Hurricane comes 'home'  

TYLER JONES  Editor-in-Chief

Julie Hatoff, former Vice President of Instructional Services, was allowed to return to teaching English at MiraCosta College this semester after a unanimous vote by the Board of Trustees recognized her "right to retreat." Her re-instatement as an English professor comes after a much-publicized scandal surrounding the Board of Trustees, former President and Superintendent Victoria Munoz Richart and the faculty and staff regarding operations in the school’s horticulture department.

Professor Hatoff has served 36 years at MiraCosta College. She came to the school in 1972, teaching English and humanities, and over the course of her career moved into positions of leadership both on campus and at the state level.

In the weeks leading up to the beginning of the fall term, Professor Hatoff, still in the process of settling in on campus, is excited about the coming school year. "You can be I am thrilled to be back among long-time colleagues and friends. I'm even more excited about teaching students," said Hatoff in an email to The Chariot.

English and humanities Professor, Arlie Zelinka, is excited to have Hatoff returning to the English department. "I'm thrilled to have her back," she said while working in the faculty office.

Another English professor, Jim Sullivan, is looking forward to welcoming her back into the department and to continue to learn new ways to approach teaching. "The really exciting thing about having her back is that she is an innovator as an educator, and is always pushing teaching innovation and new techniques," Sullivan said.

The mood surrounding Hatoff’s return has been mostly upbeat from faculty members who have worked with her, but not everyone thinks that teaching again will heal the wounds the school has been suffering. "On former President Richart’s watch, a chasm formed between her and the Board majority on the one hand and the employees of the college on the other. Therefore, other significant changes are going to be required for any real healing to occur," said Rob Archer, an English professor who has worked with Hatoff for 20 years. "Serious wrongs have been done--both to individuals and to the institution--over the last 18 months, and these still need to be addressed. People will not quickly forget that, until recently, former Vice President Hatoff was unjustly targeted for outright dismissal."

Professor Hatoff has four scheduled classes this semester beginning August 20.

MCC hires temp president

AARON DURST  Copy Editor

MiraCosta College’s Board of Trustees has appointed John Hendrickson as interim president/superintendent for the 2007-08 school year. Victoria Munoz Richart resigned in June leaving the station vacant. Hendrickson will preside over the Board of Trustees meetings and work with the academic and classified leadership.

The trustees voted to hire Hendrickson from a group of four aspirants for the position.

The current vice president of Student Services, Dick Robertson, has been acting as Interim President/Superintendent.

"I worked with him for seven months when he was interim vice president of Business Administration and Services," said Robertson. "He is a very good listener and a very fair decision maker, in my experience with him." Concerning Robertson’s ability to assist Hendrickson with his contractual obligations, he says, "I will support him when he needs help."

Robertson spoke of three goals he would like to see Hendrickson achieve: "Communicate openly and frequently with faculty and staff. Encourage people to be courteous, respectful, and concentrate on making peace. When decisions regarding the community are made, make sure they are shared."

"I will be working very closely with the faculty, staff, and Governing Board for the benefit of the school," said Hendrickson in his office on Wednesday, Vice President of Business Administration and Services. Jim Austin, has known Hendrickson for six years. "John and I were professional colleagues. I would only see him twice a year at the Association of Chief Business Officials conferences," said Austin. "He has great integrity. He always tried to do right, with great attention to detail." "I will help lead the college’s efforts to find a permanent president/superintendent by June 30, 2008," said Hendrickson. "I am not seeking the position of President on a permanent basis."

"I have experienced him with his position as interim Business Administrator, and is very straightforward, with great dedication to the college," said Jonathan Cole, Academic Senate President. "We have met previously and he is open and honest, and the position of the senate is positive and hopeful."

Hendrickson’s educational background and community involvement include master’s degrees from CSU Hayward and president of the Association of California Community College Chief Business Officials, as well as other positions of influence and leadership.

Outside of his work with colleges and administrative leadership positions, Hendrickson currently directs the financial and resource planning for Kitchell CEM, a specialized team within the Kitchell Corporation, a company that provides public-sector manager support services, which derives funding for plan programs such as building stadiums.
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The man behind the puppet that occupies the White House has announced that he is leaving his marionette behind to focus on his family. That’s rich, coming from a man who has been claimed to be the master of George W. Bush’s political career, and a man who has been referred to as “Bush’s Brain.”

It should come as no surprise that many of Bush’s aids are leaving Washington D.C. The President’s approval rating is in a neck and neck race with his IQ, and many of his own people are turning away from the tired “stay the course” rhetoric. Roe, or Bush, has been toasting for the last five years.

Demagogues, as usual with partisan politics, are very critical of Roe, and liberal bloggers have coined the term “Bush’s Braintrust” when referring to Roe. The Republicans, in contrast, and in keeping with their public relations phalanx, have defended Roe. Yet the level of commitment to Roe’s public opinion by many Senate Republicans is diminished, probably because of the fact that the Senate has watched many of Bush’s allies jump ship, and maybe they are thinking that if they stay on board, the captain will turn the White House into the political equivalent of the Exxon Valdez.

What is more surprising is the esteem the White Housesycophants have of Roe and their justification for it. Deputy Press Secretary Dana Perino calls him a “brilliant mind,” and rightly so—Rove manipulates Bush and avoids the specter of the law. He was under criminal investigation for his role in outing CIA operative Valerie Plame, and has cited executive privilege to avoid testifying before Congress on Justice Department firings. Only Bill Clinton demonstrated greater mastery of avoiding the long arm of the law. Slick Willie used his golden tongue. Roe, however, hung out good ol’ Scooter Libby and got away with perjury (more or less). Only Hitler had the capacity and moral void to stalk his “people” with the same ruthlessness, not exactly the reputation one would want, unless he or she believed in the Young Republicans as being a major force in college politics (as Roe did).

Yet, Roe is not the only problem. The American people have allowed him to pull Bush’s strings since 2001, when he moved into the Oval Office. The American people were behind him in the re-election, probably because Roe was behind Bush feeding him sound bytes. On the other hand, maybe Rove did such a wonderful job in applying Josef Goebbels’ propaganda philosophy: tell a lie big enough and often enough and people will start to believe it. Regardless, We the People have helped Rove secure his place in the American political lexicon.

Perhaps when the dust has settled and the ink dried on his resignation (he may not be gone yet: he’s been “talking” about leaving Bush’s side for more than a year now), the political scene will settle down into something that doesn’t resemble the Third Reich. I’m sure Valerie Plame would appreciate that.

Letters to the Editor:
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The “Letters to the Editor” section allows the Chariot Editorial Board to interact with members of the community and address concerns in an open and public environment. Moreover, it gives people an opportunity for their voice to be heard.

The freedom of speech is a cherished and wonderful gift. By writing to the Editorial Board and expressing views that may not have been covered ensures that the Chariot continues to be the model for free speech at MiraCosta College.

If you would like to contact the Editorial Board, please send an email with “Letter to the Editor” in the subject line to: mcchariot@yahoo.com.
Next generation action films

Recent action movies have been racier than usual, thanks to the Go-Mobile. This technological advancement and work of passion allows actors to stay in the vehicle, while providing camera operators with a platform to shoot from. Amazing camera shots and intense emotional expressions create action sequences with unparalleled realism. With more than four operating positions for the Go-Mobile main unit, any partial or complete body and chassis can be mounted to the racing inspired stunt machine. This setup is safe for actors and camera crews, as well as special effects teams.

Actors buckle up in the vehicle with cameras in multiple locations inside to capture natural reactions and emotions. The actors still act, but when adrenaline kicks in, real expressions are captured. Actors now get to feel the G-forces and rush as their getaway car rolls from parked to 40 mph in a few seconds. A special stunt driver pod is capable of attaching to the Go-Mobile in various ways, including on top of the show vehicle, on either side of the action or directly in front. Some movies that have incorporated the Go-Mobile include "The King of the Highway" (2005), "Bourne Ultimatum" (2007), and "Machete" (2010). The Go-Mobile features a specialized hydraulic rig known as an effect back to mount a vehicle for chase scenes and stunt shots. One shot features a car on a two-driver side tires at an angle, with the actors in the car during the shot. In "Crank*, Statham is often seen from an accelerometer mounted camera pointed up at the driver's seat, in a metallic combination of colors. He evades police while talking on a cell phone, crushing causeway stalls and cruising through a real shopping mall and tilting the car up sideways on two wheels into an upward moving escalator.

In "Bourne Ultimatum" and "Machete" shows Statham's car with ease at speeds up to 60 mph. With the chase scenes in "Ultimatum", the crowded streets and dense foliage in India, the shaky action shots bring a real feel of urgency. The grinding on the median was shot with Damon inside the vehicle. Look for future action movies to showcase the Go-Mobile, and get closer to the actors. For better visualizations, visit costsim.com for reviews and shots of the Go-Mobile in action utilizing its unique setups and camera platforms.

For people who are tired of Myspace

I would like to be the first to welcome EA Sports "College Football 2008" into my study hours. The fall semester means college football, and college football means a brand new game for us to fret over our precious time on. EA's "College Football 2008" is just the latest installment in a long line of meticulously designed gridiron simulations.

"Era" 2008 is tweaking the Dynasty Mode allows you to pick multiple teams to make a fun run for the National Championship. You're the coach. You recruit, run practices, manage depth charts and run the game from the field or the booth with the team of your choice.

Ignore the create-a-player mode. It only allows you to control your player, and you often end up watching the game from one side of the field. Online play is ok, but the game will lag as usual.
One thousand people
Explore MiraCosta

Explore MiraCosta College, held August 11, surpassed all expectations of the faculty, staff, and students who worked on the event. This first-of-its-kind open house took place on the Oceanside campus from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The event hosted current MCC students, parents, newly enrolled students, and anyone else interested in seeing the campus facilities, checking out classes, meeting professors, buying books, and gaining a lot more information about being a student at MCC.

Jan Moberly, School Relations/Diversity Outreach Coordinator, and the driving force behind Explore MiraCosta College, estimated 1,000 people attended the event. “This is a great opportunity for people new to or interested in MiraCosta to come and see everything we have to offer. As part of the day, you can meet faculty, staff, and other students; learn about the wonderful programs we offer; and inquire about our transfer programs, financial aid, and other support services,” stated Moberly, prior to the event.

Student Ambassadors provided tours of the college, designed around 18 workshops that focused on a certain area of study offered at the school. The tours focused on getting new or potential students to see which study they could possibly be interested in, and also familiarize them with the campus. “This tour really helped me get comfortable with this campus. I feel like I know where everything is now,” said Ben Swanston, a MCC current student. Also, twenty club representatives distributed information in hopes of recruiting new members.

At the Student Services displays, students could address their concerns and ask questions with the MCC Campus Police, Health Services, University Transfer Center, as well as a variety of programs at the college. A raffle was held just after lunch. Prizes ranged from the new Harry Potter book to a gift basket from 2 Spoons Coffee that was valued at $150. In order to be eligible, the new coming students had to take the tour and get a card stamped after every station they visited.

At the end of the event, those who remained felt confident in their days work. “I feel that today was a success. People came for the food, the music, and to learn all about what MiraCosta has to offer. I’m glad I could be a part of this, and I hope MiraCosta continues to do this for its students in the future,” said Jessica Solano, a Student Ambassador at MCC.
Rica French shoots for the stars

AARON DURST
Copy Editor

For the last week, the visible evening sky has been shimmering with meteors from the Perseid meteor shower, sending streaks of bright light from the Perseus constellation in the northeast. The brightest and most noticeable times were during August 12, through August 13, according to Rica French, the professor of astronomy here at MiraCosta College. To get a personal preview at the cosmos, look up the status of the scheduled star parties on French’s MiraCosta College website. Gaze upward at the night sky and the STS-118 will be cruising across various constellations and different planets. Get situated tonight from about 7:30 p.m. until around 9:35 p.m. to watch as the current shuttle mission aboard Endeavour makes it way across the sky. To get help locating other sights visit http://heavens-above.com/. A bit of astronomy study or star map reading is advised. Avoid areas with excessive street lighting or car headlights, as the light pollution will deteriorate the quality of the moment, and reduce the visibility. Take care with aiming your sights in the right direction. Or grab a friend with a telescope and blanket to make it an after dinner date. The first few star parties are scheduled for the beginning of September. Bring your cameras and send in your favorite shots of the night to mccehartn@yahoo.com.

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Wanna be the next MCC idol?

MCC singing groups hold auditions this week. All singers are encouraged to consider joining one of MiraCosta College’s award-winning singing groups. All groups are open to experienced singers by audition.

MCC Chamber Chorale - The group performs a wide variety of different styles of choral literature including classical, spirituals, folk songs, and popular. Auditions on Tuesday, Aug. 21, at 1 p.m., in Room T307. For information, call James Shepard, Ext. 6527

MCC Showchoir “Countdown” Group of singer/dancers. Auditions will be held on Tuesday, Aug. 29, at noon in room T-307. For information call James Shepard at ext. 6527 or Dave Massey at Ext. 6302

MCC Jazz Singers-MCC has an exciting jazz choir. Auditions are Tuesday, August 23, and Thursday, Aug. 27, at 2:30 in Room T-307. For information contact Matt Falk at Ext. 6359.

North Coast Concert Chorale is a large choir that performs major choral-orchestral works. Auditions are Tuesday, Aug. 21, at 7 p.m. in Room T-307. For information contact James Shepard at Ext. 6527.

International Education Expo
Thursday, October 25
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Employment Opportunities for College Students

The Palomar College GEAR UP Partnership is continuously accepting applications for the following positions:

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• Or, volunteer/serve!

To find out how you can apply:

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Planning to transfer?

Did you know? Starting fall 2009, all TAGs will use IGETC as their common general education pattern. You are following the old USCD TAG core pattern and plan to transfer after spring 2009, you need an appointment in the University Transfer Center ASAP.

Question: I have heard that there is a guaranteed admission program for UCSD that is called University Link. Can anyone interested in transferring sign up for this program?

Answer: University Link is a guaranteed admission program to UCSD that is available to all students who have graduated from a Southern California high school. You must be in your first year of community college courses, and will also need to register for a 1-unit course titled “Counseling 105” (offered at both campuses). This program guarantees you a fall admission to UCSD with a cumulative GPA of 2.8 in all transferable coursework. If you are interested please come by the University Transfer Center for a University Link advising guide and be sure to sign up for Counseling 105, as spaces are limited.

Question: I have just registered at Mira Costa and I am not sure what I want to major in. What courses should I take that will still prepare me for transfer?

Answer: It is always best to consult a MiraCosta College counselor to set up a plan that is best for you and your goals. However, beginning with your English and Math courses early on is important for graduation and transfer requirements. Taking some elective courses in your areas of interest that count towards your general education requirements is also a good start. Please use an IGETC as your guide.

Question: When are the application filing periods for CSU and UC campuses?

Answer: For Fall 2008, applications are accepted for CSU campuses between October 1st and November 30th, 2007. For UC campuses they are accepted between November 1st and November 30th, 2007. CSU and UC application workshops will be held at both MiraCosta College campuses beginning in October. Please stop by the University Transfer Center to pick up an application workshop schedule.

Question: Could you tell me what the difference is between lower division classes and upper division?

Answer: Generally lower division refers to the courses students take during their first two years of college (such as your general education requirements and your prerequisite courses for your major). Upper division typically refers to junior and senior level work that you would take after transferring to a 4-year university.

Community Learning Center On Oceanside Campus, September 4, 2007

- Not sure

Career Center offers first online career fair

Need a job? Get prepared for eCareer Fair. Participate in eCareer Fair to be held October 1-31. The eCareer Fair is an entirely web-based “job fair” exclusively for MiraCosta students. You’ll need an updated resume and access to Monstertrak.com to get started, therefore no need to waste precious study time or go to participate. Get ready for eCareer Fair now. Let the staff in the Career Center help you get started!

Free Resume workshops are available. Learn to write an effective resume in a one-hour workshop. You will draft a resume and cover letter including all of your relevant information. Once you have completed your draft, turn it into the Career Center and within one week, receive suggested revisions and next steps for job search. For more information, contact the Career Studies and Services at (760) 757-2121, ext. 6722.

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Special Events Intern, Boys & Girls Club of Vista

2-5 hrs/wk, flexible to student schedule. Gain experience in event planning, fundraising, and general office skills for a non-profit organization.

To be eligible, students must have completed 6 units at MiraCosta and be currently enrolled in 3 units.
Attention all students

The Chariot is looking for students to contribute comic strips for the Back Page. If you would like to draw a one panel comic about life at MiraCosta, or about life as a student as whole, WE want to hear from you! You don’t have to be an artist to have your work printed in The Chariot. For size guidelines and submissions, send an email to: mccchariot@yahoo.com with “Comic” in the subject line. We look forward to putting your artwork in YOUR paper this year.

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