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Facilities & Operations: A Lot More Than Cleaning Blackboards

We all have household chores, of course, but how many of us have to regularly clean over 2000 windows or glass doors, or mop, wax or vacuum over 600,000 square feet of floor in hundreds of offices, classrooms, laboratories and lobbies? How many of us have to rake the leaves produced by over 250 trees, or clean more than 30 bathrooms --- three times a day? Or mow lawns or plow parking lots totaling over 100 acres in two locations 20 miles apart, clearing 2 1/2 miles of walkways during the winter, and looking after the routine heating, ventilation, air conditioning, plumbing and electrical needs of 13 sizable buildings visited by upwards of 5,000 people every day?

These are just examples of the tasks performed year round by members of the College's Facilities & Operations Department. They also dispose of 12,500 pounds - over six tons - of trash - paper, cardboard, cans and bottles, and garbage - every week.

The Department is also responsible for ongoing preventive maintenance, painting, minor renovations including carpentry and masonry work, gardening, receiving deliveries to campus and moving delivered items to the appropriate campus locations, even changing interior and exterior light bulbs, and air handling filters. The Department is also responsible for monitoring the College's electrical and natural gas consumption and dealing directly with energy suppliers, for providing routine office supplies, handling hundreds of pieces of incoming and outgo-

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Tim Messick,

Assistant Professor, Humanities

Teaches English1, Composition; English 2, Ideas and Values in Literature; College Seminar- Humanities; Elementary Spanish and Elementary Spanish 2.

Tim has taught here for 12 years.

He lives in Rome. His wife,Susan Cleary, is a teacher; and his daughters are, Elizabeth, 1993 Graduate of MVCC, nursing; 1996 Graduate SUNY, BSN; Rebekah, 1999 Graduate, Russell Sage College, MA in Physical Therapy; Sarah, 2002 Graduate, Boston College, MA English; Anne, 2002 Graduate, MVCC, General Studies; Lillian, 2003 Graduate, Nazareth College of Rochester, BA French; and Joan, 2006 Graduation candidate, Russell Sage College.

Tim holds a BA, in Spanish from St. John Fisher College, and an MA in English from SUNY Corltand.

In his spare time he enjoys cooking exotic soups and chocolate desserts; and knitting, especially Aran and Fair Isle patterns

He is currently on the General Education Committee

In 1982 he received the New York State Federation of Catholic School Teacher's St. John the Baptist De LaSalle Teacher of the Year Award.

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ing mail every day, maintaining copiers campus-wide, printing hundreds of thousands of copies of classroom handouts, forms and other documents, maintaining an inventory of significant equipment items, operating and maintaining the College's telephone system, dealing with insects and other pests, managing the College's key system, maintaining fire extinguishers and complying with a wide array of state and federal regulations.

The Department is also involved in facilities planning for the future, in consultation with the College administration and County officials. A capital project budget is prepared every year, including needs projected six years into the future. Currently, the Department is involved in a project to develop a new master plan for the College's athletic facilities, and to determine and plan for facilities needs at the Rome Campus. There are also roof replacement plans for several buildings over the next few years.

According to John Zegarelli, director of the department, the work is handled by approximately 66 employees in a variety of categories, down from 78 when he joined the College in 1996. He is assisted by Mike McHarris. Custodians work in three overlapping shifts, 5:30 a.m.-2 p.m., 4 p.m.-12:30 a.m., and 11 p.m. to 7 a.m.

Utica campus mechanics and painters are overseen by Dave DelPico, the assistant building superintendent, while the grounds crew is supervised by Al Stein. Pam Evans oversees custodians with the assistance of shift supervisors and crew leaders. Currently each custodian is responsible for cleaning an assigned area of approximately 20,000 square feet daily. Dan Yoxall handles many of these responsibilities at the Rome Campus.

Facilities and Operations welcomes suggestions and comments from the College community, and occasionally a little assistance as well. If you are aware of a facility-related problem that has not yet been identified by the Department, bring it to their attention - especially if it involves issues of safety or potential damage to a facility.

Photo Captions:

Page one, Kenneth Wayne Maser, Light Motor Equipment Operator, cuts the grass and Joseph Zinicola, Building Maintenance Helper, washes windows on the second floor lobby of the IT Building.

Page two,Mail Clerk Terry Walters separates the mail and David Guido, Building Maintenance Mechanic installs a fire extinguisher on the stage of the IT Theater.

Where Are They Now??

Jon Roland, a 1998 Welding Technology graduate, is a facility engineer and maintenance supervisor in the engineering department of the United Parcel Service.

National Poetry Month

Both campus's celebrated National Poetry Month with Readalouds last week. Faculty, staff and students took the opportunity to recite works fro their favorite authors.

Dr. George J. Searles, Professor, Humanities, also recited some of his favorites. He recently authored a poem in the 2003 edition of "Words & Images," a literature/visual arts annual published at the University of Southern Maine.

Anyone interested in finding titles available at the Utica Campus library, a selection is listed on the web at the MVCC Library Web site under Research Resources: Quick Reference Guides: Resource Guides: Poetry...

Student Kayla Chamberlain participates in the Poetry "Open Mic" in the Utica Campus Library last week.

College Senate Meetings
May 6th and May 20th, 3:30pm, Plumley Complex Room 209, Distance Learning.

SUNY POTSDAM TO HOST 12th ANNUAL CONFERENCE ON INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNOLOGIES

SUNY Potsdam will host the 12th Annual SUNY Conference on Instructional Technologies (CIT) from Wednesday, May 28 through Friday, May 30, 2003. Hundreds of faculty and staff members throughout the State University of New York system will be in attendance, along with representatives invited from private colleges in the North Country and across the border.

The theme of this year's SUNY Conference on Instructional Technologies explores the exciting new possibilities for creative collaborations.

CIT 2003 will feature more than 150 workshops, presentations and poster sessions on a variety of topics related to instructional technology ranging from applications of new software, to discussions of teaching techniques in state-of-the-art learning. Presentations will cover the uses of Web-based instruction systems, discipline-specific curricular software, digital video on demand and the application of computer-based simulations to the lecture hall. Roundtable discussions will take place, featuring topics such as copyrighting in the digital age, information literacy, advanced graphic arts, reaching out to "virtual" students and funding technology on campus. In addition, there also will be a technology showcase featuring 28 vendors from leading technology companies.

This year's keynote speaker is the distinguished James Oliverio, professor and director of the new Digital Worlds Institute at the University of Florida. Oliverio, a five-time Emmy Award-winning composer and producer whose credits include soundtracks for film and television, as well as large-scale multimedia productions. He also was given the "Most Creative and Courageous" award for use of Internet2 at last year's global SuperComputing Conference.

SUNY Potsdam will have a special high-speed connection to the Internet2 during the conference. Internet2 is a not-for-profit consortium, led by over 200 U.S. universities, developing and deploying advanced network applications and technology, accelerating the creation of tomorrow's Internet. With participation by over 60 leading companies, Internet2 recreates the partnership of academia, industry and government that helped foster today's Internet in its infancy.

The SUNY Provost's Faculty Access to Computing Technology (FACT) Committee, SUNY University Faculty Senate, SUNY Council of Community Colleges and The SUNY Training Center (TC) are sponsoring SUNY CIT 2003. The registration deadline is May 14. Registration is $125 for SUNY registrants and $150 for non-SUNY registrants before May 2. After this date, registration will be $150 for SUNY registrants and $200 for non-SUNY registrants.

For more information about the conference or to register online, please visit www.cit.suny.edu or call (315) 464-4078.

CCED Taking Registrations for Day and Sport Camps

CCED is now taking registrations for all MVCC sport and day camps.

Children of faculty and staff are eligible for a discount on day camp only (this does not include any sport camps).

Call Therese Vella at X5472 for more information.

Bob Gould coaches the Soccer Camp.

Upcoming Events

Monday, 5/5
- Mohawk Valley Council on Alcoholism Drinking Driver Program, 6:00pm - 9:00pm, Academic Building Room 302, Rome Campus.
- Cultural Series Event: MOVIE: "Spirited Away," 7:00pm, IT Theater, Admission $2 with MVCC ID; $4 without.

Tuesday, 5/6
- College Senate Meeting, 3:30pm-5:30pm, Plumley Complex 209, Rome Campus.

Wednesday, 5/7
- Hospitality Dinners, Theme: "World Fusion," Price, $17, for reservations, call 334-7702, Mon.-Fri., 9:00am - 4:00pm.
- Chemical Dependency Student Club/Organization for Sobriety Support Group Meeting, 7:00pm-9:00pm, Academic Building Room 309, Rome Campus
- United Cerebral Palsy job information table, 10:00am-Noon, Academic Building Lobby, Utica Campus.
- Cultural Series Event: CONCERT: MVCC Concert Band, 8:00pm, Theater.

Thursday, 5/8
- Theater Major Reception, 3:00pm-4:00pm, IT Green Room.

Friday, 5/9
- "Nursing & Allied Health, Nontraditional Career Paths."

Saturday, 5/10
- Office of Personnel Mgmt. Federal Civil Service Test for Boarder Patrol, 9:00am-2:00pm, Plumley Complex Room 207, Rome Campus.

Wednesday, 5/14
- HIPAA Privacy Seminar, 7:30am, Blue Cross/Blue Shield Conference and Training Center.
- Chemical Dependency Student Club/Organization for Sobriety Support Group Meeting, 7:00pm-9:00pm, Academic Building Room 309, Rome Campus

For sporting events, see "MVCC Today."