higher functional ability, and lower
who volunteer enjoy longer lives,
with those who do not partake in
and life span of those who volunteer
conducted comparing the happiness
the results of 30 studies that were
volunteer opportunities.
Volunteer Fair in order to get students
Service Learning Department hosted a
Hour in the Fountain Plaza, the
Student Center renovation
[Image 36x474 to 756x887]
The Volunteer Fair gets students involved
The Ad Hoc committee is in the
earliest stages of framing a discussion.
However, there are plans to survey
student centers in San Diego County
for desirable and undesirable aspects,
to study architectural theory on how
people move through the building to
determine layout and to invite student
feedback on how they would like the
Student Center to look. “Frankly,
I think [the initial developers] did
a terrible job,” stated Dwyer. He
emphasizes changes “not just so
everyone has enough space, but that
each individual space works well for
everyone.” There is the potential to
encourage diversity of viewpoints
among students, and for the Student
Center to be a cutting-edge “building
center to foster community in some
really interesting ways,” said Dwyer.
He invites architecture students
interested in taking part in the Ad
Hoc committee to contact him for an
interview.
According to Jim Gonzales,
Coordinator of Student Activities and
Advisor to the Ad Hoc Committee, the
changes seek to re-order what is inside
the building, keeping the foundational
footprint the same but changing the
layout and which groups will be
inside. Gonzales affirms the need for
additional meeting reception space,
office space and storage space for
groups within the Student Center.
In addition, the objectives of the
changes seek to align with those of the
Comprehensive Master Plan, which
focuses on sustainability through
LEED certification and on meeting
the demands of the growing student
body. “[The Master Plan] outlines
parameters [in which] change may
take place,” stated Gonzales. He draws
a parallel to coloring in a coloring
book, claiming that the lines are
like the Master Plan, the crayons are
like the Student Center fees and
the coloring is the work of the students
and committees involved in determining
and proposing changes.
“It is an exciting initiative to help
change and rearrange the Student
Center for students with significant
student input,” said Gonzales.
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The Associated Student Government budget for this fiscal year is $146,005, with $134,863.58 in the reserve account. The budget is decided by the ASG when they build a draft budget around April and May of each year. The budget is based on the previous year’s expenditures and based off of what the ASG thinks the students will need for the following year. Once the ASG puts together the draft budget, Fiscal Services and the Board of Trustees approves it. After the budget is approved, the Executive Vice President, along with Jim Gonzales, director of Student Services, must sign for every expense made by the ASG. The entire budget process is handled by the students that make up the ASG, however they are mentored by Jim Gonzales, who guides the students on some of the decision making.

The money for the budget comes from ID card revenue, the bookstore’s contribution of $5,000 every year and from the table rentals when the for profit businesses rent a table in the fountain area. The revenue from the table rentals this year totals at $2,000. The ID card revenue for this year’s budget is $14,000. The reason that the ID card revenue is high is because the bookstore made an agreement with the ASG 25 years ago. The ASG used to run the bookstore, but because they always ran a deficit every year, the school district made them sell it. The school district then sold the store to Follett, who made an agreement with ASG that, each year they would give $5,000 to ASG as a base. The agreement also said that, based on the number of students at the school, and the number of ID cards sold, the bookstore would give money based on a calculation they use to determine the amount. The budget is used for two main purposes. The first place the money is spent on is the political responsibilities of the ASG. Members of the ASG will go to conferences in Sacramento to discuss issues such as tuition, financial aid and any other area where students are heard by those in the capitol.

A portion of the budget is used to pay for such trips. The second area where money goes is to campus life activities. College hour, club funds, student trips and anything else that may be considered a campus life activity are all paid for by the ASG. Waste, fraud and abuse rarely happens with the budget because of the safeguards that are in place to prevent it. When expenditures are proposed, they must be approved by several people to make sure that the money is going to something that will benefit the college. Recently, there was a series of meetings regarding the introduction of the new “ZoomBike” program. The program was approved, and cost the ASG $32,000. The reason why it was approved is because the program is designed to help students with transportation issues. The money also goes to scholarships, contributions to clubs, public relations, administrative expenses programming for the three campuses and the cost of making ID cards.

All of the meetings about the budget are free and open to the public. The date, time and place of the budget meetings are posted on the MCC website, for public knowledge.

Surveys show level of student satisfaction

Michelle Maher
Assignment Editor

Last fall semester in late March through early April, Miramar College conducted a college-wide survey showing students feedback as to student service departments and whether they were “satisfied” or otherwise. The survey was sent to every student enrolled last fall who had a valid email address on file. There were 2,479 responses altogether. This survey will be conducted every spring and started two springs ago.

“The purpose [of this student satisfaction survey] is to learn what we are doing well in student support services and what we need to improve. Student data tells a story very well and from the student data we make the changes,” Dick Robertson, Vice President of Student Services, said. “Student services are outside of the classroom so we needed to gather data. Thus, student satisfaction surveys [were created]. Faculty took this survey very seriously and provided custumer service training for front line staff last spring,” Robertson said.

“We learned that some departments we could be friendlier. Last spring was the second time [the survey was conducted] and there was an improvement in every department,” Robertson stated.

“The survey also provides the college with data that can be used for future plans and redesigns. “All programs use data in preparing and program review. We do a program review at MCC and it requires data to support requests for program improvements. The survey provides data, which can be used when programs are reviewed to enhance a program or change a program. The institution has a lot of data available in regards to student retention, number of students, who is dropping classes, student graduation rates, etc.,” Robertson said.

“We also learned things we weren’t aware of. For example, we expected Campus Police to be criticized. They were [criticized] some but most [of the feedback] was very positive. We want Campus Police to be community oriented, [like] help students with gas, locking their keys in the car. We want them to be helpful and not enforcement based,” Robertson said.

“The survey also was very positive. Students are very satisfied,” Robertson stated.

The Executive Summary reports the level of students indicating that they are “satisfied” or “very satisfied” in the areas of:

Survey
goodness

- Financial Aid-82%
- Library Services-94%
- Imtrial Sports-92%
- Math Learning Center-93%
- Open Computer Labs-96%
- Student Accounts-90%
- Student Health Services-95%
- Transfer Center-91%

Writing Center-90%
Prisoner realignment
Providing a short-term solution for a long-term problem

Chris Neufeld
Copy Editor

As you may know, California has many problems that face it. The budget deficit, unemployment and the increase in college fees have all had a major impact on Californians. Did you know that California also has a huge issue going on with its prison systems right now? The prisons are ridiculously overcrowded. Well, actually, there was an issue until this last Saturday.

In May, the Supreme Court ruled that California had to reduce its prison population by around 40,000 inmates. The case that decided the issue was Brown v. Plata, and the prisoners were ordered to be released because the overcrowded conditions were so bad that they were in violation of the Eighth Amendment’s ban on cruel and unusual punishment. Governor Jerry Brown issued an order that realigns over 40,000 prisoners from California State Prisons and sent them back to their respective counties. The counties are struggling to deal with the issue, San Diego County in particular. There are about 4,000 inmates heading our way. San Diego has decided to look about half of these inmates up in local county jails, and let the other half. The facility would have fewer guards and those with what are deemed lesser offenses, to either be on house arrest or on parole. All of this has happened, so get used to it.

I lay all of this down because I am writing to agree with the decision that was made to realign where the prisoners serve out their terms. The prisons in California have been overcrowded for way too long, and it’s about time something has been done about it. Now, I’m not suggesting, as my counterpart is, that we get more lenient on the sentencing guidelines that we have right now for offenders, but I am suggesting that this solution is clearly a short term one, and that a long term resolution needs to be made on the issue of prison overpopulation. I mean, just because a little bit of room has been opened up in the state prison system doesn’t mean that the space won’t be filled in a short matter of time. Once the prisons get filled back up with people who come for releasing, then what? Should we just move the prisoners to their counties every time there is a little overcrowding happening? The answer is no.

A solution that I have would not involve building expensive new huge prison buildings that California clearly cannot afford to build right now. The solution would actually follow a very similar plan that Arizona follows. We should build a low cost facility in the middle of the desert that can house hundreds of thousands of inmates, while still allowing them to be treated humanely, and not outside of the bounds of the Eight Amendment. The prisoners would be able to work outside all day, and have the same access to medical care and everything else that is provided to them now. The facility would have fewer guards and infrastructure, causing the price to taxpayers to be much lower than they currently are.

Well, it seems that I have reached my allotted word count for this week and must end this by saying that even though the choice to realign the prisoners was a good choice, it is only short term, and that prison overcrowding will continue unless something in the system changes.

Michelle Maher
Assignment Editor

I’m stunned that we are trying to figure out a way for our prison systems to work more efficiently. Clearly, whatever we are doing now just isn’t working. Have we looked at all the possibilities, though? I feel as though we should expand a bit.

Let’s start with the Death Penalty. In a previous week I wrote an article about how it is immoral, but what about how much it costs? A lot, people. It costs a whole lot. In fact, California spends $90 million annually. I don’t know if you’ve heard recently, but California really doesn’t have the money to be putting with $90 million. Some of you may be thinking “dude, it’s still less than if we kept them locked up for life.” Actually, it isn’t. It costs more to put a convict on death row than to keep them locked up for life. It’s okay to disagree, just apologize after you look it up and realize I’m right. So, how about we cut it our with this whole “off with their head,” thing and just keep them in jail! That’s just option A. Also, have we considered, maybe, not putting as many people in jail as we do? I mean we imprison a whole lot of people, even those who are serious offenders. Have we considered sending less people to jail for stupid things? How about we just stop caring if someone is using marijuana? I know that we have to have a ton of marijuana to actually go to jail. Even still, who would send the loveable characters from “Pineapple Express” to jail? I wouldn’t. What if we were to fine people who just bought ecstasy? I have seen people on ecstasy and I wasn’t threatened by their constant backflips and need to hold hands, but maybe that’s just me. Why send them to jail for being stupid?

This new law is going to help, until we realize that our county jails are over crowded. We aren’t even changing the criteria to get into jail, so this problem will just happen again in a few years. Are we going to do the same thing again? Send the prisoners from one jail to the next? We need a long-term fix. No, Christopher, an outdoors prison won’t work. This isn’t “Holes.” Man, that was an out of date reference. What about a better rehabilitation program? Or how about trying to fix the problems that lead to crime? I know it’s so cliché to say, but why don’t we take another look at poverty’s role in crime? You don’t have to look–”If I tell you. There is a big correlation between crime and poverty. Some might even say there is a connection or causation between crime and poverty. If we were to try and prevent crime rather than just shun and send them to the prisons, maybe we could do some preemptive work here. We could start with early childhood education. Early childhood education leads to staying in school, staying in school leads to staying out of crime. Oh snap! I am that amazing. Not to mention ideas like building an indoor safe haven to get kids off the streets. Boys and Girls Clubs, for example, have proven to keep kids out of gangs.

All I’m saying is that if we want less crowding in our jails, maybe we should stop crowding them.

Letters to the Editor

Good morning, Nima.

I appreciated reading your article in yesterday’s Chariot. You covered quite a bit of ground in a few paragraphs–nicely done. I am writing to clarify a point in the story in the event we discuss this subject again in the future.

At the last sentence of the second paragraph, there is a reference, “…it is customary for colleges to be put on probation or parole.” Actually, that is not the case. It is not unusual for colleges to receive recommendations as a result of accreditation visits. Those recommendations are designed to assist the college in meeting the accreditation standards. I apologize if I was not more clear during our conversation.

Thanks and take care, Nima.
Dr. Francisco C. Rodriguez

Dear Michelle,

I read your article in the Sept. 26th issue of “The Chariot,” “I am so sick of seeing people Facebook on the college’s computers,” and while I see your point, I also find your article quite offensive.

I agree with you that it is frustrating when you have something important and class-related to do, and an open computer is nowhere in sight. I have also been in that sorry situation. Walking through the aisles and seeing mindless web-surfing, music video watching, sports and other inane activities and of course Facebooking, can be very annoying.

I also agree with you that people need to sometimes, for lack of a better phrase, get a life, and refrain from updating their Facebook status while at school. However, you do not consider why people might be doing these seemingly unnecessary things while at school. You do not realize that some students may be taking advantage of the campus computers in this fashion because they do not have internet or computer capabilities while not at school. As a student of a community college, you should understand that many of us have very serious low incomes, and may have very limited, if not a complete lack of access to amenities at home like internet.

Maybe I can convince you to re-word your advice to those using the campus computers for things not school-related, especially Facebook. I also would like to urge you, next time you write such an argumentative article, to please try and see the other side of the coin. Thanks.

Sincerely,
Your fellow Spartan,
Grey Brandt

What you think

How should we fix overcrowding in our jails?

“I don’t know anything about this.”

“The county jail is already overcrowded, how does this solve anything?”

“Rehabilitation of people who break the law should be a higher priority in our society, we don’t have the money or resources to just lock them up and throw away the keys.”

“Legalize Marijuana?”

“I think that the Supreme Court should have required the judge who issued the order to come up with a better solution than just lower the population.”

“We should just make tent cities like they have in Arizona.”

“I think our entire justice system could be overhauled and if this is what it takes to get the politicians paying attention then it is a good thing.”

“They are convicted criminals, why should I care if they are overcrowced? Maybe they should not have broken the law and then they wouldn’t have to deal with this issue.”

“Most of the people that will be released are non violent offenders and aren’t most of those still going to be in county jail?”

“I think they should all be shot.”

“I think the bigger question is why are we so many people in jail to begin with and what do we do to fix a broken part of our society.”

“That is the stupidest think I have ever heard, why would they do that?”

“I didn’t even realize that a judge had that much power—that is kind of scary.”

“I think it all comes down to economics; the state is broke and now we have to deal with it.”

“I understand they should have access to medical care but are they going to get treated any better when they are released? I think they will just end up on welfare and waiting in line for clinic.”

“Who cares, let them rot. Do the crime do the time; it is not more clear during our conversation. What about a better solution than just the way they do it.”

“That sounds really scary, all of those people just out on the street. Why would you think with all of our technology we would have a more advanced way of dealing with criminals. Our jails are out of date.”

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Miracosta College
Dining on the beach

Lauren Johnston  Staff Writer

Anyone living or passing through Southern California must stop and eat at the local hot spot Beach Break Café in Oceanside, California. From the moment that you walk in the front door you are greeted with a smile and seated within a short wait period of the American Dream’s effect on this movie is an entertaining depiction of those who chase it. The movie wonderfully illustrates what movie fans can expect from its presence—love and happiness.

A hit on the dance floor. The track’s rhythmic beats are backed strongly with sharp vocals from Swedish duo Rebecca and Fiona that will leave you wondering why you haven’t heard of them before.

Kaskade’s reputation for melodic solo tracks, instant hit collaborations and notable remixes date back to 2003 with his first lounge record, “It’s You, Me.” His steady rise in popularity has been credited to his grueling tour schedule. Aside from being a resident DJ at the Marquee nightclub in Las Vegas, Kaskade has consistently performed in some of the nation’s largest electronic music events. Other than surprise guest appearances, Kaskade began his unorthodox approach to performing on New Years Day 2007 when he rented a jet and flew to three different cities to perform that same night. This unique dedication to his fans has not come without controversy. Kaskade was recently blamed by some for causing a small riot in Los Angeles after he mounted a flatbed truck with speakers and DJ equipment then drove down Hollywood Boulevard spinning his most popular tracks. So it comes as no surprise that “Turn It Down” will have old fans jamming and new fans flocking.

The buildings seemed to bulge with the people’s collective weight and I decided to go wait in line to buy a couple of pies. Thirty-five minutes later in line at Apple Alley, I was two pies richer but $30 poorer. Small price to pay; I kept telling myself. Small price to pay for two good pies.

After I purchased some pies, I met up with my crew and we decided to escape the packed town and go to a small apple stand we saw by the road on the outskirts of town. Get some Jonathan apples and the friendly staff asked us if we wanted cider. Sure. Hit me. It was delicious! Now I know why I came up here. Bought a gallon and decided to head on over to Jeremy’s on the Hill that came highly recommended by the locals.

Jeremy’s on the Hill looked like a hole in the wall next to the gigantic red barn it was situated between. Went in and we were seated immediately and got our drinks. Water with lemon and, you guessed it, more apple cider. I decided to go out of my comfort zone and get a bacon burger. Now that may sound like the same old thing but not the way they cooked it at Jeremy’s. My burger came with caramelized onions, apple wood bacon and garlic fries. It was beautiful with garnishes and all of the necessary sides according to your order. Perhaps one of the best things about Beach Break Café is their pricing. The items on the menu are easy on your wallet and you can be assured that you are getting your moneys worth. Their classic Beach Break burger for example is amazingly priced at only 9.25, a meal that is large enough to share. The burger comes with all the classic veggies such as tomatoes, onions, lettuce and it is also accompanied by a side of fries. No matter what type of food you like Beach Break Café has something for you on the menu with their wide variety of menu selections ranging from French Toast to hearty sandwiches. Whether you come in for breakfast or lunch you can expect to be completely satisfied with your visit to Beach Break Café each and every time.

Mastering electronic beats

Peter Cwalinski  Staff Writer

Recently dubbed America’s Best DJ 2011 by DJ Times, Kaskade continues to prove his mastery of electronic music with his latest track, “Turn It Down.” Released on Sept. 14 as a hit on the dance floor. The track’s rhythmic beats are backed strongly with sharp vocals from Swedish duo Rebecca and Fiona that will leave you wondering why you haven’t heard of them before.

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Loving the classics

Andrew Thomsen  Staff Writer

“It’s most noticeable by its absence instead of its presence—love and happiness.” Love is most noticeable by its absence instead of its presence—love and happiness. This is a movie that might make you laugh, cry and leave you wanting to watch it again.

The movie wonderfully illustrates many themes but two my favorites are love and happiness.

American Beauty is a must see that will stick with you after watching it. What movie fans can expect from this movie is an entertaining depiction of the American Dream’s effect on those who chase it.
Break a sweat playing intramurals

Chris Neufeld
Staff Writer

The Intramural sports program is a great way for students to come out and participate in a wide variety of different sports. Sports have been a part of the human experience since people have started recording history. The problem with the view that people have who have looked to cut the sports programs and physical education from most of the public schools is they view sports as simply a mechanism for entertainment. Sports are actually much more than entertainment and a way for people to be rowdy for a couple of hours. Sports teach us about life.

The Olympics teaches everyone that people from around the world who come from different cultures can, in fact get along with one another. During Little League games, kids line up and slap the other team’s hands even if they just suffered a loss and learn how to say “good game” anyways. The wins and losses, triumphs and defeats, teach everyone that there is a wide array of possible outcomes in life and it also teaches how to deal with them. Sports also promote teamwork. Here in college, we have to work with other people on a wide variety of group projects. What a better way to teach than to know that the team you are playing with is the key to either victory or defeat. A completely obvious benefit from playing sports is the health that comes with it.

Let’s all just face it; the American student life is highly sedentary unless of course we do something about it. Here at college, what do we do in our daily routine? Most of us wake up after lying down for about eight hours, walk slowly to our kitchen, make and eat breakfast. After we have filled our bellies with something delicious, we get in our cars and sit for an extended period of time until we arrive at school. After arriving at school, we will get out of the car we have been sitting in and walk, the farthest distance we might all day, to our first class. We then sit down for around two hours in class during lecture. After that we might either go to the cafeteria for a snack or to the library so we can work on homework. Whichever path we take, we end up sitting, one in front of a computer, the other in front of a plate of food. Once that time has ended and we are ready to walk about 200 yards to our next class, we gather our things and meander to our desk, only to, you guessed it, sit down some more. Oh, once most of us are done for the day, the exact opposite happens when we go to our car, sit down, drive home, and then sit in front of our computers once we get there to work on homework. Or, if you have a job, it probably doesn’t involve much moving around, aside from getting a new batch of product. If more of us played sports, or participated in another form of physical activity throughout the week, we would be a much healthier society. So come out and try and participate in the intramural program, it’s a great time, trust me. Back to the health that sports provide and off of my soap box.

The Intramural sports program is a great example of one of these extracurricular activities. One of the main reasons that the program is so successful is that there is no commitment by the students who want to participate. Since MCC is a commuter school, the school has no official intramural leagues, and the participants can come and go as they please.

There has been a great turnout for the program in recent years. According to Patrick Conahan, Director of Intramurals who has been running the program for seven years, a lot of people come back again and again because they like the social aspect that getting out and playing provides. Just this year, 90 students showed up to play soccer, and 50 for basketball. Not a single student was turned away for any reason. If you don’t have a team, they will put you on one, and everyone will be glad you’re there. A lot of the students also enjoy the fact that, by playing intramurals, it provides a feeling that they are connected to the school more.

There are many opportunities to play. The schedule printed on page six will show you the dates and times of each event. Don’t worry if you think that you’re not good at a sport, if you want to play, just show up. This program isn’t about skill level, it’s about participation. “College is about experiencing new things and challenging yourself in new ways,” said Conahan. The intramural program is a great way for you to do both of these things. I highly recommend the intramural sports program to all students so come on out and enjoy some fun sports so you can forget about that homework for a while.
Gay Straight Alliance encourages embracing diversity

Dennis Selke
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The MCC Gay Straight alliance is back on campus. The GSA’s mission is to promote trust, cooperation and understanding. Also taught is respect for fellow club members, how to hold an orderly meeting and to clean up after one’s self. A large part of the message being delivered is that homosexuals limits individuality and the message being delivered is that equal rights are given to people in the LGBTQQIA community. There are still many biases and views that people have about this community, and the GSA shows people that everyone is equal. The people who make up the GSA are here to make sure that respect and equal treatment is shown to all.

MCC Gay Straight Alliance has restarted regular meetings. They held every other Tuesday during times when the college is in session. The next one is scheduled for 1:30 p.m. Oct. 18 in OCN 3432. The club held their second meeting of this semester last Tuesday. Their goal this fall is to establish a growing presence on campus. A significant issue for the club is to help work toward ending HIV. Officers and members are brainstorming to set up future events and social activities for the rest of this semester and for the spring term.

Gay Straight Alliance encourages embracing diversity

Kelsey Schwarz, a 19 year old Communications Major at MiræCosta College, now a Student Ambassador, uses her pageant background to encourage students at MiræCosta College. At the ripe age of 13, Kelsey began her illustrious career as a beauty queen but did not yet compete in city, county and state competitions until the age of 17. She has won titles that vary from Miss Congeniality, Miss Photogenic to Pageant Queen. Kelsey has also won a $3500 scholarship to any college and the title of Miss Valley Center. Standard pageants include an interview—the most important category, swim wear, formal wear and impromptu questions. “[Pageants] are super exciting. I love it,” said Kelsey. Now I’m sure all of you reading this are thinking “beauty pageants” are just like as you may see on the hit TV show on TLC “Toadies & Tiaras,” but I can assure you that they are not. “The ones that I did when I was younger, even at 13, it was no makeup, basic hair and then we had swim suit, we couldn’t wear heels I’d have flip flops. It was just very natural and that’s how the good pageants are, otherwise they are just the “glitz” pageants that don’t stand for anything, don’t advocate for anything which is what pageants are supposed to be about,” stated Kelsey. Kelsey makes her stance on pageants not being just based on looks, but that a lot of pageants advocate for a higher education and that is what it should be about. Kelsey is currently using her pageant experiences in her new role at MCC as a Student Ambassador. “[I became a student ambassador because] I like working with people and I like to talk and I really like MiræCosta College. One of the things to get me this job was interviews, and that’s a huge thing I learned from pageants because I’ve been trained in that area so it just sets you up for such success in ways you don’t even understand when you are in it until afterwards.”

With Kelsey’s positive outlook on education and helping others at MCC, I knew with her help, students can easily feel confident and at ease that looks aren’t what gets you through life, but the will to be motivated and hard working is. Kelsey is currently working on an anti-bullying campaign and is also raising awareness for human trafficking. Kelsey hopes to one day be an inspirational speaker and travel school to school inspiring and sharing experiences with workshops at high schools like “Breaking down the Walls,” uniting the youth against bullying. “I really want to do that one day, I was bullied like there was no tomorrow, like bad stories, we had to talk about it in one of our Student Ambassador meetings, and people cried, and people didn’t see the other side of that because my position now is why I like to talk about it especially to kids, like you have no idea what people go through, it is what you make of it” passionately stated Kelsey. Kelsey Schwarz is not just a pretty face but an advocate for education and preventing bullying on campus.
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Make a child’s Halloween memorable!

**HAPPY HALLOWEEN**

We are accepting: Wigs, Accessories, Gently Worn Costumes, Masks, Boas, costume parts, etc.

Look for donation bins all over campus & in the library!

Please donate fun costumes for children!

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**MiraCosta College Volunteer Hours**

**Help us raise the numbers**

**For details or additional information call**

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