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MESA NEWS

WELCOME TO MESA E-NEWS, the monthly e-zine of college-wide events, activities and news.
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April's one of the busiest months of the year. Stay on top of what's happening by reviewing our calendar of listings, This Month at Mesa. Above, scenes from the powerful experiential event, Tents of Tolerance, held April 4 and 5.

NEWS and EVENTS at SAN DIEGO MESA COLLEGE This Month at Mesa: April

Click here to view March events. You can also view it online at <http://www.sdmesa.edu/news/month.cfm>.

President Naqi Meets President Clinton

ASG President Shahzeb Naqi is familiar with the Clinton Global Initiative University (CGI U) conference, founded by President Bill Clinton. "I've been following CGI for the past year," said Shazeb, who on a whim, applied for the conference. He was floored when he heard in December that his application had been accepted.

Last weekend, Shahzeb was among 1,000 students from universities in all 50 states and 90 countries that attended the conference at UCSD organized to "create a younger generation of sustained givers who take action to improve lives around the world."

On Sunday, the attendees were put to work to help the San Diego Food Bank. Assigned to help the Clinton media entourage, Shazeb was sure his opportunity to meet his hero had come. It didn't.

Shazeb was moved to working on the landscape. Two hours into pulling bushes out from the front of the Food Bank, a "dirty and sweaty" Shahzeb lamented that his opportunity to meet the former President had passed. Then someone tapped him on his shoulder and he turned to face the 42nd President of the United States, who said "Good job, son, keep it up." Ever composed, Shahzeb took his opportunity and grabbed Clinton's hand. "Good to meet you sir, I'm a really big fan of yours." The moment was captured by staff photographers (unavailable at this time, but we'll share it soon!).

Honors Excels



On the last Saturday of March, 26 Mesa College honor students presented their research at the 11th Annual Honors Transfer Council of California Research Conference at UC Irvine. Student Valeria Ruiz (pictured here with Dr. Juan Lara) was named the recipient of the prestigious the Juan Lara Award, which is awarded to a single honors student "who has demonstrated outstanding growth and academic success brought about by involvement in a community college honors program." Honors Student Jessica Lee Wells won an Exemplary Achievement Award. Six Mesa students served as volunteer moderators, and six Mesa professors attended to support their students.



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The Reach of Science

In the month of March alone, a small army of nearly two dozen faculty members from biology, chemistry, physical sciences, anthropology and behavioral sciences spent probably as much time conducting community education as they did teaching in the classroom. It all focused around at what's now being dubbed as "Science Month at Mesa," but that's a fairly new moniker for outreach that's been going on for years, and happens all year long.

For more than 11 years, Mesa has engaged thousands of 7th-12th graders in science as a key partner of and participant in the San Diego High Tech Fair. Mesa's also been a collaborator in the San Diego Science Festival, now in its third year. Prof. Paul Sykes reports that a good number of this year's 20,000 festival attendees stopped by the Mesa booth, staffed by our science, anthropology and behavioral psychology faculty and students. It's said that Biology's "kitchen science" version of DNA extraction was one of the best extraction experiments going on at the park. As always, the Van de Graaff generator was a big hit, as were the carnivorous plants, tadpoles, and stick bugs, and the "mummified chicken."

On campus during March, Geology Professor Don Barrie co-chaired the annual Canyon Classroom and Canyon Clean-up. Impromptu, in-the-field lectures were offered by biology professors Bill Brothers and Leslie Seiger. Lectures during science month are always a hit. This year, Professor Jaye Van Kirk arranged a lecture on aging and dementia. New this year was Science Career Days, a collaborative effort with the Career Center. Nearly 140 students stopped by to find out about science, anthropology and psychology careers.



CANYON DAY *at Mesa College*



Helping our neighbors in the Land of the Rising Sun

Staff and students are rallying to support the people of Japan...

The Nihon* Fundraising Initiative is a collaborative fundraising effort by the Associated Student Government (ASG), International Culture Club (ICC) and the Classified Senate. All proceeds will be donated to the Japanese Red Cross in support of disaster relief efforts for those affected by the earthquake and tsunami in Japan. ASG has committed to match up to \$500 of all funds raised by Mesa College Clubs. Individual and group donations can be made in the ASG Office (H-600), Student Affairs Office (H-500) or on the quad at various times throughout the initiative. Donations are accepted through May 2, 2011. For information, contact ASG (x2903) or Student Affairs (x2699).

The Classified Senate has already set aside \$200 toward the cause. If you would like to make a personal donation, you may do so through Robin Watkins, Library; Mike McLaren, Audiovisual; Robert Booth, Accounting; Danielle Short, Transfer Center; and Cathy Bruce, Counseling.

*Fun Fact: *Nihon, or Nippon, stands for the island nation of Japan; the Japanese characters that make up Japan's name means "sun-origin" which is why Japan is sometimes referred to as the "Land of the Rising Sun."*

On-Track with the Olympians

Congratulations to freshman Cassandra Kennison, who is now #1 in shot put in the state of California. Renee Ross, Head Men's and Women's Track & Field Coach and Head Women's Cross Country Coach reports that the track and field team traveled to Cal State Northridge on Saturday, March 12 and did an amazing job. The women and men's track and field teams have been very strong in the Foothill Conference with eight athletes placing #1. Jesse O'Brien placed 2nd in the Men's 800 meter run at the Occidental College Distance Festival with Daniel Gonia placing 4th in the 5000 meter race. Last home track meet is on Friday, April 22 at 1:00 p.m.



Many of our Olympian teams are contenders for Pacific Coast Athletic Conference titles. Men's Tennis is the reigning PCAC Champions for the past two years and earned their third straight title after defeating Imperial Valley College on the road. This victory adds to the 27 straight conference wins for the Mesa Men's Tennis that started back in 2008. (Don't forget the matches are streamed live to the internet at www.justin.tv/mhootner.) The women's tennis team has been competitive and holding their own in the PCAC and will take on City College March 31 and then face a tough Palomar April 5. Baseball has been stepping up to the plate and holding their place at 2nd in the conference. With their strong pitching and timely hitting, they have been able to shut out Southwestern College and defeat current PCAC leader, Palomar. Olympian Men's Volleyball has had a tough season as they face top teams in the state in their own conference. Despite a competitive loss to Long Beach City College, the team rallied back to win their first conference match of the season against Palomar College, 3-2.

Administration:

Charlotta Robertson, Interim Dean, Social & Behavioral Sciences & MultiCultural Studies

Reassignments:

Kevin Branson, Acting Instructional Support Supervisor

Sgt Lou Zizzo, Acting Lieutenant, San Diego Mesa College

Transfers:

Melanie Cordero, EOPS Clerical Assistant, Transfer to Miramar

Resignments:

Christina Pirtle, Student Services Assistant, Outreach

Passings



Coach James "Jay" Mulvehal. Dean Dave Evans and the Athletics Department invite you to attend a celebration of life for former Coach Jay Mulvehal (1931-2011). Hired as Mesa's first Men's Basketball Coach, he retired in May of 2000 after 36 years at Mesa

College. Coach Mulvehal continued to teach golf classes at Mesa through Spring 2010. The memorial will be held at 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., Mesa College Gym, Sunday, April 10. For information, call (619) 388-2737.



Professor Emeritus Dorothy Berger. Join with your colleagues to celebrate the life of Mesa's devoted friend, gifted teacher, and leading figure in the International Tibet Support Network, Dr. Dorothy Berger, former Chair of the Mesa College English

Department. 4:00 p.m., Thursday, Apr. 28, LRC 435. For information about contributions or sending memorial cards, please contact, contact Sondra Frisch, 619-388-2989 or sfrisch@sdccd.edu. To read the Union-Tribune obituary, [click here](#).

This and That

The Environmental Stewardship Committee is running its first ever Sustainable Mesa Essay Contest. Deadline is Earth Day, April 22. Find out more at <http://www.sdmesa.edu/ecomesa>.



Know a classified staff member who gives of themselves to causes on or off campus? Then why don't you nominate him or her as Mesa College's 2011 Unsung Hero? The award celebrates a member of the classified staff who volunteers their time and talent to serve

the needs of our community – both on and/or beyond the Mesa College campus. Submit your nomination by May 6 to Beth Cain (x2721). The Unsung Hero Award will be presented at the Classified Staff Development Conference Luncheon on May 25, 2011, 12 p.m.

Kudos to...

Art Prof. Wendell Kling, who was featured in a full page story in the March 27 Sunday Union Tribune. The story was the first in an occasional series called "In the Studio" by James Chute that features local artists. Check out the fun shot of Wendell's "Happy Apple Color Organ," displayed at the MCASD last year. You can see the article by [clicking here](#).

OUT AND ABOUT

Mesa College Jazz Band. Under the direction of James Romeo and featuring master Afro-Cuban percussionist Charlie Chavez and surprise guests. This performance feature arrangements by the L.A. new-age music ensemble, the Industrial Jazz Group 7:30 p.m., Wed., April 27 at Dizzy's at the San Diego Wine and Culinary Center.

Music instructor and guitarist Randy Pile is one-half of the "Duo Cantilena." He and celebrated oboist Susan Barrette will present a program of music by Georg Philipp Telemann, Joaquin Turina, Maurice Ravel, Jacques Ibert, Agustine Barrios, Erik Satie and others. 7 p.m., April 13, Carmel Valley Branch Library



STAY INFORMED & ENGAGED

- THIS WEEK! Prop S&N Updates are posted to VP Ron Perez's monthly reports at <http://sdmesa.edu/parking/>. **Proposition S&N Campus Construction Update** will be held: 2:00 to 3:00 p.m., on Wed., Apr. 6 in G-101; and 9 to 10:30 a.m., Thu., Apr. 7 in H117/118.
- Year-end closing deadlines for the Business Office are fast approaching. If you have any questions, please call 619-388-2771.
- Shared governance committee agendas, minutes and reports can be found at <http://www.sdmesa.edu/governance/committees>.
- Enroll in [FLEX workshops](#) of your choice! For questions, contact the Flex Office at (619) 388-2509 or visit A-109.
- The Bookstore will be closed on the Saturdays in April, but will open for the Saturdays in May.

THE MONTH AHEAD: May

- The Mesa College Design Center dedication and sneak preview of the Student Exhibit has been scheduled for Thursday, May 19 at 10:00 a.m. The Student Exhibit will run from 5:30 to 8 p.m. on Friday, May 20.
- Also coming soon – Tree-topping for the Student Services Building. Watch for details!
- Scholarship, commencement, and the fashion show make each week of the final semester a busy one. Please submit your items to Mesa e-News and This Month at Mesa at your earliest convenience!

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