alertus systems. There are no systems at the Red Mountain campus because it is not as spread out as the Southern and Dobson campus.
- \* Fire alarms: Testing will begin shortly with campus-wide drills to be scheduled before spring break.

### Safety Personnel:

- \* Public Safety personnel are attending New Student Orientations and faculty briefings to provide basic safety and security information to those groups.
- \* Personnel are available 24/7, 365 days a year.
- \* Southern and Dobson campus has 5 certified officers and Red Mountain campus has 2. Certified officers carry tasers.
- \* 55 temporary staff members assist officers.
- \* Services provided by personnel include: patrol, access control services (keys), criminal and student conduct investigations, escorts, lost and found (20 items a day), motorist assistance, and alarm monitoring.



### Emergency Preparedness Recommendations:

- \* Become familiar with evacuation and lockdown procedures.
  - o Watch the video here: <http://www.mesacc.edu/collegesafety/video.html>
  - o or read procedures here: <http://www.mesacc.edu/collegesafety/procedures.html>

### In Case of an Emergency:

- \* In an emergency, you will receive a faster response by calling #17777 than dialing 911. MCC certified officers respond within 1 – 2 minutes; Mesa PD response time is 5 – 7 minutes. The response time of the Mesa Police Department will be quicker by calling the college safety emergency line because MCC officers will direct Mesa PD to the correct location on campus. Don't contact college safety at the emergency phone number unless there's an emergency.
- \* Notification via VOIP, Alertus and other speakers will cover 95 percent of the people on campus. Instructions will be brief. Follow instructions.
- \* College safety has pre-recorded messages so that safety personnel who are under stress don't have to formulate a message.
- \* Campus police will act immediately and coordinate with Mesa Police Department
- \* Wait for all clear.
- \* We have experienced a large number of thefts from our parking lots recently and some thefts and burglaries on the interior of the campus. Suspects in some of the parking lot thefts and the burglary to the PS building have been identified and we are working with Mesa Police to have those suspects located and arrested.

## New Equipment for Audio Technology Program

Mesa Community College recently added new state-of-the-art equipment to the college's Audio Production Technology Program. The Yamaha Digital Live Sound Mixing Console M7CL is a digital mixing console for live sound applications that have previously been handled by analog gear.

"This is a big deal--a big shot in the arm for the Audio Production Technology Program," said Andy Seagle, Program Director. "This technology is very popular in concert venues and churches across the nation."

The equipment will be installed at Bethany Community Church in Tempe. MCC has a partnership with the church and holds live sound classes at the facility. Seagle said MCC's live sound classes are a hit with not only students who wish to make a career in the music industry, but also with church members from the local community who need to learn how to use the sound equipment in their churches.

Seagle is eager to share the new equipment with students as they begin classes on Jan. 20.

"This equipment makes MCC audio production technology students much more marketable," Seagle said. "That's the bottom line."

For more information on the program, visit MCC's Music Department, or visit <http://www.mc.maricopa.edu/dept2/audiotech/>.



## The Best of Jazz with a twist of MCC

High school music students from all over Arizona recently competed to be a part of the All-State Jazz Festival sponsored by the Arizona Music Educators Association. The selected students participated in a three-day clinic led by accomplished choir and band conductors Jan. 8-10. Craig Peterson, MCC's director of choral music, led the Jazz Clinic Choir which was comprised of 22 students and two alternates.

"It is a pleasure to work with such talented musicians," Craig said. "I couldn't ask for a better recruiting tool."

The students came to the clinic having memorized selected pieces in advance. The songs they rehearsed and performed included: Almost like Being in Love, Sunny, Nature Boy, A Quiet Place and Love Makes the World go 'Round. JazzTroupe

"With jazz, there are a lot of stylistic inflections which are unique to jazz," Craig said. "My job is to take the singers beyond the notes and make the music really fun, interesting, & inspiring."

A concluding concert was held at the Mesa Convention Center where students performed for music instructors attending the AMEA conference, family and friends. At the performance it was discovered that three of the students were sons of MCC faculty and staff; Devin Oakes, son of Duane Oakes, director of Service Learning, Harrison Budge, son of Steve Budge, department chair of World Languages, and Lucas Bodine, son of Delynn Bodine, media relations representative in the Office of Institutional Advancement.

"When I heard that Mr. Peterson from MCC was directing our choir, I was really excited," Lucas said. "I had played the trumpet in a summer jazz workshop before, with Mr. Hunter and Mr. Forney, and knew we would have a great experience."

## Newsbytes

--**College Goal Sunday:** Help spread the word about College Goal Sunday to anyone who needs information on how to obtain financial aid for college. On Sunday, Feb. 8 from 2- 4 p.m. at MCC, participants will receive free on-site professional assistance filling out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form. They can also talk to financial aid professionals about financial aid resources and how to apply.

--**DECA:** MCC recently hosted 600 high school DECA students from 18 high schools in the East Valley. DECA is an international association of high school and college students studying marketing, management and entrepreneurship in business, finance, hospitality and marketing sales and service. Students who placed in competitions at MCC will go on to a state DECA competition.

--**Kennedy Center Theatre Festival:** Nineteen Mesa Community College Theatre Arts and Film Department students will be competing at the regional Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival this February 9-14, on the California State University/Fullerton campus, located in Fullerton, California.

The students were nominated to advance to the regional competition after being adjudicated for their work with MCC's Theatre Arts and Film Department's two fall productions, *Death in a Landslide*, and *Dracula*. Kevin Dressler, MCC Performance Faculty, is coaching the acting competitors and Kara Thomson, MCC Design Faculty, is coaching the designers for the competition

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