Communitas

MVCC Faculty/Staff Newsletter November 3rd, 2003

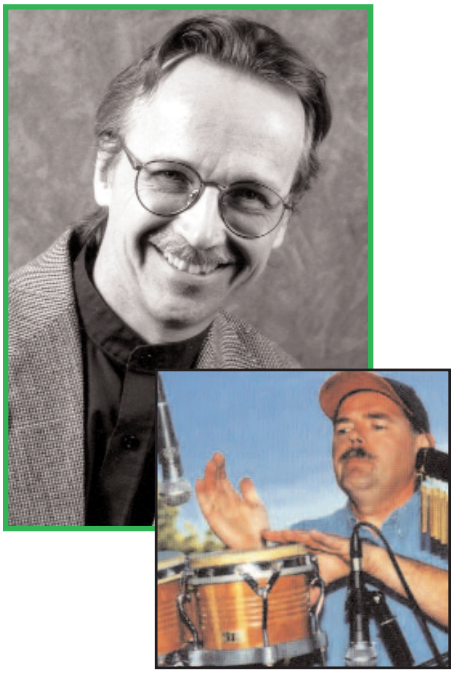
Jazz Fest and Gala This Weekend

This weekend, the College will host two musical events. Friday, November 7th is the date for the faculty/staff after hours Jazz Fest The event will include music by Monk Rowe and Greg Collins, a varied selection of ethnic food and adult beverages, a faculty art show and door prizes, including a week in an Arizona condo. The ticket price is $5.00.

Tickets are available from CCED, Donna Felitto (Gym), Dean's Office - Rome Campus, Maria Salamida (VP Student Services).

Saturday evenings Gala event “Jazz It Up!” features music from Gap Mangione & the Big Band, cocktails, hors d’oeuvres and a benefit auction.

Tickets are available from Donna Yaghy at X5486 or Joe Basi, X5722.



2003 Hall of Fame Banquet

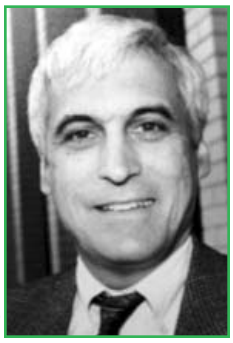
The 2003 Hall of Fame Banquet and Induction Ceremony was held in the IT Building on Saturday, October 25th.

Recipients, clockwise from left, Francis Dunning, Michael Briggs and Michael Austin. C. Owen Brantley was inducted posthumously. Excellence in Service Award winners Paul Halko, Sherry Day, Pete Peterson; Excellence in Teaching Award winners Carmalita Lomeo, Patty Hirsch; Adjunct Award Winners, Salvatore Pristera, Frank Calidona, Tina Fahringer and Denise Hughes; Chancellor’s Award winners James Gifford, George Searles, Cynthia Villanti, and Barb Seaton were also honored.

One hundred fourteen people attended the event.

News from Administrative Services

Vice President Ralph Feola



Residence Hall Construction/Renovation

The College is seeking proposals from contractors for the design and construction of a new Utica Campus residence hall. Representatives from several firms recently attended an informational meeting, and proposals are due in November. Between November and January, the Dormitory Corporation Board will review the proposals, with the objective of selecting a vendor in January or February 2004.Proposals will also include suggestions for the new building's exact location in the general vicinity of the four existing residence halls. If all goes as planned, construction should begin during the spring or summer of 2004, and the building would be ready for use by 125-150 students in the fall of 2005.

Many of you will recall that two of the existing residence halls underwent extensive renovations during this past summer. Current plans call for similar renovations in the other two residence halls next summer as well.

Roof Replacement

We are currently in discussions with Oneida County about a replacement for the Utica Campus Science & Technology Building roof, which is part of a long-term roof replacement plan. Our hope is that the work on the Science & Technology Building will take place during the spring of 2004. Future years include replacement of the Alumni College Center, Payne Hall and the Gym. Work on roofs on the Rome Campus will be subject to work defined as a result of the outcome of the Rome Master Plan project.

Energy Use and Conservation

There are predictions of a major increase in natural gas prices during the coming winter months. Last year, cost ranged from $4.60/therm to $7.22/therm, with a spike in March to $10.82/therm. This compares to a cost of $4.29/therm during the 2001-2002 winter months. The College has implemented several measures in an effort to limit usage of natural gas, including the use of an energy management system, and the use of a "blanket" to retain heat in the swimming pool. We also participate in a SUNY consortium for the purchase of both gas and electricity.

Audit

Independent auditors have been on campus for some time, completing the required annual audit for the SUNY Comptrollers Office.

Thanks to Facilities & Operations

Kudos to members of the Facilities & Operations Department for their quick work in cleaning up the campus after last month's high wind episode. The damage consisted mostly of fallen tree limbs, and one tree blown down near Payne Hall. While the Utica Campus did not lose power, the Rome Campus did for several hours, and had to cancel classes that evening.

Submissions for Communitas should be emailed to Sharon Zohne (szohne@mvcc.edu), two weeks before the expected publication date

Mary-Carmel Wolf, MVCC Trustee from Rome, Receives State-Wide Community College Trustee Award

Trustee Mary-Carmel Wolf, Rome, was awarded the Marvin A. Rapp Award for Distinguished Service on Friday, October 24th, by the New York Community College Trustees (NYCCT). The award was presented in Albany at the organization's annual conference. NYCCT members represent Trustees at all 30 community colleges in the State University of New York, and the six community colleges in the City University of New York.

Wolf was initially appointed to the MVCC Board of Trustees in 1992 by former Oneida County Executive Raymond A. Meier, and was reappointed in 2001 by former County Executive Ralph Eannace. She served as Vice Chair of the Board of Trustees from 1998 to 2000, and as Chair from 2000 to 2002. She is also a member of the MVCC Foundation.

As an MVCC Trustee, she has served on many Board committees, including the Compensation Committee, Presidential Evaluation Committee, Rome Campus Master Plan Steering Committee, and the Athletic Advisory Committee. She has also been a member of the Task Force to rewrite By-Laws and Operating Procedures for the MVCC Foundation, and of committees overseeing development of the Master Plan for Residence Halls and the Master Plan for MVCC Sports Facilities, and has been an alternate member of the MVCC-Utica City School District Millennium project Policy Coordinating Board.

Oneida County Executive Candidates Answer Public Policy Students Questions

Students in the Public Policy program asked questions of the two candidates for Oneida County Executive at a question/answer forum last Friday, October 24th. Pictured left, is Interim County Executive Joseph Griffo. His challenger, Daniel Sullivan, is right.

Upcoming Events

Monday, 11/3

Cultural Series Event: LECTURE: "Hieronymous Bosch: The Renaissance Syntheses of Art, Science, and Faith," by Dr. Laurinda Dixon, Noon, IT Theater.

Mohawk Valley Council on Alcoholism Drinking Driver Program, 6:00pm-9:00pm, Academic Building Room 302, Rome Campus.

Tuesday, 11/4

Cultural Series Event: MOVIE: "Fellini: I'm A Born Liar," 2:00pm, IT Theater. Admission is $4; or $2 with MV ID.

Dept. of Defense, Syracuse Military Entrance Processing Station Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery Testing, 5:00pm-8:00pm, RA 309, Rome Campus.

Women's Basketball vs. Jefferson, 6:00pm.

Men's Basketball vs. Jefferson, 8:00pm.

Wednesday, 11/5

Rome Adult Student association Meeting, 2:00pm, PC 210, Rome Campus.

Hospitality Programs Luncheon, theme: "French Classical." Seating begins at 11:45am. RA 108, Rome Campus. $9.50.

Cultural Series Event: MOVIE: "Fellini: I'm A Born Liar," 7:00pm, IT Theater. Admission is $4; or $2 with MV ID.

Ice Hockey vs. Broome, 7:00pm Aud.

"Export Compliance... Doing It Right the First Time," 8:00am-Noon, Blue Cross/Blue Shield Conf. and Training Center, IT Building.

Friday, 11/7

Brown Bag Lunch Series, theme: "Managing Your Time," Noon-1:00pm, 1:00pm-2:00pm, ACC 116.

After Hours Reception for faculty and staff, 4:00pm, IT Lobby.

Saturday, 11/8

GALA Performance, "Jazz it Up with Gap Mangione & The Big Band," 6:30pm, IT Lobby and Theater.

Men's Basketball vs. Finger Lakes, 2:00pm.

Monday, 11/10

Mohawk Valley Council on Alcoholism Drinking Driver Program, 6:00pm-9:00pm, Academic Building Room 302, Rome Campus.

Tuesday, 11/11

College Senate Open Forum, "Campus Safety and Security," 3:15pm, PH 3003.

Wednesday 11/12

Hospitality Programs Luncheon, theme: "Lunch with Rasputin." Seating begins at 11:45am. RA 108, Rome Campus. $9.50.

Cultural Series Event: MAGIC SHOW: "The Magic, The Mystery, The Excitement of....Leon Etienne," 7:30pm, IT Theater. Admission is $4; $2 for children anyone with an MVCC ID.

Thursday, 11/13

Rome Adult Student association Meeting, 2:00pm, PC 210, Rome Campus.

Friday, 11/14

Brown Bag Lunch Series, theme: "Preventing Plagiarism," Noon-1:00pm, 1:00pm-2:00pm, ACC 116.

Men's Basketball Tourney, 6:00pm, 8:00pm.

Saturday, 11/15

SUNY Cortland SAVE Workshop, 9:00am-11:15am, PC 205, Rome Campus.

Men's Basketball Tourney, Noon, 2:00pm.

MVCC First

Douglas Smith, a 1993 Civil Engineering grad, is currently a Senior Engineer for the