

Mt. SACampus CONNECTION

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Katrina the AFTERMATH

Mt. SAC Joins Nationwide Effort to Aid Survivors

With their skills and hearts, at least eight Mt. SAC faculty and other employees are offering help and compassion to survivors of Hurricane Katrina both in the Gulf and here locally.



Nursing Department Chair **Clarence Edwards** and Professor **Julie Hughes-Lederer** were among the first of the faculty to head to the Gulf on Sept. 6. They joined 50 registered nurses deployed by the California Nurses Association to assist at a major clinic set up at the Houston Arena.

Lane Braver, Medical Services Department Chairman and a Physician's Assistant for 19 years, is part of a seven-member team of physicians dispatched by the Los Angeles County Disaster Medical Assistance Team/FEMA to provide medical care to hurricane survivors in a "tent city" clinic in Baton Rouge.

"I'm anxious to do something to help the victims of the hurricane," said Braver, who's been helping diagnose and treat the injured.

Three part-time faculty from Mt. SAC's Fire Academy—**David Baker**, **John Chappell** and **Jimmy Ramirez**—were deployed by the California Office of Emergency Services to conduct search-and-rescue missions in Louisiana for 30-60 days. Also dispatched to Baton Rouge were adjunct paramedic faculty **Lisa Moden** and **Doug Cox**.

"The College is making this commitment to help relief efforts in the impacted areas in the greater sense of the word *community*," said President/CEO **Dr. Christopher C. O'Hearn**. "We are extremely proud of those faculty members and other employees who are aiding the survivors of Hurricane Katrina both in the Gulf Coast and locally." O'Hearn noted that the full-time faculty volunteers are on paid leave, authorized by the College.

Mt. SAC staff and students have also pitched in with the relief efforts in partnership with the American Red Cross. To date, the campuswide effort has raised nearly \$8,500.

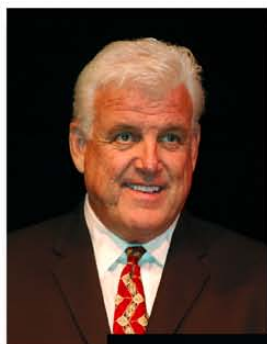
"We've had a very positive response to our effort across the campus," Student Services Interim VP **Raul Rodriguez** said about his division's "Mt. SAC Cares" campaign.

The Student Services effort collected nearly \$5,000, while the Business Club raised \$1,187, and Phi Theta Kappa raised over \$2,200. The Associated Students are currently designing their campaign.

The Academic Senate and Faculty Association are collecting funds for the National Education Association's Katrina Relief Fund to help teachers and their relatives who have been affected by the disaster.

In addition to these collective efforts, individual employees are volunteering their time and gifts to the many relief and assistance efforts under way on behalf of families that have relocated here. Mt. SAC has also opened its doors to college students displaced by the hurricane. So far, only one such student has enrolled.





Academic Year Kicks into High Gear

Progress and challenges discussed at Fall Opening Meeting.

At the August 23 Fall Opening Meeting, faculty, staff and managers were welcomed to a new academic year. The upbeat meeting reported an upswing in fall enrollment, a flurry of campus construction, and the addition of 33 new faculty members.

"We are doing well by all standards," President/CEO **Dr. Christopher C. O'Hearn** told the faculty and staff assembled in Clarke Theater. "Mt. SAC continues to progress in all areas of instruction and operation, and the overall outlook for our institution is favorable."

After the first full week of instruction, enrollment headcount was up by approximately 1% compared to one year ago, said Student Services Interim VP **Raul Rodriguez**, who provided an enrollment report (see page 3).

Construction also remains a dominant theme this fall as new projects, such as the Science Labs Center, the Music building expansion and renovation of the old Staff Center are in full swing at the heart of the campus (see page 5). Maintenance and Facilities Construction Director **Gary Nellesen** presented an update on the revised Campus masterplan.

Five new managers and 33 new faculty were introduced at the Open Meeting. New administrators include Administrative Services VP **Michael Gregoryk**, Humanities & Social Sciences Associate Dean **James Jenkins**, Mt. SAC Foundation Director of Development **Leslie Kerr**, Upward Bound Director **Juan Carlos Astorga**, and Director of Grants **Adrienne Mitchell**.

▲ Dr. O'Hearn and Rodriguez present reports.

The opening meeting also featured reports on the College's alumni program, institutional and enrollment marketing efforts, the campus emergency preparedness plan (see related article, p. 10) as well as updates from the Academic Senate and Faculty Association. In the report on emergency preparedness, Risk Management Director **Karen Saldana** emphasized the need for everyone to understand evacuation and safety procedures. An emergency response reference brochure will be distributed campuswide in October. The brochure indicates what to do in the event of an earthquake, fire, civil disturbance, bomb threat and other emergencies.

The meeting ended on an inspiring note with a moving musical/signed student presentation first performed at the recent Summer Bridge talent show.

Greetings: Staff welcomed each other to new academic year. ►



Chancellor Drummond to Visit Mt. SAC Sept. 28

As part of his statewide campus tour, California Community College Chancellor **Dr. Mark Drummond** will visit Mt. SAC on Wednesday, Sept. 28, from noon to 4 p.m.

Drummond will tour the campus and meet with faculty and staff at an open forum at 1:30 p.m. in the Music Recital Hall to discuss issues of importance to community colleges and educators.

All faculty and employees are encouraged to attend the forum and meet the Chancellor.



Board Approves \$111.8-Million Budget

Mt. SAC's finances are stable despite \$400,000 shortfall.

The Board of Trustees recently approved the College's 2005-06 budget, which forecasts \$111.8 million in expenditures and a deficit estimated at \$400,000. Despite the deficit—the fourth budget shortfall in five years—the College remains financially stable. This year's shortfall is far lower than last year's \$2.3 million.

"The District is in the top third of financially stable community colleges in the state," said **Michael Gregoryk** in his first Board presentation as the new VP of Administrative Services.

He said the significant factors contributing to Mt. SAC's financial stability are the College's facilities bond measure funding, the partial funding of retiree health benefits and the Board's firm policy to maintain a 10% general fund reserve.

"The 10% Board-required reserve is very important for the District," he said. "While the state requirement for reserves is 3%, Mt. SAC currently has reserves of 10.6%, or \$11.8 million."

The College's budget also got a shot in the arm from unexpected equalization funding (\$1 million) and restored Partnership for Excellence funds (\$700,000).

In addition, the College is asking the Chancellor's Office for a recalculation of its 2003-04 funded base revenue, which would affect the District's 2004-05 revenue limit and could mean an additional \$4 million for Mt. SAC.

Other factors affecting this year's budget are cost-of-living adjustments (COLA) of 4.23%, growth funding of 3.1%, and a funded full-time equivalent student (FTES) base of 24,620. In addition, the College increased the part-time faculty budget by \$2.2 million.

"This was a tough thing to do, but in order to serve our students better, we just had to do it," said Gregoryk.



Fall Enrollment Inches Upward

However, the number of credit students taking a full load jumps by 11.5%.

Fall enrollment at Mt. SAC is inching upward, according to Student Services Interim VP **Raul Rodriguez**, who announced at the Fall Opening Meeting that credit enrollment headcount is up by approximately 1% over last year's. This is favorable news, as credit enrollment at many of California's 109 community colleges—including Mt. SAC—has dipped over the past few years.

At the end of the semester's first week, the total student headcount taking credit classes stood at 25,468, up 1%. Rodriguez shared even more favorable news, noting that full-time equivalent student (FTES) enrollment jumped by 11.5%.

"More credit students enrolled this semester are taking a full load of coursework (12 or more units)," said Rodriguez. "This means they're able to get the courses they need and can reach their goals in a timelier manner."

Rodriguez also noted that 90% of first-time students who applied actually enrolled for the fall semester, and the number of continuing and returning students is up 4.5%. Since enrollment figures fluctuate early in the semester, a more definitive accounting will be reported later.

Increased marketing and intensified high school recruitment efforts are attributed to the enrollment upswing plus the addition of sessions for high-demand core courses.



Fall Professional Growth Opportunities Scheduled

Professional and Organizational Development offers a variety of staff training workshops, seminars and special activities lined up for this fall.

From new employee orientations to certification for online teachers, the department is offering something for everyone. A sampling of this fall's offerings includes survey and rubric workshops, Lotus Notes training, department chair training, the Mt. SAC Book Club, service excellence, creating course websites, ICCIS for faculty, and a host of workshops in the planning stages.

Special events are also scheduled, including a presentation by author **Victor Villaseñor**, Oct. 6, Information Security Week, Oct. 10-13, and the Classified Conference, Oct. 14.

For more information or to register, call ext. 4504.

Classified Conference Promises to Reinvigorate Staff

All permanent classified employees are invited to participate in a free Classified Conference, "Recharging Your Battery," on Friday, Oct. 14, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Building 26 Lecture Hall.

Classified employees, who support the College's day-to-day operations and activities may choose one of two conference sessions: a morning session from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. and an afternoon session from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Keynoter **Dr. Patricia Gordon**, CEO of Career Solutions, will offer insight on how to re-energize your enthusiasm. She conducts interactive, powerful and entertaining workshops and seminars on topics such as "Goal Setting," "Conflict Resolution" and "How to Work for a Jerk."

The conference is also open to the staff at neighboring K-12 schools and community colleges for a nominal fee.

For more information, call Program Coordinator **Dee Dee Carter** at ext. 5724 or e-mail her at dcarter@mtsac.edu.



Health & Welfare Open Enrollment Under Way

Employees have until Friday, Oct. 14 to make medical and dental insurance plan changes.

Employees must schedule an appointment with the Health & Welfare Office to change medical and dental plans, add or drop dependents to a plan, or apply for disability insurance.

Blue Shield and Kaiser plan no major benefit changes for 2006. However, Blue Shield is adding to its system Hoag Memorial Presbyterian Hospital in Newport Beach and St. Mary Medical Center in Long Beach. Also PERSCare and PERSChoice are adding a smoking cessation program and bariatric surgical centers.

The full Mt. SAC open enrollment packet is available for viewing and printing online at <http://inside.mtsac.edu>. Or you may pick up a printed copy in the Health & Welfare Office in Building 4 (Administration).

A separate enrollment period for 2006 medical and dependent-care reimbursement accounts will be held later in the year. A notice will be sent in late November to each eligible employee.

To schedule an appointment to make election changes, call **Linda Group** at ext. 5522 (last names A-M), **Karen Pilling** at ext. 5553 (last names N-Z) or **Jean Pierce** at ext. 5162 (Auxiliary Services employees).





Construction Comes to Campus Core

Construction projects funded under Measure R have now come to the heart of the campus as the new Science Lab Center, the Staff Center renovation, Music building extension and IT building upgrades proceed simultaneously.

"The center of campus looks like a maze of green fencing," mused **Gary Nellesen**, Facilities, Planning and Management Director. "It's a challenge to undertake this construction efficiently without impacting the everyday pedestrian flow of campus life and activity."

The Science Center, which will provide 14 labs and 70,000 square feet of instruction space, is now half finished with completion set for fall 2006. Its neighbor to the north, the Staff Center, is being renovated to house administrative offices, the future Board of Trustees meeting room, general purpose meeting rooms and spaces for receptions and fund-raising activities. The project is slated for completion next spring.

Adjacent to the Science Center is a fire lane project, which carries with it infrastructure work on lighting, gas lines, storm drains and water lines. The fire lane provides access to the interior of campus for emergency vehicles.

One project looming in the not-too-distant future is the Building 26 classroom remodel, scheduled to get under way in January. Affecting over 200,000 square feet of classroom space, the project will be completed in sections with the north wing of 26 and "B" wing of the complex worked on first.

One of the challenges with this project is finding alternate classroom space for the displaced classes. Nellesen said classes will be relocated to the row buildings, the old ESL building and modular structures.

"This project presents a real challenge," said Nellesen. "A lot of flip flopping will be going on for a while."

Other ongoing projects in the works are the Art Center, which is undergoing seismic retrofitting and renovation until January, and the Music Building renovation, which will provide additional 5,000 square feet of office and instruction space, scheduled for completion next fall.

Projects in the design phase of construction include the Student Services renovation, the Math and Science classroom project, the Agricultural Sciences and Building 5 project, the Child Development Center project, and a new gymnasium and tennis court project.

Coming after the opening last spring of new athletic fields, the Language Center, Health Careers Center and Welding & Air Conditioning Complex, the current projects are part of the busiest construction period in the College's history. Yet the parade of projects slated for construction under the College's \$221-million facilities bond measure hit a major speed bump, as it was determined that the proposed Student Center and Business Center must be placed on hold.



▲ The new Science Labs Center will boast state-of-the-art amenities to facilitate innovative learning.



"We cannot complete these projects as originally planned out of Measure R funding due to the impact of soaring construction and material costs on recent and current projects," said President/CEO **Dr. Christopher O'Hearn**. "However, we are fully committed to securing alternate sources of funding to complete these important projects."

◀ **More than a face lift**—The former Staff Center will be preserved, upgraded and expanded.

Mitchell Is New Grants Director

Adrienne J. Mitchell has joined the Instruction Office as the new Director of Grants.

She comes to Mt. SAC from the Maricopa County Community College District in Tempe, Ariz., where she was the Grants & Corporate Development Specialist and principal proposal writer and researcher. Previously she managed a variety of administrative projects at the Washington University's GWB School of Social Work in St. Louis, Mo.

Over the course of just a few years, Adrienne has successfully secured more than \$5 million in federal, state and private grant funding to support a wide range of student support services and academic programs. She has also chaired national professional conferences and lectured extensively regarding grant writing for community colleges.



Astorga Is Bound for Success



Juan Carlos Astorga is the newly hired Director of Upward Bound, a federally funded college-preparatory program for high school students.

Previously, Astorga was the first Assistant Dean of Student Affairs at Sixth College, UC San Diego—his alma mater. He oversaw all aspects of student leadership and development and was the point person for new student orientation programs. He has also worked as the founding Director of Multicultural Affairs at the University of Redlands, as the Assistant Director/ Program Coordinator at the Cross Cultural Center at UC San Diego, and as the Acting Counselor for the Student Support Services Program at the Learning Center at UC San Diego.

Astorga brings a lot of passion to the job and has big plans to strengthen Mt. SAC's Upward Bound program.

Nahas Serves as Interim Professional Development Director

Rosemary Nahas is the new Interim Director of Professional and Organizational Development.

Having worked at Mt. SAC for almost five years, she was a job developer in Career Placement Services and as the supervisor of the Vocational English as a Second Language (VESL) Business and Health Care Interpreting programs.

Before joining Mt. SAC, she was the marketing supervisor for DeVry University's Pomona and Long Beach campuses and a corporate trainer at the Queen Mary. She also has 15 years of experience as the owner/manager of an employment agency in the San Gabriel Valley.



WELCOME!

We salute our newest classified employees!



Guadalupe Diaz
Maintenance Equipment
Operator
Grounds & Transportation



Martin Escarcega
Admissions and Records
Clerk II
Admissions and Records



Arthur Gonzalez
AC & Heating Mechanic
Maintenance



Ivan Meza
Grounds Equipment
Operator
Maintenance



Wilton Tan
Help Desk Technician
Information Technology



Reynaldo Venegas
Warehouse Worker
Purchasing

We welcome our newest faculty!



Alina Birca
Math
Natural Sciences Division



Julie Bradley
Counseling, DSP&S
Student Services



Misty Kolchakian
Psychology
Humanities & Social Sciences Division



Laura Muniz
Counseling, EOPS
Student Services



Kathleen Cannon
History
Humanities & Social Sciences Division



Susana Cevallos-Castaneda
Reading
Library & Learning Resources



Amy Nakamura
Dance
Physical Education Division



Carmen Rexach
Anatomy/Physiology
Natural Sciences Division



Micol Christopher
Astronomy
Natural Sciences Division



William Daland
Counseling
Student Services



Liza Rios-Reitveld
Communication
Humanities & Social Sciences Division



Tony Rivas
Counseling, EOPS
Student Services



Maria Davis
Fashion Design
Business & Economic
Development Division



Mike Dowdle
Psychology
Humanities & Social Sciences Division



Linda Rogus
Aeronautics
Technology & Health Division



Susie Rubenstein
Art - Ceramics
Arts Division



Kimberly Earhart
History
Humanities & Social Sciences Division



Charles Eastman
English
Humanities & Social Sciences Division



Juan Sanchez
P.E./Men's Soccer
Physical Education Division



Lawrence Silva
Reading
Library & Learning Resources



William Edwards
Math
Natural Sciences Division



Hal Hoffman
History
Humanities & Social Sciences Division



Chan Ton
Counseling
Student Services



David West
Aeronautics
Technology & Health Division



Jonathan Hymer
Electronics
Technology & Health Division



Carol Impara
Nutrition
Business & Economic
Development Division



Susan Wright
Counseling, Basic Skills
Student Services



Colin Young
Political Science
Humanities & Social Sciences Division



Christopher Jackson
P.E./Women's Aquatics
Physical Education Division



Janine Kido
Biological Sciences
Natural Sciences Division

Photos not available

Julie Mallard
Communication
Humanities & Social Sciences Division

Peter Churchill
English
Humanities & Social Sciences Division

Alisha Kirkham
Alcohol & Drug Counseling
Technology & Health Division

Lance Wilcher
Nursing
Technology & Health Division

Mt. SAC's Reputation: The Magnet that Attracted VP Michael Gregoryk



Even before **Michael Gregoryk** started at Mt. SAC in July as the new Administrative Services VP, he was well aware of the caliber of the institution.

"Mt. SAC has an outstanding reputation in the community college sector, known for educational excellence and its open, engaging environment," said Gregoryk, a career community college administrator. "That's what attracted me initially, and also the College's leadership reputation."

And leadership is one quality he knows much about personally.

Gregoryk comes to Mt. SAC with a wealth of leadership experience, having served as Deputy Chancellor for the Ventura County Community College District since 1996. He also served as Interim President for Ventura and Oxnard colleges, and was the Administrative Services VP at Palomar College and the VP of Finance and Administrative Services at Western Nebraska Community College. He coordinated Ventura's successful districtwide \$356-million Measure S bond campaign and facilitated grants for low-income and at-risk students.

In his new role at Mt. SAC, Gregoryk must manage a broad scope of responsibility, principally as the College's chief financial officer. That means overseeing Mt. SAC's business operations and the College budget, which totals \$111.8 million this fiscal year (see page 4).

Gregoryk also oversees Information Technology, Payroll and Purchasing, Public Safety, Risk Management, Auxiliary Services and Facilities Maintenance and Construction.

One of the important challenges that Gregoryk has identified for immediate attention is the integration of database systems and processes. He noted that the College has separate systems for all sorts of functions—registration, budget, human resources, scheduling. All the parts work, he says, but they don't work well together.

"System and process integration is a huge undertaking that needs our top priority, and I think there's a great willingness by staff to jump in and seize this opportunity," he assured.

Gregoryk has also identified fiscal issues that need to be addressed, principally strengthening Mt. SAC's long-term financial future.

"We're in reasonably sound shape financially," he said. "But we can and must get stronger, as there are so many unknown variables tied to trends and actions in Sacramento that can change our outlook."

Another major challenge for Gregoryk is purely personal: his commute to campus. With his wife and three school-aged children living in Camarillo, he currently lives in Diamond Bar during the week and commutes back to Ventura County on weekends.

"This presents its own set of challenges, but I and my family are committed to making this arrangement work—at least for now," he confided. "There are things I want to accomplish here, so I'm committed to Mt. SAC and its mission."

Even with these and other formidable challenges, Michael Gregoryk remains optimistic about the outlook for Mt. SAC and is proud to call the campus his new home.



Employees welcome Gregoryk at recent reception.



Black College Day Set Oct. 29

The Mt. SAC Student Equity Committee and the San Gabriel Valley Chapter of the National Council of Negro Women invite you to bring students and parents to their **Knowledge Is Power Black College Expo**, Saturday, Oct. 29 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Clarke Theater.

Participants will learn about transfer and financial aid opportunities and other services offered by historically black colleges and universities. College representatives will be on hand to answer questions, and students and alumni will share their experiences at a panel discussion.

For information, contact **Eddie Lee** at ext. 5676.



Crossing the Bridge



Nearly 200 entering freshmen completed the Summer Academy of the Mt. SAC Bridge Program, designed to make their transition to college easier. Many of the students are the first in their families to attend college. Shown here are students and faculty getting recognized at the closing ceremony, where families celebrated their success.



Bridge Idol



Bridge students and staff showcased their creativity at talent show, called "Bridge Idol." And no, Simon was not a judge.



▲ Posing with **Phil Maynard** (Busta Rhymes) are the "Pussycat Dolls" (l-r): **Lina Soto**, **Anabel Perez**, **Julie Perez-Garcia** and **Patricia Maestro**.



***inside.mtsac.edu:* Your New Campus Website**

Mt. SAC will roll out its first-ever Intranet employee website in October. Information on this password-protected internal site will be organized by employee groups (i.e., Administrators, Faculty, Classified), while a general link labeled, "Everyone," will contain links to information and services of interest and use by all employees. The entire site will be accessible to all employees.

"This is a major milestone for our development of web-based communication," said **Clarence Brown**, Director of Marketing & Communication. "Much of the information for this site is currently housed on the College's public website, www.mtsac.edu, which is inappropriate and irrelevant to outside visitors. With the launch of ***inside.mtsac.edu***, employees will have a user-friendly, one-stop place to go for easy access to forms, the employee phone directory, calendars, job listings, campus announcements, benefits information, union contracts, and campus services and resources."

Brown noted that the site is a work in progress and all sections of the site (e.g., departmental pages) will not be completed at the time of the launch.



Marketing Materials Sport a New Look

The new look for marketing materials for this academic year can be described in two words—"rich" and "classy." Utilizing deep hues of blue, green and a splash of orange, the new look graces the covers of the College's new informational folder (for campuswide use) and the new high school recruitment "viewbook," which will be released in early October.

The 16-page viewbook, which is branded with the College's marketing tagline, "*Preparing you for the real world*," is the primary marketing tool of Mt. SAC's student recruitment team. It provides a pictorial overview of the various services Mt. SAC offers, and makes the case for why students should choose Mt. SAC as the place to start college.

This vivid new look will also be executed in upcoming marketing materials, advertisements, and publications, as well as the new vocational program publication being developed by the Technology & Health Division.

Mt. SAC Shops at the Mall and Dines at Applebees

Mt. SAC is going shopping . . . for students! And the most obvious places are local malls.

"You can't beat the exposure you can get at malls, where the foot traffic can be calculated in the thousands over the course of a year," said Marketing Director **Clarence Brown**. "As you enter the Westfield Mall at West Covina, you'll see Mt. SAC's "Shop for Success" advertisement. And in the bustling Food Court of the popular Puente Hills Mall, hungry shoppers will see the Mt. SAC message, inviting them to explore the many opportunities offered by the College."

The ads will change messages throughout this academic year.

Mt. SAC is also getting the attention of Applebee's customers in Walnut and now in Montclair. College memorabilia, pennants, posters and photos now grace the walls of these popular restaurants, promoting the diverse programs and achievements that make Mt. SAC a College of Champions.



Child Development Center Receives National Accreditation

Mt. SAC's Child Development Center was recently accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC), which recognizes the highest quality in early childhood education programs.

"This is a significant achievement, as this national accreditation is extremely difficult to earn," said **Marjorie Chitwood**, Dean of the Business & Economic Development Division, which oversees Mt. SAC's center. "This is the highest level of accreditation granted, which sends a reassuring message for local parents and our community."

This prestigious five-year accreditation status was granted after a rigorous three-year process by the NAEYC, the nation's leading organization of early childhood professionals. The process included a self-study of the center and a review by a national panel.

"NAEYC accreditation lets families in our community know that children in our program are getting the best care and early learning experiences that help prepare them for future school success and a life-long love of learning," said Child Development Center Director **Janette Henry**.

The accreditation program sets professional standards for early childhood education programs to help parents identify high-quality child care programs. More than 10,000 programs, serving over 850,000 children, are currently accredited by the NAEYC nationwide.

Each semester, the on-campus center serves approximately 200 children (birth to age 5) whose parents are Mt. SAC employees and students as well as local families.

"The Mt. SAC Child Development Center has become a leader in a national effort to raise the quality of early childhood education and helps give all children a better start," said Henry.

Janette Henry and "friend." ►



*Child Development Specialist, **Tonya Bennitt** shares time with students.*



Auxiliary Services and Bursar's Office Move

Auxiliary Services recently moved into its new home in Building 9D— just east of the bookstore, a location it once occupied for more than two decades. The Bursar's Office, meanwhile, has moved from the Student Services Center (9B) into Auxiliary Services' former office space in 9A, which was recently remodeled.

The new 9D location houses Auxiliary Services' accounting office functions. This separate unit of the College oversees the SacBookRac, Food Services, Bursar's Office, and Satellite Services.

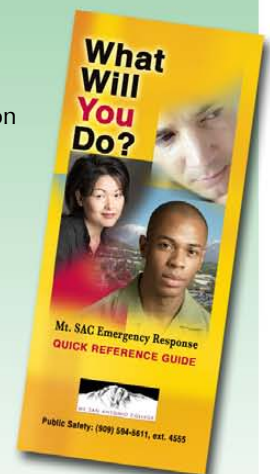
Emergency Guide Will Help Employees Get Prepared

Do you know what to do, where to go when a disaster strikes this campus? A new *Emergency Response Quick Reference Guide* will be distributed to all employees and to students in October which will provide instructions on what to do and where to go during a campus emergency or natural disaster such as an earthquake, a fire, civil disturbance, hazardous material spill, or a bomb threat.

The handy brochure is only a snapshot of a more comprehensive emergency response plan being developed by a team headed by Risk Management Director **Karen Saldana** and Fire Technology Director **Jerry Austin**. The plan will comply with both state and federal emergency standards.

"If we learned anything from the Hurricane Katrina disaster, we certainly recognize the critical importance of having an effective emergency plan in place and everyone knowing what to do when a disaster or campus incident occurs," said Austin, the former Fire Chief for the City of Anaheim.

Austin said training sessions are being planned for all employees as well as tabletop exercises and full-scale emergency drills.



Picture This! PICTURE THAT!



Hot Blues 8 Cool Jazz 8

The blues was hot and the jazz was cool under a summer sky at this eight annual concert, featuring the sounds of **Eric Marienthal** and the **Mo Evans Blues Band** at the grand Hafif estate in LaVerne. Guests dined and danced the evening away . . . and all for a good cause. \$40,000 in scholarship funds was raised for Mt. SAC students. Among the many guests at this Mt. SAC Foundation event were (top photo, l-r) Board Trustee **Judy Chen Haggerty**, President **Christopher O'Hearn**, Trustee **Rosanne Bader**, Board President **David Hall** and guests.



▼ Mo Evans Blues Band



◀ Guest performance by Fermata Nowhere.



▲ Eric Marienthal



OLDER ADULT ART SHOW

The annual **Older Adult Art Show** attracted a crowd of faithful fans again recently, offering the finest in watercolor, oil painting, stained glass, and jewelry. The event also featured a PowerPoint presentation on Community Education's Older Adult Program as well as floral arrangements by the home gardening class. Catering was provided by Atria Rancho Park Villa and Medic-1 Ambulance, both of San Dimas. The show allows students a unique outlet for expressing and showcasing their creative talents.



CARL'S JR.

A popular "star" has made its debut on campus this fall and is getting a lot of attention around lunchtime. It's actually Carl's Jr., which is located adjacent to the Campus Café (Building 8), offering everyone yet another food service alternative.



VACATIONS! VACATIONS!

What did you do on your summer vacation? These employees had a blast—on land and sea. They share their “Kodak moments” with us below.



Chance Meeting—Who would have thought Safety Director **Karen Saldana** (2nd r) would run into CIS Professor **Vic Zamora** (l) on a Lake Como boat trip . . . joined by their respective spouses, Tom and Connie.



Classmates—College Info Services’ **Paul Mercier** enjoys his 40th reunion with classmates from Kingston High School in New York.



Hilton Hut—Looks like English’s **Ellen Straw** found a five-star hotel along her travels through San Juan Capistrano.



Disney Date—Public Safety’s **Gary Martinez** took the whole family to the happiest place on earth for the 50th anniversary celebration.



Rolling Along—Biology’s **Cindy Anderson** keeps everyone in line in the Netherlands.



Breaking Waves—Accounting’s **Ralph Jagodka** tackles the waves on the Merced.



Somethin’s Fishy—DSP&S’s **Julie Bradley** makes a new friend “down under” in Australia.



Sea-ing Is Believing—Research’s **Odette Richardson** joins the entire clan on a sand bass fishing trip.



Performing Arts Season Opens with Beatlemania

Mt. SAC launched the 2005-06 performing arts season with **The Fab Four** rocking the Clarke Theater with Beatlemania before a sold-out crowd in September. The Fab Four is one of three professional productions to highlight the new season. Other acts are **Rhapsody in Taps** on Feb. 11, **Dick Dale** (King of the Surf Guitar) on June 17, and numerous student musical, dance and theatrical performances.

Upcoming programs include the Mt. SAC Theater Program's production of Dylan Thomas' **Under Milk Wood**, Oct. 14-15 & 21-22, 8 p.m., at the Clarke, and organist Gary Toops' 8th annual Halloween concert, "**Music for Ghosties, Ghoulies & Goblins**," Saturday, Oct. 29, 8 p.m., in the Recital Hall.

The Art Gallery opens its season with "**Norman Rockwell in the 1940s: A View of the American Homefront**," featuring 40 of Rockwell's *Saturday Evening Post* covers, now through Dec. 1. A number of student musical, dance and drama productions are also scheduled throughout the academic year.

For event ticket information, call the Mt. SAC Performing Arts Center Box Office at ext. 2050 and check the new PAC website at <http://performingarts.mtsac.edu>.



Noted Author to Speak Oct. 6



World-renowned author **Victor Villasenor** will speak at Mt. SAC on Thursday, Oct. 6 at 2:00 p.m. in the ESL Library (Building 66, Room 130), followed by a reception from 5 to 6:30 p.m. For details, call **Patricia Maestro** at ext. 6231.

Villasenor is the author of *Rain of Gold*, *Burro Genius*, *Macho!*, *Wild Steps of Heaven* and *Thirteen Senses: A Memoir*.

Halloween Community Fair Set Oct. 28-30

Get ready for a spooky time at the College's first-ever **Halloween Community Fair**, set for Oct. 28-30 in Parking Lot F, north of the stadium. College and community families will enjoy a weekend of fun, rides, food, games and exhibits about Mt. SAC programs.

The fair is both a fund raiser for women's athletic programs as well as an opportunity to "bring the community on campus and offer families a fun, safe environment to celebrate Halloween," said event organizer and Women's Basketball Coach **Laura Beeman**. For more information, contact Laura at ext. 4341.



Mt. SAC Rideshare Survey Week September 26-30

All Forms Received By **October 7th** will have their names entered into a Drawing for a \$20 Shell gasoline card!
(20 names will be drawn)



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