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Having a veteran memorial at MCC has been Frye’s goal since he was ASG president two years ago.

Currently the Veterans Club is working on the specifics of the project. If approved by ASG, then ASG will fund the memorial. “We saw how important it was to honor our veterans, especially those fallen warriors. As a combat veteran myself, and having lost good friends in battle, I can tell you that this is very meaningful to me,” stated Frye.

Near the end of the year, everything was set and all that was needed was the estimate from the company. After weeks of waiting, and emails and phone calls had been made regarding the estimate, the company said they were too busy with clients at the time and that they would call back. “Eventually the company was dropped but the year had ended and a spending bill allocating a specific amount from our operating budget was passed,” stated Frye. The following ASG passed the project to the Veterans Club where a new memorial design was drafted. In that year some miscommunication with ASG and the Veteran’s club took place, and once everything began to get done, the year ended and once again time had ran out.

Last summer the Veterans Club discussed what needed to be done in order to accomplish this task. “The biggest issue that came up [for the Veteran’s Club] was approval to use the names of all military branches. For the entire fall semester of this school year, we’ve worked on acquiring the letters of approval and a quote from a memorial company to present to ASG,” stated Frye.

Currently Frye is waiting on approval of the bill. “By approving the spending bill, ASG would be continuing this goal. Even though approval is all they would have to do, funding the project is the biggest part of this,” stated Frye.
Blame cafeteria prices on Jerry

Kamil Syed
Editor in Chief

T he college’s café has not increased the price of the food items this semester, but the tax has increased, which is why prices are higher. According to manager of the MCC Café, Mark Kenefick, sales tax went from 7.25 percent to 7.75 percent, which made some products go up in price. For example, a bottle of soda went from $2.25 to $2.26. “If you pay in cash, we round it back down to $2.25, but can’t on a credit card,” stated Kenefick.

The sales tax increase doesn’t benefit the MCC café, but goes to the state.

According to California Secretary-of-State, more than 7 million people voted yes for Prop 30, Sales and Income Tax Initiative, was led by Governor Jerry Brown, which was a merger of two previous initiatives, “Millionaire’s Tax” and Brown’s First Tax Increase Proposal. Proposition 30 raised the sales tax from 7.25 to 7.75 percent, which is a 3.45 percentage increase over current law. It also created high-income tax brackets for taxpayers with incomes of more than $250,000.

“It’s stupid. We’re college students and the price is pretty high to begin with,” stated student Jason Lee.

“Really? I try not to spend my money there anyway. I just don’t have the money to buy overpriced food. I’d rather bring food from home,” stated student Rosie McDonnell.

MiraCosta Café is run by Premier Food Service, a locally owned food service company. MCC does have a say in prices through James Austin, Vice President of Business and Administration Services.

Kenefick has been with the café since 1997 and enjoys working there. “It’s a great place to work and let’s be creative with the menu items,” stated Kenefick.

ASG works towards ‘cleaning house, diversity and transparency’

Elan Bradford
Lead Copy Editor

Last semester, the Associated Student Government outlined a number of goals for the semester and the year, expected to be met by May 10. Initiatives set for 2013 involve less accountability and transparency is still a work-in-progress.


“Red Medicine: Traditional Knowledge and Healing.” Gonzales will

Head out for tryouts

On Tuesday and Thursday, from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m., the Athletics Department will have Women’s Sand Volleyball tryouts at Ponto Beach. They are open to all women who are attending MCC and enrolled in a minimum of six units. The season begins on Tuesday and will extend to into April. There is no cost to those selected for the team. The team will practice twice a week and play matches on Friday mornings. For more information, contact Head Coach Casey McFarland at cmcfarland@miracosta.edu or the Athletics Director Patrick Conahan at pconahan@miracosta.edu.

Reading is fun

On Tuesday, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m., and Wednesday, from 9:30 to 11 p.m., MiraCosta College will host the 2013 Reading Festival at the Community Learning Center. Special guest, author Gary Soto, will read his work, and there will be a question and answer session and book signing. Soto is a Mexican-American author and poet, who has written many poetry collections and novels for adults and children. His most notable work is “New & Selected Poem,” which was a 1995 finalist for both the Los Angeles Times Book Award and National Book Award. The 2013 Reading Festival is free and open to the public.
Back in the spring of 2011, the Associated Student Government cast a vote in which students would decide on whether MiraCosta College should have a tobacco-free policy banning smoking on campus. After the vote passed, MCC became a tobacco-free campus in the fall of 2011. So then why, I wonder, do I cross paths with at least three people every day holding a cigarette stick between their fingers on campus? Truth be told, it seems a bit ironic, considering that no matter which route you take to get to class, you will inevitably cross paths with a red, white, and blue tobacco-free sign that reads, “MiraCosta College is a tobacco-free campus.” Are those signs up to remind students that MCC is a tobacco-free campus or are they just up for decoration?

Originally, I set out to write an opinion piece on why so many students were still smoking on campus without getting a fine for violating MCC’s tobacco-free policy and why no one was doing anything to enforce the policy, but after speaking with Police Chief Robert Norcross, a whole different take on this issue came to mind. On my search to get some background information about the no-smoking policy at MCC, I decided to speak with ASG President Patrick Pardo. Thanks to Pardo, I was able to come to terms with what exactly consisted of this tobacco-free policy, or as the Board of Trustee’s refer to it, Code AP 3570. Code AP 3570 states that “MiraCosta College is a tobacco-free institution. Smoking or the use of any tobacco product is prohibited at all campus sites. Students, staff members, and visitors to the campuses of MiraCosta College are permitted to use tobacco products in their personal vehicles only.” Basically, the only place where smoking is allowed is in your car, with the windows rolled up of course. According to the Department of Motor Vehicles, a motorcycle is a vehicle, so how does someone roll up a window on a motorcycle? What about cigarette smokers who don’t own a vehicle? Are they supposed to find a stranger and ask if they can’t sit in their car with the windows rolled up and smoke a cigarette or do they have to do a break-in? According to Norcross, students who have violated this policy have used similar excuses for doing so. Such excuses include not owning a vehicle, driving a motorcycle, not knowing that there is no smoking allowed in the parking lots, and not having enough time in between classes to walk all the way across campus and into the parking lot, smoke a cigarette, and walk all the way back in ten minutes. The question of whether campus police was indeed enforcing MCC’s policy came to mind, that to which Norcross answered by stating that Campus Police makes “at least five contacts a day,” with students who have done so. Students are asked for compliance but there is no fine involved. Both Pardo and Norcross acknowledged that the tobacco-free policy was originally intended to be enforced by staff, faculty, and Campus Police but with time passing, enforcement has been left up for grabs. While Campus Police do their best to enforce the policy, Norcross stated that it is only enforced when they are not busy handling other matters. After hearing from both Pardo and Norcross, it seems to me that the tobacco-free policy at MCC should be rewritten in a way that suits smokers, non-smokers, and the “Smoke-Free Entryway” law, which prohibits tobacco smoking within 20 feet of a building opening, entrance, or window. Taking into consideration the reasons why students violate this policy, maybe the college should accommodate areas in the school where cigarette users can enjoy a smoke without bothering students, such as less populated areas around the school. Doing so will not only lessen the need to enforce the policy but it will also please students who are simply looking for a place to relax and enjoy a smoke.
Guys playing with dolls?

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B ee on the lookout for the upcoming show by MiraCosta College’s Theater Department, “Guys and Dolls,” based on the book by Jo Swerling and Abe Burrows and the Broadway musical work of Damon Runyon.

According to Faculty Theatre Tech Instructor Andrew Layton, “Guys and Dolls” is about New York, “the city that never sleeps,” and within in all the human life—from the news seller to the chorus girl, from the gambler to the missionary, all caught up in the teeming vitality of the city streets. Sergeant Sarah Brown, of the “Save a Soul” mission, vainly tries to spread the word and make a difference in the sin and depravity of the streets, full of tipsters, gamblers, and con men. There’s Aladé, the showgirl desperate to leave behind her seemingly glamorous lifestyle for a white picket fence and roses round the door. There’s Nathan Detroit, trying to find yet another new location for his floating dice game, is keeping just one short step ahead of the law. And the gamblers themselves, eager for just one more roll, for that winning streak, which will keep them ahead of the game, and the coolest, highest roller of them all, Sky Masterson, who would bet on anything that would turn him a profit. These are some of the characters of Damon Runyon’s story. The show is filled with lots of singing and dancing, as well as a variety of characters. “Guys and Dolls is one of the greatest American Musicals of all time!” as written in the 1950s, and is a staple of musical theatre,” stated Layton, who designed the scenery, which he says will be full of “fun painting and colorful atmosphere” as well as beautiful costumes. “Our students are very involved in every aspect of our productions, often acting as designers and actors in leading roles. We are lucky to have so many wonderful students involved behind the scenes as well as onstage,” stated Layton. The MCCC Theater Department has been working on this production for some time now, since last fall for the design, though rehearsals began in the spring for the semester for the singers, actors and dancers. “The show is coming along well, and we are working towards a successful opening, as we always do. It takes some major efforts from cast and crew, and we like volunteers,” stated Layton. MCC faculty member Tracy Williams will direct the show, with dance choreography by MCC Dance Instructor Dave Massey. The music and lyrics for the show are by Frank Loesser and music direction is by Jim Shepard. The show will star Bryan Taylor as Nathan Detroit, Kelsey McNelly as Adelaide, Courtney Park as Sarah Brown and Ali Tia Torres as Sky Masterson.

According to Layton, the audience will have a fun evening to look forward to filled with musical numbers, great music and dancing, and is overall a great musical comedy to check out. A preview night for “Guys and Dolls” will be held on Friday at 7:30 p.m. with a special ticket price of $8. Show dates begin March 1 and run through March 10 in the theater on the Oceanside campus. The costs of tickets are $8 for students $12 for general admission, $10 seniors and staff. Tickets can be purchased online at the MCC Theater Department website, or by calling the MCC Box Office at 760-795-6815.


**Black Student Union continues tradition of excellence**

**Roberto Suarez  
Photo Editor**

The diversity of community college brings many groups of people together from different backgrounds of life. One of the groups on campus that aims to bring a closer community within the college is the Black Student Union. The BSU focuses on issues prevalent within the black community, success in school, open tutoring for students who need it, raising level of transfer rate within the BSU members, a strong focus on academic excellence, and depth lessons on African-American history.

While the club’s name is the Black Student Union, the BSU is open for everyone to join. “The goal for this semester is like the ones before it, to educate students from high school, community members, and African Americans not given the proper knowledge of black history,” stated club vice president Joshua Henderson. One of the biggest events organized by the BSU held on February 8 was the Second Annual United Black Student Conference, which brought more than 150 high school students and community members. “It’s great to grab high school students and open their eyes to things they don’t learn about in school,” stated Henderson. The program’s initial goal is to attract and educated people on issues within the black community as well as creating a positive college environment to prospective high school students. “With the help of counselor Don Love, we became well connected with the high schools Oceanside Unified sent over fifty students to take part of the conference,” said Hoskins, one of the club advisors. The conference was split into a morning session where conferences and meetings were held discussing problems and issues the black community endures. The second afternoon session focuses on strengthening the community, to where the BSU has teamed up with the music department to bring an entertainment show to the members and community who attend the conference. The event was run and organized by the club members, which received positive feedback from the community. The event was featured in the U-T North County Times.

The club attributes success that stems from creating strong leaders who become involved with the club and community. Club president Jackeel Harris devotes himself to not only creating a strong community, but also providing guidance to those who need it. “As president, I look forward to helping other people in the club and expanding black history to all members, both in the college and in the community.” Being the leader has been tough but rewarding for Harris, who continues to plan future events for the club, also opening it to those who are interested in opening their perspective. “Our budget helps cover our events. We have a visit to the Museum of Tolerance planned later this semester. It is open to anyone, and for those who can’t afford it, we use the budget to help pay for them.”

During the past five years the club has received strong guidance from their advisors Larry Burns, Bruce Hoskins, and Adrian Askennese, who have given the group growth from having a couple of members to becoming a strong community based club. “When we first started, it was just a small core of active members,” stated Hoskins, “The students wanted to do something big, so they teamed up with the Music Department to create an event like no other.”

In addition to creating a positive environment for the community and upcoming students, the club has also become a family and haven to those involved. “Before joining the BSU I never had a place in school,” stated Avery Sanders, photographer and member of the club. “Now because of it, I can take pictures to add to my portfolio. It also helps me think about my history and future.” In addition to new members, old members continue to play a role within the club. Former president Phil Michaels continues to be an active member of the club, giving advice and guidance to incoming members. “As a former president you have gained knowledge and the role of a mentor, which you pass on to the new members,” states Michaels. “The best part is that you have a sense of community with like minded people focused on education and success.”

This sense of community spreads out to other colleges around the county. The MCC BSU meets with other colleges’ BSU clubs to further create a strong bond between the communities.
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Transfer Center
This week I would like to talk about identity theft. There are many ways your identity can be taken. One of them is by “shoulder surfing.” What happens here is the thief stands near you and reads the information from your credit cards. The thief will also watch how you punch in your pin number and will memorize it. This can happen at an ATM, grocery store, gas station, or even department store. A tactic for you to be more covert is to keep your credit cards backwards in your wallet and do not remove them until you are ready to make a transaction: When you remove a credit card, keep your personal information facing down, and move it to where the palm of your hand continues to mask the imprints. Another method of operation identity stealers use is to copy your information while you are at a restaurant, ATM machine, or any other place that uses a terminal to read the information on your card. The information can be copied from the stored data or directly (by hand or cell phone photo). This process is called “skimming.” In addition to the methods listed above, thieves may also use scanning devices. These devices can read through purses and retrieve information from cards with RFID tags contained inside. This means a person can walk by and obtain your information without ever appearing suspicious. To thwart this tactic, purchase a wallet that has an RFID protector inside. This wallet is designed to protect your information from being transmitted to thieves. Try to be very alert when you are out and about while using your credit and ATM cards. Lukers watch for people who are not paying attention to what it going on around them. Identity theft is becoming more and more prevalent, so be watchful! Submit your law enforcement related questions to “The Fuzz.”
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