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Program Name Changes

Chemical Dependency Practitioner AAS (from Chem Dependency Counseling) Computer Aided Drafting AOS (from Drafting)

Culinary Arts Management AOS (from Food Service)

Recreation & Leisure Services AAS (Recreation Leadership)

President Michael Schafer's Convocation Remarks

Good Morning:

Thanks to Jim Suriano and the Sodexho staff for putting on this wonderful breakfast.

I am happy to welcome a few special guests who took the time out of their schedules to join us this morning:

John Stetson- Chair, MVCC Board of Trustees

David Mathis - Trustee

Dana Higgins - Former member of the Board of Trustees

Edward Stephenson - Oneida County Legislator

Mike Parsons- President of First Source and a member of our Foundation Board

It is truly special to have the entire college community together today as we begin a new academic year. It's really pretty quiet here throughout the summer. The campus finally comes alive when all of you return.

To the newest members of the College Community, let me extend a very warm welcome and convey to you how pleased we are that you have chosen to become a part of MVCC. We hope that you will very quickly feel at home here, and please let us know if there are any ways we can help.

To those faculty and staff who have been here during the summer, let me express my sincere thanks for all your efforts in assisting students with the admissions, registration, advisement and financial aid process. I know that as final registration begins tomorrow, many of you will be especially busy and I want to thank you in advance for the professionalism and good service you continue to provide to our most important resource, our students. I know it is not always easy to treat each student with a pleasant smile and helpful service when lines are long, and occasionally, tempers are short. Your role is incredibly important in making the student's MVCC experience a success and I thank you for giving this your very best.

I also want to acknowledge all our facilities personnel who have been working very hard to ready our physical plant for the student's return. The campus looks wonderful, both inside and out, as walls have been painted, floors stripped and polished, repairs were made to pavements and walkways, the parking lots were recently striped and new flower beds grace the landscape. Thank you for all your hard work.

Special thanks also go to the Information Technology staff. These folks have really gone the extra mile to upgrade many of our computers and systems.

- I 16 New Desktop Computers have been received and installed.
- •The Business and Information Technology (formerly the Business Management Systems

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MVCC Receives **Donated Electric** Vehicles

There are a couple of unusual new vehicles traveling around the Utica Campus this fall. They are two-passenger open electric vehicles donated by the DaimlerChrysler Corporation. Each of the college campuses affiliated with the State University of New York was offered one or more of the vehicles.

The light-weight, low-speed (25 mph) vehicles are produced by DaimlerChrysler subsidiary Global Electric Motorcars in North Dakota.

The new electric vehicles are being used primarily by employees of the College's Facilities & Operations Department for economical on-campus travel.

The vehicles can be recharged on any 110-volt circuit in about eight hours, and are approved for use on public highways with a posted speed limit of 35 miles per hour or less. The vehicles are valued at approximately \$7,000 each.

FALL 2003 CULTURAL SERIES EVENTS GALA PERFORMANCE

Saturday, November 8th

Gap Mangione & The Big Band, pre-show cocktails/sumptuous hors d'oeuvres/benefit auctions 6:30 p.m., show begins at 8:00 p.m. in the IT Theater. For further information and prices, phone 731-5722 or 792-5486. Black-tie optional.

Pianist-arranger-composer Gap Mangione brings his Big Band to Utica, along with the infectious enthusiasm and musical ideas which have put him on the bandstand and on recordings with the likes of Dizzy Gillespie, Steve Gadd, Larry Carlton, and of course his brother, Chuck Mangione, in a career spanning four decades. If you love talented musicianship, clever, inventive arrangements, good humor and energy, brass that rattles the walls, and rhythms that get you up out of your seat, you'll want to join us for MVCC's Second Annual Gala. Don't even try to keep your feet still!

CONCERTS

Friday, September 5th

Dave Hillyard and the Rocksteady 7, 8:00 p.m., IT Theater. Admission is \$4 for the general public and \$2 for anyone with a valid MVCC ID.

Ska, reggae, jazz, and Latin music! Tenor and soprano player Dave Hillyard has just released his debut CD "Playtime" for Hellcat Records. Well known as an outstanding musician and versatile sideman in the groups he has founded and contributed to, including The Slackers, Rancid, Hepcat, the Donkey Show, Stubborn All-Stars and many others, this is his first solo release as a leader.

Friday, September 19th

Kaissa, 8:00 p.m., IT Theater. Admission is \$4 for the general public and \$2 for anyone with an MVCC ID.

Female vocalist Kaissa's music is a unique blend of R&B, jazz, Makoosa, African, and Brazilian fusion. Performing in her native Cameroonian tongue and accompanied by an international group of musicians, Kaissa sings about war and injustice.

Wednesday, October 22nd

A Piano Concert with Nancy Pease, 3:00 p.m. in the IT Theater. Admission is free of charge.

Nancy Pease, a native of Pennsylvania, holds a Bachelor's Degree in Music Education and a Master's Degree in Piano Performance from Ithaca College where she studied with George King Driscoll. Nancy has taken additional studies in piano at Temple University, at Syracuse University, and at the Tanglewood Institute. As a music teacher in the North Syracuse Central Schools, she has developed a music technology program for young students and trains other teachers in the area of music technology.

Wednesday, October 29th

Ashley Cox, 8:00 p.m., IT Theater. Admission is \$4 for the general public and \$2 for anyone with an MVCC ID.

Born and raised in Syracuse NY, Ashley Cox is a singer, songwriter and ultratalented musician on both guitar and piano, who delivers passionate music that at times flows like a raindrop, other times like a tidal wave...but always immersing her listeners in absolute honesty and intensity.

MOVIES

Tuesday-Wednesday, Sep. 9th-10th

"The Pianist" (Roman Polanski, 2002), Tuesday, 2:00 p.m.; Wednesday, 7:00 p.m. in the IT Theater. Rated R,148 min. Admission is \$4 for the general public and \$2 for anyone with an MVCC ID.

This film is the true story of the tragic life of brilliant Polish pianist Wladyslaw continued on page 3

MVCC Athletic Teams Win 2002-2003 NJCAA Region III Directors' Cup

Mohawk Valley Community
College has won the National Junior
College Athletic Association (NJCAA)
Region III Directors Cup. The Cup recognizes overall success by MVCC's 20 men's and women's teams during the fall, winter and spring seasons during the 2002-2003 academic year.

MVCC won the Cup over nearly 30 other two-year Division I, II and III public and private colleges in Region III. The award is based on a complex point system taking into consideration the top six men's and women's teams at each college in the Region, and the number of schools participating in specific sports.

MVCC's point total of 938 was boosted by the significant success of its NJCAA National Championship teams in women's track and field and women's tennis, Region III Champion and nationally ranked women's basketball team (30-5), and strong performances in men's cross country (66-12), women's cross country (62-9), men's bowling (74-6, runner-up at the National Championships), women's softball (19-4), and an individual national championship in the men's high jump.

MVCC also fielded highly competitive teams in men's soccer (12-2-2, ranked 9th nationally), women's soccer (13-5), women's volleyball (24-6), women's cross country, ranked second nationally (62-9), men's basketball (21-12 and Region III runner-up), men's ice hockey, men's and women's indoor tack and field, men's tennis, men's baseball, men's lacrosse and men's and women's golf

The Hawks compiled an overall 2002-2003 sports record of 461-138-2, for a .770% winning percentage. This included five Mountain Valley Conference team championships, and four runners-up. In the NJCAA's Region III, the Hawks won five team championships and two second-place finishes. Fourteen teams made the "final four" for their respective sport in Region III. At the national level,

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Szpilman. He managed to escape deportation to a Nazi concentration camp and instead hid out in the Warsaw ghetto from 1939 – 1945. He survived the horrors of the conditions by losing himself in his music. A German officer finally aids him, but he must literally use his music to save his life. With Adrien Brody (Best Actor 2003), Thomas Kretschmann, Frank Finlay, Maureen Lipman.

Tuesday-Wednesday, October 21st-22nd

"Manufacturing Consent: Noam Chomsky and the Media" (Mark Achbar and Peter Wintonick, 1993). Tuesday, 2:00 p.m.; Wednesday, 7:00 p.m. in the IT Theater. Rated R, 167 min. Admission is \$4 for the general public and \$2 for anyone with an MVCC ID.

Funny, provocative and surprisingly accessible, this movie explores the life and ideas of world-renowned linguist, intellectual and political activist Noam Chomsky. In a dynamic collage of biography, archival gems, and imaginative graphics, this mammoth, two-part project highlights Chomsky's probing analysis of mass media.

Tuesday-Wednesday, November 4th -5th

"Fellini: I'm a Born Liar" (Damian Pettigrew, 2001). Tuesday, 2:00 p.m.; Wednesday, 7:00 p.m. in the IT Theater. 105 min. Not rated. Admission is \$4 for the general public and \$2 for anyone with an MVCC ID.

"Fellini: I'm a Born Liar" is a documentary centering on a lengthy interview Italian director Federico Fellini gave to the filmmakers in 1993, shortly before his death. As a source of information about his life and work, this interview is almost worthless, but as an insight into his style, it is priceless.

Tuesday-Wednesday, December 2nd -3rd

"Adaptation" (Spike Jonze, 2002). Tuesday, 2:00 p.m.; Wednesday, 7:00 p.m. in the IT Theater. I I 4 min. Rated R. Admission is \$4 for the general public and \$2 for anyone with an MVCC ID.

Screenwriter Charlie Kaufman writes about a period of his own life where he was trying to complete a screen adaptation. Kaufman was a man filled with self-loathing and was overwhelmed by his feelings of inadequacy. With Nicholas Cage, Meryl Streep, Chris Cooper.

Tuesday-Wednesday, December 9th-10th

"Wittgenstein" (Derek Jarman, 1993), Tuesday, 2:00 p.m.; Wednesday, 7:00 p.m. in the IT Theater. 75 min. Admission is \$4 for the general public and \$2 for anyone with an MVCC ID.

A humorous portrait of one of this century's most influential philosophers. A visually stunning and profoundly entertaining work about modern philosophy and the genius who revolutionized it.

"Wonderful...a remarkably entertaining portrait." -The Philadelphia Enquirer

LECTURES

Thursday, September 11th

Hitting the Right Tone: A Fulbrighter in Vietnam. Dr. Sandra Engel, Department Head, Humanities, 2:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. IT Theater.

After five previous trips to Vietnam, Dr. Sandra Engel was awarded a grant by the J. William Fulbright Program to spend over five months working with the newest community college in Vietnam, Kien Giang Community College in the Mikong Delta. In a slide-assisted lecture, a complement to her Spring-Summer columns in the Utica Observer-Dispatch, she will share some of her cultural adventures and observations and introduce Vietnam to the audience.

Thursday, Oct. 9th

"Harvest of Health": A Program on Healthy Food and Cooking, 6:30 p.m.- 8:00 p.m. in the Alumni College Center Room 116. The MVCC Hospitality Programs are offering a special culinary delight at the College's Utica campus, demonstrating how to prepare foods from the seasonal harvest that are not only good for you but great tasting.

In partnership with Excellus BlueCross BlueShield, Utica Region, the American Cancer Society, American Diabetes Association, and the Mohawk Regional Dietetic Association, the MVCC Hospitality Programs are sponsoring "Harvest of Health," a nutrition and healthy eating program.

Guests will be treated to recipes and sampling stations where they can taste the foods as they watch the MVCC Hospitality students demonstrate how to prepare a wide range of low calorie, reduced fat and reduced sugar-based recipes.

The food sampling stations Guacamole With Tortilla Chips, Apple-squash Soup, Italian Vegetable Lasagna, Sesame Chicken With Broccoli, Glazed Ham With Sweet Potatoes And Brussels Sprouts, Confetti Apple Slaw, Crunchy Turkey-Vegetable Salad Colorful Cauliflower Bake, Onion- Roasted Potatoes, Cabbage Wedges With Tangy Hot Dressing, Chutney'd Squash Circles, Apple-Walnut Muffins, Carrot Spice Loaf, Golden Apple Poppy Seed Salad, Fall Harvest Fruit Salad, Pumpkin Cheesecake Pie Apple Pecan Bread Pudding, Peaches & Cinnamon Rice Pudding, Apple Cider Punch Coffee and Tea.

Recipes for most of the dishes will be available for guests. For reservations, please contact the American Cancer Society at 724-8125, option #3, extension 200. The cost of the program is \$5 per guest or \$9 per couple and all proceeds benefit the Hospitality Programs.

Wednesday, October 29th

McGruff the (Cyber)Crime Dog Goes High Tech, Dan Kalil, CFCE, | | a.m. to | p.m., |T225.

"McGruff the Crime Dog may soon need a password." So declared the Air Force News in May 2000 when the Cyberforensics Science and Technology Center was established at Air Force Research Laboratory in Rome. A branch of the Department of Defense, the Cyberforensics Science and Technology Center was created and staffed with detectives determined to help both military and civilian law enforcement agencies detect and deter criminal activity in the nebulous realms of cyberspace.

Daniel J. Kalil is one such detective. Mr. Kalil is a Digital Forensics Specialist with Northrop Grumman TASC, on assignment to the Cyberforensics Science and Technology Center at the Air Force Research Laboratory in Rome. A former student at MVCC, he received a BS in Economic Crime Investigation with a concentration in Computer Security from Utica College. He then completed an internship with the Connecticut State Police Computer Crime and Electronic Evidence Unit and worked with the National Law Enforcement Corrections and Technology Center before entering his current position.

Mr. Kalil will speak about his work at the Cyberforensics Science and Technology Center, including an introduction to the field of forensic research as well as an overview of the development of forensic-related technology that enables him to recover and analyze information extracted from computers, cell phones, PDA's, and other electronic communication devices.

Monday, November 3rd

Hieronymous Bosch: The Renaissance Synthesis of Art, Science, and Faith, Dr. Laurinda Dixon, Noon in the IT Theater. Hieronymous Bosch, a Renaissance artist from the Netherlands, has long fascinated viewers with imagery often described as "strange" or "bizarre." This lecture combines the history of art and the history of medicine in new unexpected ways and sheds new light on the interpretation of Bosch's paintings. Laurinda Dixon is the W.P.Tolley Distinguished Teaching Professor in the Humanities and a member of the Fine Arts faculty at Syracuse University.

Wednesday, November 19th

Passion for Pasta, Food and Sex in Italian American Culture, Dr. Fred Gardaphé Presentation begins at 11 a.m.; Luncheon begins at 12:15 p.m. in the Rome Academic Building Dining Room, Lower Level

Dr. Gardaphé's lecture is free and open to the public and is sponsored by the New York Council for the Humanities Speakers in the Humanities Program. Dr. Gardaphé's lecture will be immediately followed by a Hospitality Programs Theme Luncheon, serving—what else?—Italian cuisine. For prices and reservations for the luncheon, please call 334-7702 between 9 and 3 weekdays; luncheon reservations must be made at least ten days in advance. The luncheon is designed, coordinated, cooked, and served by MVCC Restaurant and Hotel Management students.

Italian and American cultures have developed very different attitudes and approaches toward food and sex. This talk examines those differences and shows how they have created Italian American culture. Popular and academic sources as well as contemporary literature illustrate this argument.

Dr. Gardaphé directs the Italian/American Studies Program at the State University of New York at Stony Brook. He is Associate Editor of Fra Noi, an Italian American monthly newspaper, editor of the Series in Italian American Studies at State University of New York Press, and co-founding-co-editor of VIA: Voices in Italian Americana, a literary journal and cultural review. He is currently president of the American Italian Historical Association, and served as vice president of the Italian Cultural Center in Stone Park, IL from 1992-1998. His edited books include: New Chicago Stories, Italian American Ways, and From the Margin: Writings in Italian Americana.

PLAYS

Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Oct. 16th -18th

"Frankenstein," presented by The MVCC Liberal Arts/Theater Program in conjunction with Student Activities. Directed by Paul Cruskie of the MVCC Humanities Dept.,8:00 p.m. in the IT Theater. Admission is \$8 for the general public and \$5 for anyone with a valid MVCC ID. A stage adaptation of Mary Shelley's classic 19th century novel.

Friday-Saturday, November 21st -22nd

"Transformations: Grimm's Fairy Tales as re-told by Anne Sexton". An MVCC Readers Theater presentation, directed by James Gifford of the MVCC Humanities Dept., 8:00 p.m. in the IT Theater. Admission is \$5 for the general public and \$3 for anyone with a valid MVCC ID.

Grimmer than Grimm: American poet Anne Sexton takes a fresh and fractured and Freudian look at some of the familiar fairy tales of our youth. Did we really know what we were reading? MVCC Faculty/Staff "transform" themselves in Rumpelstiltskin, Snow White, Cinderella, as well as various monsters and ogres, human and otherwise.

Thursday, September 18th

Stand-Up Comedy with Jeni Aron, 7:30 p.m., IT Theater.

Jeni Aron, a New York City based stand-up comic and writer, will teach students how to use their own life experiences to build material for a stand-up comedy act. Through interactive exercises with Jeni and other students, participants will tap into their unique personality

traits (both positive and negative) to create funny and entertaining "bits". Jeni will show how it is these specific traits that differentiate one performer from the next. This fun and exciting workshop will allow students to pursue their dream of performing, if just for one evening.

MAGIC SHOW

Wednesday, November 12th

The Magic, The Mystery, The Excitement of...Leon Etienne, 7:30 p.m. IT Theater. Admission is \$4 for the general public; children \$2 and \$2 for anyone with an MVCC ID.

The winner of major magic and community awards including Magician of the Year in 2000 and 2001 from the International Brotherhood of Magicians Ring 101, Leon Etienne--a romantic, comic, and skillful entertainer--brings a young, hip, new look to magic that separates him from the rest. You will experience emotions you have never felt before at a magic show. A must for any family, couple, or curious person!

AND CONTINUING EVENTS:

OPEN MIC NIGHT!

Thursdays, Sep. 11, 25; Tuesday Oct. 7; and Thursday Oct. 23, Nov. 6, 20, and Dec. 4, 7:00 p.m., Alumni College Center 116.

Sign-up sheet available starting 6:30 PM

Read your poetry, short stories, read your favorite author or poet; sing a tune, dance a jig, or play with your band in a cafe style setting. For more information, contact MVCC Humanities instructor Mildred Treis 792-5493.

THEME LUNCHEONS

Wednesdays/Rome campus, Rome Hospitality Dining Room, RA 108; seating begins at 11:45 a.m.

For inquiries and reservations phone 334-7702 between 9 and 3, Monday through Friday. Reservations may be made ten days in advance (with the exception for groups of 10 or more who may make them further ahead). These meals are designed, coordinated, cooked and served by MVCC Restaurant and Hotel Management students. Price \$9.50.

Fall Semester Luncheons 2003

September 10, 2003 Harvest Moon Celebration September 17, 2003 Colonial Cuisine - The Anniversary of the U.S.Constitution September 24, 2003 The Fiery Cuisine World Vegetarian Day October 1, 2003 October 8, 2003 Chicago Cuisine From Tapas to Postre October 15, 2003 October 22, 2003 Pacific Northwest October 29, 2003 A Tribute to James Beard November 5, 2003 French Classical November 12, 2003 Lunch with Rasputin November 19, 2003 Passion for Pasta November 26, 2003 No Meal December 3, 2003 Arabian Nights

Thai Constitution Day

BROADWAY THEATRE LEAGUE

December 10, 2003

Student tickets for Broadway Theatre League plays at the Stanley Theatre are available on a limited basis at the Student Activities Office, Utica or Rome campus. Price: 5 w/ID; w/o 10.

Athletic Teams Win Honors, cont.

the Hawks had two NJCAA National Championship teams and one runner-up.

Sixty-three MVCC athletes won All-Mountain Valley Conference Recognition, 76 were recognized as All-Region III athletes, 33 were cited as All-Americans, seven were selected as Player of the Year in the Mountain Valley Conference, five as Region III Player of the Year, and one as NJCAA National Player of the Year.

Academically, six MVCC athletes won All-Region honors, four won All-American honors, and three were named Distinguished All-Americans.

Among MVCC's coaches, seven were selected as Mountain Valley Conference Coach of the Year, five were named NJCAA Region III Coach of the Year, and two were recognized as NJCAA Division III Coach of the Year in their respective sports.

Gary Broadhurst is athletic director at MVCC; David Warren is assistant athletic director.



Claudia Kaye

Warner, who received a bookkeeping certificate in 1995, is currently employed at the Hartford Insurance Co.

Convocation Remarks, cont.

Dept) Lab's IT 149 and 150 have brand new computers.

- The Art Lab (AB 150 Lab) has been moved to IT 129 and has all new computers.
- Digital Animation Lab's (AB 148 and AB 133) as well as the Engineering Lab (AB 132) have all new computers.
- The Digital Photography Lab is getting 4 new Computers
- We have added 16 new Computers to the Open Lab in IT.
- The Humanities Lab, the Psychology, Human Services & Education Lab as well as the Engineering, Technology and the Trades Lab have all been upgraded.
- •All academic computers have been upgraded to Windows XP and Office XP making us truly state of the practice.
- 130 laptops have been received through the Millennium Project Grant Funds and have been or are currently being configured. Several of these have already been distributed to some of the faculty. Wireless Internet access is being installed as part of the Millennium funding that Representative Boehlert secured. Plans are for wireless access to be in several gathering areas around campus including the AB Lobby, Gym Lobby, Payne Hall Lobby, Library, IT Lounges, Theater, Blue Cross/Blue Shield Training Center (IT225, 216, and 218), the Interlude, the Commons and the Rome Library, Rome Atrium, and the Rome Academic building.
- •Our infrastructure has been upgraded through the installation of six new enterprise level servers including the Email Server, the Web Server and the Print Server. That's backbone stuff that means those systems will work well. Six additional new Smart Classrooms are planned, 4 for Utica and 2 for Rome.
- Upgrades have been made to the Payroll and Accounts Payable systems.

I understand that not only did they accomplish all of this but also some of his folks even worked in a few days of vacation! Hopefully all these improvements will give us the ability to make important differences in the way we are able to improve and deliver both instruction and services.

In July, the Board of Trustees held a retreat on campus. The Board approved a plan to build a new 125-person dormitory with an expected completion date of September 2004 or September 2005. Draft reports have also been received for the Athletic Master Plan and the Master Plan for the Rome Campus. They should lead us to significant improvements in the years ahead.

As we begin the year, we are also going to have a new structure for Marketing at MVCC. The Board of Trustees is currently considering a new direction for our Marketing efforts. We will keep you informed as these plans unfold.

We have also received the reviewer's comments on our Middle States Periodic Review Report. Their conclusion is as follows: "The 2003 PRR developed by the faculty and staff of MVCC demonstrates a strong commitment to their mission, vision, and goals and to self-assessment leading to institutional renewal and improvement. The PRR reflects compliance with Middle States Association standards and expectations and convinces the reviewers that this institution will continue to make the changes necessary to insure its continued success."

This summer we also expanded on the success of last year's orientation program. The week of July 21st we scheduled over 850 new Freshmen. I want to personally acknowledge and thank the Department Heads and all the faculty and staff and administrators who were involved in planning and executing this event. In that one-week we enrolled approximately 150 more students than we did last year. The program again included talks from successful alumni in the discipline focus of each orientation session. They consistently spoke about the wonderful education they received here. I wish each of you could have heard those talks. They were real testimonies to the work you do so well. These alumni are a living legacy to your teaching.

A number of dorm renovations were accomplished this summer including new front entrances as well as a centralized office for residence hall staff. We now have an emergency generator that will allow the dorms to have power during times of power outages. Cable TV, more power and other renovations were done in Penfield and Butterfield and the other 2 dorms will have cable installed next year.

On the Academic side of the house, Dr. Dan Larson, our new VP for Instruction, has been acclimating himself to MVCC . A number of new programs are in varying stages of investigation and/or development, including Information Assurance and Cyber Security; First Responder/Homeland Security; Emergency Management and Operating Room /Surgical Technician.

Further development of the theater program as well as the appropriate staffing and utilization of the theater are in process. Dr. Larson will also be working closely with Delores Caruso and members of the faculty on the Millennium Project. The opening of the specialized academies at Proctor is scheduled for this September and the need for faculty collaboration is essential for the success of this effort.

The proposal to develop a Center for the Improvement of Instruction is among a number of other proposals to be considered in the forthcoming year.

One of the most enjoyable events of this summer happened a few weeks ago when a new 150th Anniversary Steinway Model D Concert Grand Piano was delivered to campus. This marvelous instrument was recommended to us by experts as the perfect piano to take maximum advantage of the theater's wonderful acoustics. Having an instrument of this quality will allow us to provide some wonderful concerts at MVCC, and promises to bring more members of our community to our campus. As many of you may already know, the Utica Symphony is performing three of their concerts on campus this year and they look forward to showcasing the talents of guest musicians. Funding for the piano is already coming in from alumni donors to our "Wouldn't It Be Grand"

Campaign." The total cost will be covered by this campaign and the proceeds from concerts that are being put on by local artists and talented friends of MVCC.

We are especially pleased that Kevin Moore, Chair of the Music Department at Onondaga Community College and an accomplished pianist who has played at Carnegie Hall will present the first of these piano benefit concerts on Sunday afternoon, October 26th. Kevin, as many of you know, is the brother of the late Professor Ted Moore and was among the first to graciously agree to help us with these benefits. We also have commitments from Jazz pianist Rick Montalbano from Rome as well as Monk Rowe, Chuck Schneider, conductor of the Utica Symphony, and a number of other well-known area musicians.

I hope you will all find the time to attend a good number of the marvelous cultural events that the Cultural Committee has put together. I especially look forward to the on-campus debut of our Steinway piano scheduled for September 17th. It will feature Dr. Larson as vocalist and Mark Radlowski on the piano. Among the other MVCC participants are Dr. Jim Gifford as well as a few of our talented students. Let me know if you would like to be a part of this event as well.

Here are a couple of other events I would recommend for your calendar:

Oct 16-18th, the play Frankenstein, will be presented by the Liberal Arts /Theater Program under the direction of Paul Cruskie of the Humanities Department.

Gala weekend is scheduled for November 7th and 8th. This year's Gala theme is "Jazz it Up." On Friday, November 7th, the Monk Rowe Quartet will provide musical entertainment at an after-hours reception for MVCC employees and friends. Saturday, November 8th, the Gala evening features national jazz recording artist Gap Mangione and his 14 piece orchestra in a Jazz Concert in the IT theater. The evening will include wine, substantial hors d'oeuvres, auctions and the Art Department Faculty Art show. The Gala Committee is hard at work to make this a truly memorable weekend. I am sure you will be hearing much more about this in the days ahead.

Many of you are aware that this fall marks my 20th anniversary as MVCC's President. A milestone anniversary like this causes one to reflect and reminisce. What I recall, mostly, are the positive things you, the faculty, staff, and the administrators of MVCC have accomplished over that time. To recount every accomplishment and achievement, individual and institutional, would be a staggering enterprise, and would take far more time than we have.

Let me talk just a little about the recurring themes that come to mind as I look back over the years in which I've been privileged to serve as President.

MVCC has always taken pride in providing access to a college education for those who might not otherwise have it....a tradition well established before I came to the College. Access can mean different things to different people. For many, it means affordability. Consistently, our Board of Trustees has approved any tuition increase with great reluctance. Nonetheless, increasing costs have required us to increase tuition over time, from \$1,150 in 1983 to \$2,800 this fall.

The College's budget has grown from \$16.5 million in 1983 to approximately \$35 million this year, about double. In that same period, starting faculty salaries tripled. Support for the College from Oneida County has also gone up from a little over \$2 million then to more than \$6 million today. Working with the Board of Legislators, County Executives - Jack Plumley, Sherry Boehlert, Ray Meier, Ralph Eannace and now Joe Griffo have all been as supportive as possible. But it has never been easy - and over the years the Professional Association and the Association of Mohawk Valley Administrators have assisted greatly - and I want to thank them for that partnership.

Fundraising through the work of Fritz Barns and his staff in Institutional Advancement, has taken tremendous strides, coming from a Foundation net worth of about \$87,000 twenty years ago — including the value of the house on the Parkway - to over \$2 million today, and growing. Many of you have contributed generously to various campaigns, and I and the Foundation Board thank you for that, and for your service on various committees. We are now able to award upwards of \$150,000 in scholarships every year.

Access can also relate to facilities. Overall, we have grown in facilities from 370,000 square feet to 610,000 square feet. In Rome, we added the Plumley Complex, and are now working on a master plan to carry that campus well into the future. What we now have in Rome is due in no small part to the hard work and dedication of Dean Smith and his staff, and of his predecessors - Mike Sewall, Jon Gibraltar, and before them, administrators like Harold Schecter, Glen Salsburg and Armond Festine.

On this campus, we added the Science & Technology Building in 1991. The real facilities renaissance came between 1999 and 2002, when this campus was literally rebuilt from the bottom up, culminating in the beautiful 65,000-square-foot building next door, the Information Technology Building. Its computer lab's, classrooms, its state-of-the-art theater, and its BlueCross/BlueShield Conference and Training Center are helping us to meet the needs of our community and our students in better fashion than ever before. Our theater, in particular, gets more community and college use all the time - and has become home for such groups as Stage II, the New Hartford Youth Players, and the Utica Symphony. That building renaissance also included outstanding new labs in health care, and in biology - I know of few other community colleges in the country where anatomy students are able to work with human cadavers. Much of the credit for the quality of these labs has to go to the leadership of Nancy Caputo and Lorie Phillips in Health Services, and Bob Jubenville, Bill Perrotti, Sam Drog in Life Science.

These changes in facilities - as wonderful as they are - came with significant negative impacts on daily activities at the College - and I continue to be gratified by your flexibility and understanding - and that of our students. And I continue to be grateful for the State and County political leadership and their foresight and funding that made the changes possible.

Access can also mean having the right programs. Our instructional departments are made up of very creative professionals. Over the last two decades, thanks to their efforts, we have grown from 37 degree programs to 54, many more if you include the various options, emphases, and of course the many certificates. At the risk of leaving some out, the list includes:

EMS/Paramedic, Business Management, Chemical Dependency Practitioner, Digital Animation, Website Design and Management, Semiconductor Manufacturing Technology, Computer-Aided Drafting, Computer Science, Drafting Technology, Environmental Analysis/Chemical Technology, Restaurant Management, Health Studies: Radiologic Technology, Hotel Technology, International Studies, General Studies, Childhood Education, Medical Assisting, Nutrition and Dietetics, Professional and Private Pilot Training, Respiratory Care, and Telecommunications Technology, and newest programs beginning this fall-Public Policy and Theater. Some programs were created, filled their need and were retired, or they were inactivated because of conditions beyond our control – like Photonics, Solar Energy Technology, Fire Protection Technology and Community Residence Management. The fact that we do not offer them today does not take away from their value to the College at the time, and the work that went into them. Existing programs have been updated as well – Secretarial Science became Office Technologies, Advertising Design & Production became Graphic Communication, Medical Records became Health Information Technology. And this fall – too late for the catalog- Food Service became Culinary Arts Management, and Recreation Leadership became Recreation & Leisure Services. And we can now prepare people to work in fiber optics, global positioning and locomotive repair. The only constant is....change.

I did not create those programs, nor did senior administrators - you did that, and in the process you compiled an extraordinary record of innovation, and of responding to changes both in our community and in technology.

And how can you talk about innovation without talking about computers? In 1983, we had no desktop computers and a primitive administrative computer with almost no instructional applications.

Today we have nearly 30 academic computer labs, and approximately 500 computers for student use. We rely on e-mail and the Internet to carry out most campus functions. Paul Katchmar, Tom Mihevc and their staffs have done an outstanding job in meeting the ever-growing demand for computer technology - following in the steps of Dick Kirchmeyer before them - who got us onto the edu Web domain when community colleges weren't even allowed! We now have a presence on the Web, enroll hundreds of on-line students, and do on-line scheduling and advisement, thanks to the efforts of people like Jeff Kimball, Linda Matthews, Ann Smallen, Cynthia Villanti, Rosemary Spetka and others.

Strategic planning- with new mission and vision statements, College –wide goals and action plans is making an important difference, thanks to the work of the Strategic Planning Committee, and its chairs- Dr. John Bolton and now Mike Sewall. We have made great strides with assessment thanks to the leadership of Norayne Rosero, Mark Radlowski and the entire IEC Committee.

Dramatic change has taken place everywhere! The library now has over 97,000 volumes, 22,000 more than it did in 1983. The library is now on-line.

In Student Services, we added Services to Students with Disabilities, closed our Student Pub and went alcohol free on campus. We renovated residence halls and added in-room phones, Internet access, and security.

We continue to funnel new students in huge number through Admissions - even though enrollment is always a challenge, more so as we face new competition. We offer a varied student activities program, employment and college transfer assistance, and an intercollegiate athletic record second to none with a 77% winning record in all sports last year - as well as several national titles, and an armload of Regional and Conference honors!

Vice President Denise DiGiorgio, Denis Kennelty, Gary Broadhurst, and all the student services departments and their staffs - can all take a bow!

There have been other developments, all much more important than the time for my comments about them would suggest. Our relationship with SUNY - both with the System Administration and with our neighbors at SUNYIT - has been a continuing adventure through the years, and have provided innumerable incidents of excitement, anticipation, enthusiasm and collegiality interspersed with confusion, frustration and wonderment. In my early years at MVCC, community colleges truly were the stepchild of the system. Today, they are recognized as the major component of SUNY they have always been, and are well represented in System Administration. Our relationship with SUNYIT and other sister SUNY institutions continues to evolve. We will work together for the best interest of our students but we will also take great care that MVCC and its future are protected.

Other partnerships have been important to us. Some served their purpose and went out of existence, our formal alliance with BOCES and our joint program with Munson-Williams-Proctor as examples. Others continue, such as those with St. Elizabeth Medical Center, Mohawk Valley EDGE and Rome Lab. Still others are emerging and evolving, including the Millennium Project with the Utica City School District, the Synergy Project with the Rome Schools, and Oneida County with "Ready, Set, College!"

As our community was hit with business downsizings and closings such as Chicago Pneumatic and Lockheed-Martin, and the loss of Griffiss, we partnered with County, State and Federal agencies in numerous job retraining initiatives - including TRA, JTPA, and the Occupational Retraining & Re-employment Act.

Individual achievements abound: To just highlight a fewProfessors like Joe Stadtmiller, Jim Gifford, Ron Labuz, Larry Trivieri, George Searles, Dave McCarthy, and others I'm sure, have authored important books. Professor Christi Harrington has received public sculpture commissions. George Searles was New York State Professor of the Year. We likely have more winners of Chancellor's Award for Excellence than any other community college in the system. And this fall we welcome back Dr. Sandra Engel, from a Fulbright fellowship experience in Vietnam.

And there is much, much more about which we can all be proud. You are all to be congratulated for making MVCC a truly out-standing community college.

There are always continuing and new challenges. Adequate funding, enrollment and technology will be ever-constant pressures. New curricula will be needed - and perhaps related faculty and facilities. Our mission, vision and college-wide goals will need regular attention and occasional revision.

We have survived many past challenges together - and provided a truly remarkable service to our community and the thousands upon thousands who have come to us as students. Despite our periodic difficulties, we are a shining example of what a community college is supposed to be.

I am proud of MVCC, and of the work you do. You are talented, dedicated people who teach and work here. Your expertise, your dedication and professionalism make all the difference. To some extent, each of us rides on the shoulders of our colleagues — no one more than me. It has been an honor and privilege to serve as your president for these past twenty years. And I look forward with enthusiasm to continuing that productive relationship in the years ahead.

On behalf of all those for whom you will make a difference, you have my sincere thanks and good wishes for a wonderful, successful academic year.

halls will be renovated next summer.

* A complete list of new hires will appear in an upcoming Communitas Special Issue.

Upcoming Events

Friday, 9/5

• Cultural Series Event: Concert: Dave Hillyard and the Rocksteady 7, 8:00pm, IT Theater: Admission \$4; \$2 with MV ID.

Saturday, 9/6

- Volleyball Hawk Invite, 9:00am., gym. Tuesday, 9/9
- Women's Soccer vs. Cayuga CC, 4:00pm
- Women's Tennis vs.Onondaga CC, 4:00pm.
- Cultural Series Event: Movie: "The Pianist," 2:00pm, IT Theater: Admission \$4; \$2 with MV ID.

Wednesday, 9/10

• Cultural Series Event: Movie: "The Pianist," 7:00pm, IT Theater. Admission \$4; \$2 with MV ID.

Thursday, 9/11

- Cultural Series Event: Lecture: Hitting the Right Tone: A Fulbrighter in Vietnam, 2:00pm, and 7:30pm, IT Theater:
- Volleyball vs. SUNY Canton, 6:00pm, gym.

Saturday, 9/13

• Women's Soccer vs. SUNY Canton, 2:00pm.

Highlights of June 16th Trustees Meeting

During their regular monthly meeting on January 16th, the MVCC Trustees took the following actions:

- Approved a change in name for the former Business/Management Systems Department to the Business & Information Technology Department.
- Approved an amendment to the College Staffing Plan to create the following positions: Instructor-Social Science (Social Science & Criminal Justice Department), Instructor-Environmental Science (Life Science Department), Instructor-English/ESL (Humanities Department), Technical Assistant (Humanities), and Instructor-Nursing (Health Services Department).
- Approved the probationary appointment of Terry Ann Kipers-Szatko as assistant coordinator of child care services in the Child Care Center. She holds an A.A.S. degree in early childhood education from HCCC, and a B.A. degree in psychology from Utica College. She has been employed previously as a teacher at the St. Luke's Memorial Hospital Center child care center, and as a teacher and director of the Sitrin Child Care Center in New Hartford.
- Approved the probationary appointment of Daniel lanno as an admissions counselor. He served in the position previously from 1998 to 2002, and on a term appointment from March through June 2003.
- Approved notification of the Professional Association that December 26, 29, 30, 31, 2003, and January 2, 2004 will be taken in lieu of Columbus Day, Election Day, Veterans Day, Lincoln's Birthday and Washington's Birthday as provided in Article 11.7 of the collective bargaining agreement. The Board also approved notification of the Association of Mohawk Valley Administrators that the five days of paid leave provided in Article 11.15 of the collective bargaining agreement will be taken on December 26, 29, 30, 31, 2003, and January 2, 2004.
- Approved minutes of May 19th meeting, which took place at the Rome Campus.
- Approved warrants and expenditures for College operations during May 2003 Board Chairman John Stetson appointed Trustees Vandeveer, Yagey and Wolf to serve on a committee to nominate Board officers for the 2003-2004 academic year. President Schafer reported the renovations in two of the residence halls are on budget and on schedule, and should be completed in time for the fall semester. The other two

The Trustees received a report from Millennium Project Coordinator Delores Caruso on academic restructuring at Proctor High School in conjunction with the Project.

The Trustees also updated their standing resolution giving the College's president temporary authority with regard to appointments and dismissals subject to Board ratification.