

# THE Bulletin

August 1, 2001

## ONE COLLEGE—TWO CAMPUSES

*Southern & Dobson*  
1833 W. Southern Ave.  
Mesa, Arizona 85202

*Red Mountain*  
7110 E. McKellips Rd.  
Mesa, Arizona 85215

### Schedule of Events August 13-17, 2001

#### Monday, August 13 Convocation

Kirk Student Center, Navajo Room

Program: TBA

8:00 a.m. – Breakfast

8:30-10:30 a.m. – Program

Invitees: All Employees

#### Tuesday, August 14 New Faculty Orientation

7:30 a.m.-noon

Breakfast and Meetings

Center for Teaching and Learning

Attendees: New MCC Residential Faculty

12:00-1:00 p.m. – Lunch

Kirk Student Center, Employee Lounge

Attendees:

New MCC Residential Faculty,

Department Chairs, Associate Deans

1:00-2:00 p.m.

“Game Plan” Breakout Session

Center for Teaching and Learning

Attendees:

New MCC Residential Faculty

#### Faculty Reception

2:30-5:00 p.m. – Faculty Reception

Paul Elsner Library, Reading Room

Invitees: All MCC Faculty

#### Wednesday, August 15 Mesa Community College Day at MCC at Red Mountain Campus

9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. – Self-Guided Tours

10:00 a.m. & 1:00 p.m. – Guided Tours

2:00-3:00 p.m. – Reception,

MCC at Red Mountain Community Room

Invitees: All MCC Employees

## New, Renew and Re-ramp, Both Campuses

### Status Report Confirms Red Mountain is Ready

For those who think Red Mountain (RM) is scrambling to finish construction, install phones and furniture, and hire more staff, well, think again. **Dr. Joseph Pearson** says MCC's new campus is ready to roll. Window blinds, carpeting, cabinets and countertops are installed. White boards, light fixtures, some furnishings, and even pull-down video screens are in place. Exercise equipment lines the wall in the fitness center. As you read this page, faculty and staff are adapting to their new offices and classrooms. Final paperwork is being completed for remaining teaching/staff positions. Doors will swing wide to welcome students on August 18, and a Grand Opening celebration is scheduled for October 3.

### Southern & Dobson Remodeling Brings New Look

On July 16, faculty began moving into Building 5 (a.k.a. Anasazi or Media/Psychology). The new name for this structure is the Math/Computer Science Bldg.



*New Math/Computer Science Building Tenants (left to right): Chuy Carreon, Math Department Chair; Jerry Talamante, Math Faculty; Fern Conaway, Secretary.*

Remodeling continues on the north side of the old Library. The Foreign Language lab will be completed on August 13, and the Copy Center will be finished on or around September 10.

### Red Mountain Renovates Original Buildings

**Dan Cook**, project manager for Property Builders, said that renovation of the original Red Mountain campus buildings (on Power Road, north of McKellips) will be completed by August 2 (see Acacia Village on RM map, p. 4). Administration offices have been reshaped into a new

classroom; other new spaces include a Welcome Center, Student Services, and a lounge area. The exterior will incorporate features similar to those used in the new RM campus design.

### All Roads Lead to MCC . . . Eventually

Nearly everyone knows that ADOT (Arizona Dept. of Transportation) is currently widening portions of the Superstition Freeway (US 60). The project includes additional general and HOV lanes, ramp improvements, and the widening of bridges over the freeway. To keep abreast of lane closures and roadwork that may affect commuters to the Southern & Dobson campus, please see ADOT's web site: [www.superstitionfreeway.com](http://www.superstitionfreeway.com).

For Red Mountain commuters, watch for orange barrels at the corner of Power and McKellips. Specific lanes may be temporarily closed to accommodate construction of a new Target store at the northeast corner of the intersection. Impact to traffic in the area is minimal.

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**Thursday, August 16**  
**Technology Round Table**  
 9:00-11:30 a.m., Location: TBA  
 Invitees: All MCC Faculty

**Adjunct Faculty Orientation**  
 5:30-8:00 p.m., Library, Room 145  
 Attendees:  
 All MCC New Adjunct Faculty

**Maricopa County Community Colleges Day at MCC at Red Mountain Campus**  
 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. – Self-Guided Tours  
 10:00 a.m. & 1:30 p.m. – Guided Tours  
 2:30 -3:30 p.m. – Reception, MCC at Red Mountain Community Room  
 Invitees: All Employees of MCCC

**Innovations with WebCT**  
 2:00-4:00 p.m.  
 Center for Teaching & Learning  
 Facilitators: Jeff Anderson & Jonathan Millet  
 Invitees: All MCC Faculty

**Friday, August 17**  
**Open House to Celebrate the Renovation of the Math/Computer Science Bldg.**  
 (formerly the Anasazi Bldg.)  
 9:00-11:00 a.m.,  
 Math/Computer Science Bldg.  
 Invitees: All MCC Employees

**Community Day at MCC at Red Mountain Campus**  
 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. – Self-Guided Tours  
 10:00 a.m. & 1:30 p.m. – Guided Tours  
 2:30-3:30 p.m. – Reception, MCC at Red Mountain Community Room  
 Invitees: Community Members

**Saturday, August 18**  
**Classes Begin**

**Tuesday, August 21**  
**Employee Ice Cream Social**  
 at MCC at Red Mountain Campus  
 3:00-4:30 p.m.,  
 Red Mountain Community Room  
 Invitees: All MCC Employees

**Thursday, August 23**  
**Employee Ice Cream Social**  
 at Southern and Dobson Campus  
 3:00-4:30 p.m.,  
 Kirk Student Center, Employee Lounge  
 Invitees: All MCC Employees

*And Coming in October...*

**Wednesday, October 3**  
**MCC at Red Mountain Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting**  
 2:00 p.m. – Program & Ribbon Cutting  
 Entertainment, Refreshments, Displays  
 2:30-3:30 p.m. – Guided Tours

## MAKE WAY FOR RED MOUNTAIN!

### RM Staff . . .

#### Team takes pride in shaping new campus

For four years they have operated from a small cluster of buildings on Power Road, but now the Red Mountain (RM) staff is packing up and moving to the new campus. Among the staff members are four women who have offered their talents and energy as they watched the fledgling campus grow into a viable educational resource for the community. They are Administrative Secretary **Yvonne Schmidt**, Enrollment Services Specialist **Helga Denison**, High School Project Coordinator and Career Services Project Coordinator **Rosemary Acosta**, and Administrative Secretary **Lyseth Mitchell**.

While Lyseth has been at Red Mountain from the beginning, providing support for the Services side of the administration, Yvonne came along a couple of years later to contribute her skills on the Instructional side. "It has been really exciting helping to shape the development of the campus," Yvonne said. "I actually live in the nearby community, and I voted for the bond election when it was presented to the voters (in 1994). I was glad they were trying to build a campus in East Mesa."



Helga came to Red Mountain just three weeks after it opened, working in advisement, financial aid, assessment, and admissions. She can't wait to see the enrollment figures for the fall semester because she remembers when RM registered just 400 students in the first year. (Associate Dean of Instruction **Joseph Pearson** predicts that 4,000 to 5,000 students will be enrolled at MCC's new RM campus this fall.) "I really like working on a small campus," Helga said. "We get to know the students, and they come back and say thank you. We see them graduate and go on; they're like our own children."



Above left: Yvonne Schmidt, above right: Helga Denison  
 Bottom left: Lyseth Mitchell and bottom right: Rosemary Acosta

In Rosemary's first couple of years at RM, her mission was to tell high school students about the new East Mesa campus. "It was an easy sale because the growth in the east is so tremendous," she said. "People want us, need us, and appreciate us, and being an MCC campus gives us credibility." Rosemary said she appreciates the working relationships with her colleagues at RM. "I like the way faculty and staff work together so closely as a team; we are all striving for the same goal." She noted that RM draws students from Apache Junction as well as mining towns like Superior, Globe, and Miami. "Whoever thought of building a college in East Mesa . . . it was a great idea," Rosemary said. "We are meeting the need."

### RM Faculty . . .

#### Educators welcome adventure, opportunities

Five MCC faculty members shared their thoughts on what it's like to teach at MCC's Red Mountain campus: **Gwen Argersinger** (English), **Richard Malena** (School of Education, Cultural Science Dept.), **Basil Al-Hashimi** (Economics), **Jim Giles** (Chemistry), and **A.J. Lombard** (Geology).

**Q:** Why did you choose to teach at Red Mountain?

**Gwen** – *It's the pioneer spirit! I like carrying the light into the areas needed.*

**Richard** – *I like the smaller campus. It's a finished product that represents a lot of faculty input.*

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**A.J.** – One reason is convenience and economy—I live 10 miles to the east of RM.

**Q:** What are the advantages of teaching at Red Mountain?

**Jim** – There is a new attitude; it's a new adventure.

**Richard** – There is latitude in designing programs.

**A.J.** – Faculty, deans and secretaries are terrific—great support group. The traffic is easier. RM has an environmental bent, so it's a fun place to teach geology. The goal is to keep things natural, not to disturb the environment, though I do see Target from my window.

**Q:** What's the downside?

**Jim** – We have to break in a new facility, work out the bugs.

**Richard** – It's a challenge trying to build courses.

**A.J.** – We don't have a full range of courses yet.

**Q:** Are there noticeable differences in the student population?

Do your students attend classes at both campuses?

**Richard** – There is no difference in night classes. There is not as much cultural diversity. My students are coming back to be teachers, so they are usually older.

**Basil and Jim** – Students attend both campuses. They are generally younger here, which may simply mean that we have not yet effectively targeted the older population.

**A.J.** – A difference in the student population? That's a hard call; ethnically it's about the same. Definitely there are more students here who live in this area, and RM will probably pull a percentage away from the Southern & Dobson (S&D) campus as well.

**Q:** Does having two campuses make it more difficult to communicate and interact with colleagues in your departments?

**Richard** – The faculty at S&D do not generally want to come out here for meetings. There should be more give and take, especially since both campuses are considered to be equal. At the RM campus, we communicate with each other, regardless of department. We are all in the same office complex. We all have the same students.

**Jim** – It's harder to connect . . . distance is a barrier. It's nice because we can pioneer some things that we couldn't do as easily at S&D, which is a more traditional, conventional campus. At S&D there are patterns; here those patterns have not been set.

**A.J.** – At S&D, departments are located in all different places. Here our offices are all together. We get to actually know the professors in the different departments. That's not necessarily the case at S&D. At RM there are no political clashes; it is definitely a wonderful working environment, no ghosts yet.

## RM Students . . . Boundaries blur between MCC's campuses

On a map we draw a circle around each of MCC's two campuses and theoretically define their service areas within a 6-mile radius. But interviews with students at the Red Mountain campus remind us that real people rarely fit neatly into circles on a map.

Six students were interviewed at the Red Mountain campus, and all of them live in the area. Four of them have attended both of MCC's campuses in the past. Two will be attending only one campus in the fall, three will take classes at both RM and S&D, and one will be traveling to RM, S&D, and Gateway Community College to attend the classes she needs. Two students said that RM's close proximity to their homes influenced their decision to enroll in college.

Additional comments offered by the students:

... Work location, as well as home location, can affect choice of campus.

... Selection of classes is greater at S&D, but alternative schedules (like RM's classes on weekends) make college workable for busy lifestyles.

... Travel distance and traffic congestion are a consideration.

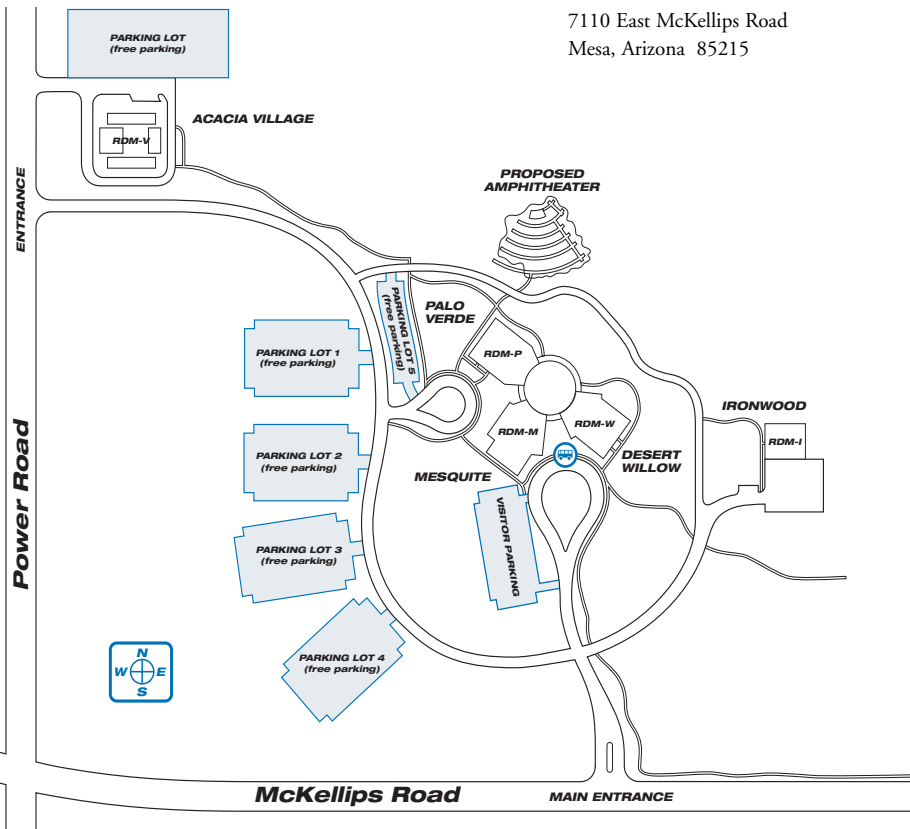
... One-stop enrollment is preferred; it is easier to register at RM.

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**LEGEND**

- RDM V Acacia Village**  
Classrooms (RDM V116 - RDM V126)  
Welcome Center
- RDM W Desert Willow**  
Classrooms (RDM W119 - RDM W226)  
Cyber Cafe  
Indoor Study Rooms  
Learning Enhancement Center (Tutoring)  
Library Services  
Make-up Testing  
Media Services  
Multipurpose Computing  
Open Entry / Self-Paced  
Outdoor Study Patios  
Technology Services  
Upper Information Commons (UIC)
- RDM M Mesquite**  
Administration  
Admissions  
Advisement  
Assessment  
Bookstore  
Cafeteria  
Career / Re-entry Services  
Cashiers  
Community Room  
Counseling  
Disability Services  
Financial Aid  
Fiscal  
Fitness Center  
Group Activities Classroom  
Personnel  
Records  
Registration  
Student / Community Activities  
University Transfer  
Veteran Services  
Welcome Center (Main)
- RDM P Palo Verde**  
Classrooms (RDM P105 - RDM P250)  
Faculty Offices  
Science Laboratories (RDM P107 - RDM P115)
- RDM I Ironwood**  
Maintenance and Operations  
Receiving  
Safety/Security

**Red Mountain Boasts 20 Full-Time Faculty Positions**

If you're wondering who is where at Red Mountain now that 20 full-time faculty positions are solidly in place, you may find the following information helpful in tracking colleagues:

Name	Phone (480)	Discipline	Office
Basil Al-Hashimi	654-7515	Economics	PV244
Gwen Argersinger	654-7516	English	PV235
Nicole Cerveny	Not yet assigned	Geography	PV243
Victor Cornell	654-7517	Mathematics	PV227
Linda Evans	654-7525	English	PV228
Jim Giles	654-7518	Chemistry	PV233
Paul Harasha	Not yet assigned	Sociology	PV226
Charles Levine	Not yet assigned	History	PV245
A.J. Lombard	654-7519	Geology	PV238
Richard Malena	654-7520	Education	PV237
Brenda Nielsen	654-7521	Business/Computing	PV231
Patrick O'Brien	654-7511	Mathematics	PV223
Bruce Peterson	654-7522	Speech Communication	PV248
Gayla Preisser	654-7523	Psychology	PV242
John Seims	654-7510	Mathematics	PV225
Jill Seymour	654-7512	Library Liaison	DW218
Ann Marie Spence	654-7513	English	PV224
Carmen Vigo-Acosta	654-7514	Spanish	PV241
Dennis Wilson	Not yet assigned	Biology	PV247
Michael Wintz	654-7524	Religious Studies	PV246

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